



# Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

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## The Invisible String

We shared the story, 'The Invisible String' written by Patrice Karst, during our whole school assembly on Friday. *The Invisible String* offers a very simple approach to overcoming loneliness, separation, or loss with an imaginative twist that children can easily understand and embrace, and delivers a particularly compelling message in today's uncertain times.

After reading 'The Invisible String' we talked about how we are all connected to our loved ones by invisible string. Our discussion focused particularly on the current situation and how difficult it is not being able to see family and friends during the lockdown. Jaxon shared an amazing picture to show where his invisible string goes and who he is connected to. Thank you, Jaxon!



## Critical Worker Children

If you are a parent who is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and are therefore classed as a critical worker we are here to support you to enable you to continue to work. However please may I remind you that **children must only be booked into school when you are actually working** as it is important for us to follow the DFE guidance which states that **'Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can'**.

Once we have confirmed that your child is eligible for a place in school, you will need to complete the Key Worker Booking Form to book your child into school on the days that you are required to work. Places must be booked in advance so that we can ensure that we have appropriate staffing levels in school.

## Free School Meals

If your financial circumstances have changed due to the Coronavirus Crisis and you think that your child might be eligible for free school meals please visit the following website to apply: <https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

## Eleven Plus (current Year 5)

Please note that this year the tests will now be taken on Saturday morning, actually in the grammar schools themselves. Boys at Carre's and Girls at KSHS. The tests will take place over two days.

Saturday 11th September (Verbal)

Saturday 18th September (Non-verbal)

If you want your child to take the test then the easiest way of notifying the grammar schools is by completing their on-line registration form. You can follow the link on the front page of the schools' websites:

[www.carres.uk](http://www.carres.uk)

[www.kshs.uk](http://www.kshs.uk)

If you wish to purchase commercially printed practice papers these can be obtained from online retailers. The practice papers come in packs, together with a guide for parents and a simplified administration and mark scheme.

The practice papers are representative of the actual 11+ tests but they are not identical. The practice papers give pupils the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the general nature of the tests and to practise aspects such as following instructions carefully and working against a time limit.

11+ Practice Papers	
Non-Verbal Reasoning Pack 1	ISBN: 9780708727645
Non-Verbal Reasoning Pack 2	ISBN: 9780708727652
Non-Verbal Reasoning Pack 3	ISBN: 9780708727669
Verbal Reasoning Pack 1	ISBN: 9780708727614
Verbal Reasoning Pack 2	ISBN: 9780708727621
Verbal Reasoning Pack 3	ISBN: 9780708727638
Bundle of All Verbal 11+ Practice Packs (3 Packs)	ISBN: 9780708727690
Bundle of All Non Verbal 11+ Practice Packs (3 Packs)	ISBN: 9780708727706

## Keep in Touch

Whilst we cannot all be in school together during the national lockdown, we are eager to keep in touch with all of our families as much as possible. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you want to share anything or if you have any questions or concerns:

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