



Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 29th January 2021

Prime Minister's Statement

Earlier this week, the Prime Minister made a statement about the position of the national lockdown. He announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the reopening of schools and colleges from Monday 8 March. This is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity.

Education settings, as well as pupils, parents and carers will be given at least two weeks' notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education.

Schools will remain open to vulnerable children and young people and the children of critical workers after February half-term, as they are now. All other pupils will continue to receive high quality remote education at home. This is in line with the wider national lockdown measures to help minimise the spread of the virus and respond quickly to the new variant.

Early years provision should continue to remain open throughout and should continue to allow all children to attend full time or their usual timetabled hours. This includes Ofsted registered nurseries and childminders, maintained nursery schools, as well as nursery classes in schools and other pre-reception provision on school sites.

Mrs Brockington's Statement

Remote learning is going extremely well at Caythorpe Primary School, given the challenging circumstances we all find ourselves in, so thank you to all of our children, parents and staff. You are all doing an amazing job. Obviously issues and concerns arise but these are being resolved with integrity and positivity. Caythorpe Primary School prides itself on teamwork and this has certainly shone through during the national lockdown. Thanks to everyone for your continued perseverance and support. You should all be extremely proud of your achievements.

India's Lockdown Project

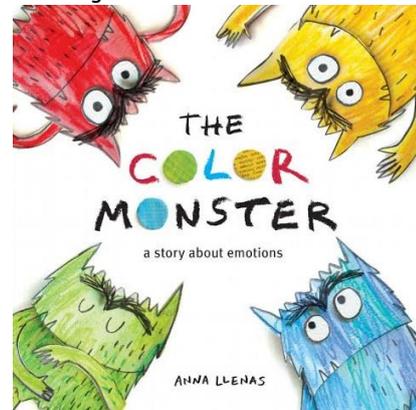
India has been busy making her own recipe book during lockdown. She has created some tasty smoothies and the coca cola ham that she made was delicious!



Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 1-7 February 2021 and this year's theme is 'Express yourself'. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts or ideas, through creativity. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good.

On **Tuesday 2 February at 1pm**, the children are invited to join Mrs Brockington on Teams to **share the story**, 'The Colour Monster'. This is a great book all about emotions.



On **Wednesday 2 February** we are doing 'Wellbeing Wednesday' which will involve the children participating in a range of wellbeing activities throughout the day instead of their usual Maths, English and Topic lessons. Class teachers will be holding their usual Class Teams Meetings to start the day and they will be uploading some suggested activities for the children to complete during the day such as mindful colouring, go for a walk, build a den and read a book in it, phone/facetime someone you haven't seen for a while, sing your favourite song out loud, bake a cake, meditate, blow bubbles, play in the garden etc.

Staff Updates

As you know, I will be moving on to ventures new after February half term and Mrs Hunt will be taking over as the Headteacher. We have successfully appointed a Y3/Y4 teacher to replace Mrs Hunt in Narnia and the Caythorpe team are excited to welcome a new member of staff to the school. Mr Knight is an enthusiastic teacher who is so eager to start in Narnia that he is already joining some of the Class Teams meetings to start to get to know everyone!

Miss Foers is going to be moving to work with Mr Knight in Narnia after the February half term break so that the Y3/Y4 children can be separated for English and Maths.

Mr O'Mahoney and Mr Liddiard will continue to work with the Y5/Y6 pupils, supported by Mrs Laing. The Y5/Y6 children will continue to separate out for Maths and English and then join together for topic work as they do now.

If you have any questions or concerns about these staffing updates, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank You

Enchanted Forest and Neverland's topic this term is 'How would Bear Grylls survive in Antarctica? A parent very kindly gifted this lovely picture of a penguin to school and the children are thoroughly enjoying having it up on display in their classroom. Thank you!



Gardening

KS1 have been busy gardening this week. They have cleared up all the leaves that have fallen off the trees using rakes, weeded the sensory garden and pruned back the bushes, trees and strawberry plants. Mrs Watson taught them all about the difference between flowers and weeds.

Whilst outside they also loved listening to the birds tweeting in the trees. They enjoyed gardening so much they have asked Miss Cook to start a gardening club so that they can grow vegetables to eat and cook. The children also suggested setting up an outdoor library where they can sit and relax, and enjoy sharing books. Miss Cook thought that their ideas were amazing and she is getting plans in place already!



Symptoms of Coronavirus

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

Main Symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a **high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous 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 **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result - only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.



Staff Testing for COVID-19 in Primary Schools

The Government has put in place plans for all primary staff attending schools to be tested for COVID-19 from 25th January 2021. Staff testing will take place twice a week and staff will take these tests at home. As tests will be taken in the morning before staff come into school we may need to close a bubble at short notice if we get a positive test. Please bear this in mind as you will need to make alternative childcare arrangements if your child's bubble closes.



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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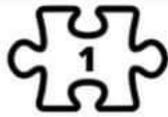
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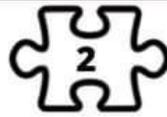
- Colour in the three puzzle pieces below using a different colour for each.
- Every day choose an activity from each box or one of your own. We will also be tweeting an idea each day.
- Once you have completed an activity, colour in one piece with the same number and colour on your smiley face puzzle.

Can you complete your puzzle by the 28th February?



PHYSICAL

- Play a Get Set 4 PE Active Family Game ★
- Learn a new skill
- Go for a walk
- Make a den
- Ride a bike
- Dance
- Skip



GIVING BACK

- Ask someone how their day was
- Do something for someone else
- Write a letter to a friend
- Play with a sibling
- Call a relative
- Tidy up



SELF-CARE

- Learn something new
- Mindful breathing
- Draw or colour
- Listen to music
- Read a book
- Play a game
- Cook



PHYSICAL

GIVING BACK

SELF-CARE

“ Life is a giant puzzle. Every day we need to piece together all of the things that help to make us smile. ”



Share your journey with us: @getset4pe