



# Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

## Home Education

The Government has asked all schools to make sure they have a system of remote learning in place for all pupils in case an individual or a class bubble are self-isolating or if there is a school closure due to coronavirus. We have decided that we will use 'Microsoft Teams' to stay in contact and meet up with the children. 'ClassDojo' will be used to set work and provide feedback provided and we will follow the White Rose Maths and Oak National Academy curriculum.



## Secondary School Places September 2021

If your child is due to start Y7 at secondary school in September 2021 then please remember to apply for a place. Pupils with an EHCP do not need to apply through this process. You can apply online at: [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions), or make a phone application by contacting the Education Team on 01522 782030. If you are waiting for the 11+ results before applying, that is fine, as long as you apply by the main closing date of 31 October.

## Roof Repairs

During the October break roofing contractors will be on the school site putting up the scaffolding ready to start the roof repairs in Term 2. The roofers will base themselves in the area outside Pre-School and the Children's Centre and as all of their work is up on the roof there will be minimal disruption to the school day. However, please take care when moving around school whilst this work is being undertaken as walkways may be narrower in places due to the scaffolding.



## Waggon & Horses Pumpkin Carving Competition

The Waggon & Horses kindly delivered pumpkins to school this week and the children were very excited to choose one to take home with them. 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.



## FSA Fundraising Events

We held our first FSA meeting of the year on Microsoft Teams this week and the FSA are eager to continue to provide a range of activities for the children and their families and raise funds for the school as much as they can during this difficult time. Whilst they cannot do things exactly how they have in the past the FSA are thinking outside the box to keep some of the Caythorpe Primary Traditions going. Their ideas so far include:

- Class Movie Night with a drink and a snack
- Family Treasure Hunt around the village
- Present Room with prewrapped presents
- Christmas Cards
- Visit from Santa

More information to follow so watch this space!

All funds raised by the FSA help towards extra curricula activities and resources for the whole school so please support them when you can.

## Positive Test Results in Half Term

If any Caythorpe School pupils receive a positive test result for coronavirus during the half term break please ensure that you inform school immediately so that advice can be taken from Lincolnshire Public Health. The best way to inform school will be via email to [Katie.Brockington@caythorpe-cit.co.uk](mailto:Katie.Brockington@caythorpe-cit.co.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.

### 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.**



### Hand Knitted Poppies

Mrs Moule, the mother in law of an officer who has been cared for by the army following injury suffered while on active service, has hand knitted 1,000 poppies as a way of saying 'thank you' for the care he has received. Reverend Hadley kindly delivered enough of the hand knitted poppies to school this week for all of the staff and children. They are free of charge but if you would like to donate to The Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal 2020 then please send any donations in an envelope to the school office.



### Diary Dates

<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

### Mini Harvest Festival

Thank you for all your kind donations for the **Grantham Foodbank** this year. Unfortunately, we were unable to go as a whole school to St. Vincent's Church, Caythorpe to enjoy our usual 'Harvest Festival'. However, Neverland Class joined Reverend Hadley for a 'Mini Harvest Festival' in church this week. Whilst they were there they explored lots of food produced within the county of Lincolnshire including honey from Fulbeck, ginger biscuits from Grantham, locally baked bread and fish from Grimsby. The children recited a lovely harvest poem called '@Harvest time is here again' by Anita Killick and Reverend Hadley shared a 'Harvest Blessing'.

Neverland represented the school beautifully as they walked to and from church and a lady in the village commented on how lovely and well-mannered they all were.

**Well done Neverland!**



### 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.

## Mindful Activities

As we increasingly spend more time indoors due to the pandemic and the darker nights of winter it is important that we all keep our minds and bodies active. Below are some websites for home workouts, getting moving and keeping active with your children:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers>

<https://imoves.com/the-ovement>

<https://family.gonoodle.com/>

Or simply relax and wind down with a bit of Yoga:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Be creative with some of these mindful craft activities



- [Make your own fire breathing dragon](#)
- [Create a tin can windsock for the garden](#)
- [Make a rainmaker stick with birdseed or rice](#)
- [Have hours of fun with your very own colourful spinner](#)

Or create a kindness calendar for this month for example:

1. Create a bird feeder	2. Help someone out	3. Make someone a card	4. Let someone go ahead of you	5. Walk the dog
6. Share a snack	7. Pick up some litter	8. Give someone in your house a hug	9. Help make dinner	10. Make a gift for someone
11. Smile	12. Recycle	11. Hold the door	14. Write a kind message	15. Wash the car
16. Read A book about friendship	17. Encourage someone.	18. Thank someone unexpectedly	19. Bake some cakes	20. Write a thank you letter.
21. Help wash the dishes.	22. Tidy your room.	23. Pick up leaves in the garden	24. Phone a relative.	25. Make a bookmark for a friend.
26. Give a compliment.	27. Write a nice note for someone.	28. Help with hoovering.	29. Play a game with a sibling	30. Make a charity poster.

And finally

Before you go to sleep, ask yourself:

- Who or what made you happy today?
- How did you make someone else happy?
- What did you learn today?

Happy Half Term - Stay Safe and Healthy  
From The Caythorpe Wellbeing Team