



Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 3rd February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to introduce myself, Simon Linforth, as the new Chairperson of Caythorpe Governing Body and inform you that Karen Bradford has decided to step down from this role. Over the last 18 months Karen has worked with great determination and conviction, in partnership with the other Governors, to move the school to a position where the education and care provided to all pupils is moving rapidly towards the highest standards available. The progress towards this aim has recently been recognized by the Local Authority and resulted in Caythorpe being removed from the list of "Schools Causing Concern". The removal from the list has taken 12 months of hard work, from the staff, governors and pupils.

Karen decided that reaching this significant milestone was an appropriate point, to hand the role of Chairperson over to someone new. The Governors accepted Karen's resignation at the Governing Body meeting on Thursday the 26th of Jan and elected myself to the role.

Many of you will know me from meetings around and about the village. However, I would like to share a bit more about myself and the experience I will bring to the role. As a father to three young children, Edie, Elsie & Albert, and a husband to Colette, I like many other parents know how important school life is to the family unit. Our eldest two girls both attend Caythorpe Primary School, and our son will start his school journey in 2018. I have been a Governor at Caythorpe School since 2014. I also act as a Trustee and Treasurer for a local charity, Lincolnshire Down's Syndrome Support Group or LDSSG and held this role since 2012. My interest in this group was sparked following Elsie's diagnosis of Down's Syndrome at birth. The change to our lives with her arrival have been both challenging and rewarding in equal measures.

In my professional life, I have worked at a local financial services company for the past twelve years and am currently employed as a Director. I am responsible for a variety of areas including procurement, logistics and postal services, and Management Information reporting.

I hope you share my sentiment, in wishing Karen all the best for the future and join me in thanking her for all her hard work. I would also like to say that I will work with yourselves as parents, the Governors, pupils and staff to continue to make Caythorpe Primary a school the community are proud of during this period of change. On that note I appreciate we have not shared dates for the possible Academy conversion consultation to start. We hope to be able to do so in the next week or so once the staff restructuring process is complete. Thank you for your patience.

Finally, I look forward to meeting many of you in my new role either at formal events or on the playground when I collect my children.

Kind Regards

Simon

RESIDENTIALS

The staff are eagerly planning this year's residential trips. Due to all of the changes that have occurred this academic year, all of the residential trips will have to take place during the Summer Term. I appreciate that these trips can be quite costly, especially if you have more than one child going, so please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any thoughts or concerns about the residential trips that are planned. Your feedback is always really welcome.

SCHOOL DISCO

The FSA will be holding a Disco in the school hall on Friday 10th February. The cost is £1.50 which includes a drink and a biscuit.

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 - 3.45pm - 4.45 pm

Years 3 - 6 - 5.00pm - 6.00 pm

The younger children can bring a change of clothes in a named bag, along with their payment, so parents can then collect them at 4.45 pm.



E-SAFETY AWARENESS

Don't forget that Dan Hawbrook, who is the e-Safety Officer for the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board, will be in school on Thursday 9 February to talk about keeping safe online. We know many of our KS2 children already use social media so we cannot stress how important we think it is that children and parents know how to use it safely. All parents are welcome to attend an e-safety awareness presentation at 3:30pm in school. Dan will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

BRITISH VALUES

As of November 2014, UK Government says that schools must promote British values.

According to Ofsted, 'fundamental British values' are:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

Year 5 and Year 6 children enjoyed finding out about British Government and Elections this week. After learning lots of interesting facts about Westminster, Members of Parliament and how Government money is spent, the children completed a great quiz to test their knowledge.



We are really looking forward to our visit from Karl McCartney JP MP on Monday to find out about his thoughts on boy's performance at school and what will help to improve their standards.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES & CAKE SALES

After the half term break, we will be inviting parents to come in to school for their child's class assembly. This is a great opportunity for the children to share all of the great things that they have been learning about. Each class will hold a cake sale after their assembly to raise money to go towards any future trips.

The following assemblies are already in the diary:

- Emerald City's Assembly - Friday 24th February - 3pm
- Neverland's Assembly - Friday 10th March - 3pm
- Narnia's Assembly - Friday 17th March - 3pm

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Active Kids is back and with your support now's the time to help even more kids to eat well, move well and live well. Please help us to collect the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers to spend on cooking and sports equipment.

SAFEGUARDING



Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. This involves protecting children from abuse and maltreatment, preventing harm to children's health or development and ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care.

We have been talking about safeguarding in assembly and all of the children know that if they have a worry or a concern, they can talk to the School's Designated Safeguarding Leads, who are Mrs Brockington and Miss Turner.

This week we had a safeguarding Health Check and I am delighted to tell you that the people who visited the school were really happy with the way the school promotes safeguarding and all of the procedures we have in place to ensure that our children are safe and well cared for.

Diary Dates

Thursday 9th February	E-safety Presentation for Parents - 3:30-4:30pm
Friday 10th February	Discos - R, Y1 & Y2 3:45-4:45pm & Y3 - Y6 5:00-6:00pm
Friday 10th February	End of Term 3 - Enjoy a week off!
Monday 20th February	Term 4 Begins - Back to school!
Tuesday 21st February	Mad Science Assembly
Wednesday 22nd February	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Trip to Perlethorpe
Monday 27th February	R, Y1 & Y2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Friday 3rd March	World Book Day Activities
Tuesday 28th March	Parent's Evening 3:50pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday 29th March	Parent's Evening 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Monday 20th March	World Down Syndrome Awareness Day
Tuesday 21st March	Class Photographs
Friday 24th March	Comic Relief

Head Lice

We don't normally advertise products but one of our parents has recommended a Nit Comb that she purchased on-line which she says is amazing. The website is www.nittygritty.co.uk and although it is a bit expensive it really works and she says it is worth every penny!