



# Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## Rett UK

Sam and Elsie represented the school brilliantly this week when they made a surprise visit to the School Run Cafe to support Mrs Russell and her family in raising money for Rett UK.

Rachel, Mrs Russell's daughter and former pupil at Caythorpe Primary School, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl called Grace on 8 March 2020. Grace is now 7 months old and is a happy, little baby who is thriving. However, she was sadly diagnosed with Rett syndrome when she was only 4 months old.

Rett syndrome is a rare genetic neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in girls and leads to severe impairments, affecting nearly every aspect of the child's life: their ability to speak, walk, eat, and even breathe easily. It is usually recognized in children between 6 to 18 months as they begin to miss developmental milestones or lose abilities they had gained.

October is Rett Syndrome Awareness Month which is a great opportunity to make a lot of noise about Rett syndrome, share stories that inform, educate and engage people who can help improve the lives of people living with Rett syndrome and their families. It is also a chance to raise some much-needed funds for Rett UK. Purple is the colour associated with Rett syndrome hence the Russell Girls all dressed in purple and Mrs Russell's glamorous purple hair!



## Collection at the end of the School Day

It is really important that **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children stay with their parents once they have been collected from their class teacher.** Please stand away from the classroom windows whilst waiting for Key Stage 2 children to come out so that they are not distracted from their learning. We also need to ensure that we are social distancing as much as possible and staying in our own family groups to mitigate the spread of coronavirus. Thank you for your continued support.

## Waggon & Horses Pumpkin Carving Competition

The Waggon & Horses have kindly offered to provide every child with a pumpkin again this year. Pumpkins will be delivered to school sometime during the week before we break up for half term so that you can enjoy carving a pumpkin at home! If you would like to enter your pumpkin into the Waggon & Horses Pumpkin Carving Competition then please send a photo of your entry directly to the Waggon & Horses by email on [info@waggonandhorsescaythorpe.co.uk](mailto:info@waggonandhorsescaythorpe.co.uk) by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. There will be a prize for the best pumpkin in each year group.



## Couch to Tokyo Challenge

Carre's Grammar School Outreach Team are pleased to bring you the Couch 2 Tokyo Challenge. This is an event for everyone in to take part in and the aim of this challenge is for our school to work as a team and cover the **5855 MILES** from Carre's Grammar School to Tokyo. To complete this, staff and children can use different methods of being active to build up the school's total. This can be anytime, anywhere as long as the distance is recorded and uploaded to the Microsoft form.

Throughout the challenge, we will use social media to show where schools are on the route and use well known landmarks that are equivalent to the distance covered.

This forms part of the Tackling Inactivity Series, with which we hope to be able to inspire the children to want to go outside and exercise and have better overall health for the future by building healthy habits. This is an **open event**. To enter simply record your first journey, this date will be used to work out how many days it has taken the school to reach Tokyo. The form below is open now. This is not a race. We would like to see great examples of self-belief and determination to reach a goal as a team, regardless of how long it takes you to get there!

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### Parents' Evening Arrangements

Due to the current situation with COVID-19 we will not be holding our usual Parents' Evenings in school. However, it is important that we keep you informed about how your child has settled into their class and the progress that they have made since the start of the academic year. Therefore, the class teachers are preparing a mini report about the year so far which will give you information about your child's current stage of learning, their attitude towards learning which includes attendance to date and a general comment about how your child is getting on in school. We would like all parents to return the form with any comments on and there will be an option for you to request a telephone call from the class teacher if you need any further clarification about your child's time in school.

Your child will bring their mini report home after the half term break.

**If at any time you have concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of staff.**

**If communication is good between staff and parents then there should not be any surprises at Parents Evening.**

### **Parents as Partners**



### FSA Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 @ 7:30pm.**

Please join our fantastic FSA (Friends of the School Association) to find out what we get up to! Funds raised by the FSA help towards extra curricula activities and resources for the whole school. New members are most welcome.

All we need is your email address so that we can send you an invite. As the meeting can't be held in person it will be via Microsoft Teams which is an online communication platform.

Please send your email address to Mrs Brockington -

[Katie.Brockington@caythorpe-cit.co.uk](mailto:Katie.Brockington@caythorpe-cit.co.uk)



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Diary Dates

<b>Wednesday 21 October</b>	Flu Immunisations Harvest Festival - Neverland 11+ Results Posted to Parents FSA AGM - 7.30pm
<b>Thursday 22 October</b>	Term 1 Ends
<b>Friday 23 October</b>	Staff Training Day
<b>Monday 26 October</b>	School Roof Repairs Begin
<b>Monday 2 November</b>	Term 2 Begins
<b>Thursday 5 November</b>	Viking Workshop - Narnia
<b>Monday 9 November</b>	Bikeability - Year 5
<b>Friday 13 November</b>	Wellbeing Day Children in Need

### Harvest

As **Harvest** approaches we have decided to support the **Grantham Foodbank** again this year and would be really grateful for any **food or money donations** to be brought into school from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Please can any money donations be sent to the school office in an envelope. If you decide to donate a food item please see the list of suggested items below and remember that all produce must be in date.

Tinned meat and sauces	Jams or Spreads
Noodles or pasta sauces	Breakfast cereal
Steamed puddings or custard	Coffee & Tea
Deodorant, toilet paper	Biscuits
Tinned tomatoes or beans	Salad cream or sauces
UHT Milk, cordials	Tinned fruit

Unfortunately, we can't go as a whole school to enjoy our usual 'Harvest Festival' at St. Vincent's Church, Caythorpe. However, one class bubble can go to church to join Reverend Hadley for a 'Mini Harvest Festival' so Neverland will be having a walk to church on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Staff will accompany the children to church where they will share a 'Harvest Poem' and Reverend Hadley will share a 'Harvest Blessing'.



### What to do if your Child has Symptoms of Coronavirus

If your child shows any of the symptoms of Coronavirus

- A new persistent dry cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A high temperature of 37.8C or above
- A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

You should keep them off school and get them tested as soon as possible. We kindly ask that you inform the school of the absence and the outcome of the test. The school staff are on hand to advise and support parents if this happens.

### What should you do?

- Keep your child off school.
- Contact the school and advise of absence.
- Contact 119 as it is important to get the test done within the first five days of having symptoms.
- All family members are advised to stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result.
- If the test result is negative, as soon as they are well enough, children may return to school.
- If your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus whilst at school, we will telephone you to come and collect them.
- You must then get them tested as soon as possible.

We appreciate that not every child with a cough or high temperature will have the virus, but I am sure you will understand that we have to act on the side of caution, therefore we will ask you to collect your child and get them tested if they present any of the Covid-19 symptoms. It is vital that we all follow the guidelines in order to keep our school and community safe. Thank you for your continued support.