

# Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was a delight to see you all pouring (while also observing social distancing measures) through the school gates on Monday. What was even more of a delight was seeing the happy smiling faces of the children.

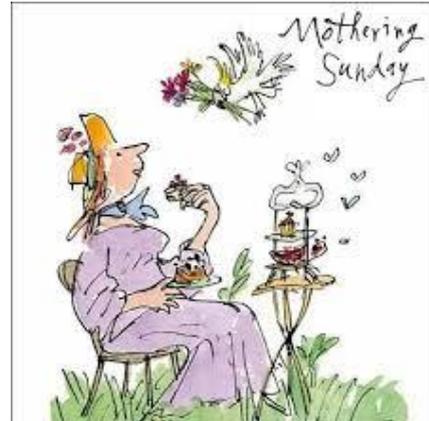
Caythorpe's return to school has been calm and positive. Staff continue to work hard to ensure all the safety measures and procedures are in place and followed to keep everyone safe. You can see some of the activities we have implemented to help the children settle back into school routines in this week's newsletter.

This week also saw a momentous occasion for myself and a pupil, I awarded my first Headteacher's award. It was truly well deserved. Well done, Mason for your excellent writing. I look forward to awarding many more.

Kind regards

Mrs Hunt

## Mothering Sunday



The honouring of our Mothers with a celebration, is a tradition which dates back to the Spring festivals in ancient Greece.

As a Christian festival, Mothering Sunday, can be traced back in England to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century when a festival to honour Mary, Mother of Jesus, was created. It is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent.

Despite its long existence in British culture, Mothering Sunday eventually fell out of fashion at the dawn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. This is where a local lady named Constance Penswick-Smith enters the picture. The daughter of a vicar, she thought the loss of Mothering Sunday was a great shame, and worked hard to rekindle interest.

Throughout the year Mums and Dads have taken on the additional role while in lockdown of home-schooling. To show your child/ren's appreciation they should be bringing home a little gift and card to reward all your hard work, care and love.



This year Red Nose Day is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We would like to support this worthy cause by asking the children to donate £1 for the honour of wearing something red to school.

## The Masked Reader Competition

Who were the masked readers? All is revealed!



Mrs McEvoy



Mrs Hunt



Miss Cook



Mrs Locke



Mr Knight

Well done to everyone for entering. Our winners were Emily Cook, Hannah Palmer, Sam Connor, Daisy Dixon, Chloe B, Jack H and George W. They all receive a prize of a book!

## Enchanted Forest

Children in Enchanted Forest have had a positive start to being back to school. They have all been working hard on their listening skills to help them follow instructions. On Wednesday they had PE with Miss Fawkner and developed their running skills.



## 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**

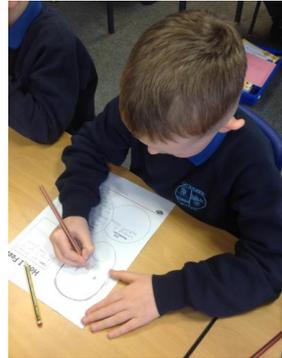
If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

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.



In Narnia, the children have been very busy. They reflected on all the positives that had come out of being in lockdown. Long walks in the countryside, snow days, learning new skills like cooking tea for the family. Children in year 4 thought about how they were feeling about returning to school and wrote down why. They also drew a self-portrait of how they were feeling. They shared things they were thankful for and what they are looking forward to about returning to school. Finally, they thought about what we are excited for in our post-covid future.



Each day after register children in Hogwarts spend 5 minutes meditating before their lessons begin. This is to give us time to be with our own thoughts before the start of the day. We also did some mindfulness colouring on the first day back to ease us back into school life and also give us the chance to catch-up with some friends we may not have seen in a while.

# Cool Milk

As many of you will already know, our under 5 children receive a small free carton of milk everyday funded by the government. The free milk will automatically stop once your child turns 5 but milk is available to purchase for all children through the Cool Milk website at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) If your child is eligible for free school meals, due to financial circumstance, they may be eligible for free milk so please contact us if they would like to receive it.