

# Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021



Welcome back after our Easter break. I hope you enjoyed the sunshine and the snow!

The children have returned with their brightest smiles ready for the Summer term and hopefully we can make the most of the warmer weather with more opportunities to be outside in our stunning school grounds.

In our newsletter we have included details of what the children will be learning, but remember you can also consult your class pages on our school website <https://www.caythorpe.lincs.sch.uk/> on the "Children" tab.

Also, if you miss a newsletter, you can find them on our "News" page on the website.

We have also included some dates for your diary of whole school events that will be taking place as well as Sports day and School games day to look forward to. Hopefully as restrictions ease we will be able to invite parents and carers into school for some events too.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Helen Hunt (Headteacher)

## Change For Life Combat

Today we were visited by Jack Padley one of the Active Coordinators from Carres Sports Outreach who delivered a session on Combat. The main aim is to give the children a flavour of what combat sports are like as well as raising heart rates. Florrie enjoyed being out of breath and Travis gave it a big thumbs up.



As part of our on-going school improvement work, I am reviewing our homework policy. It is essential that, as part of the review, I gather the thoughts and opinions of parents. I would be grateful if you could find 5 minutes to answer the following questions via the following link: <http://bit.ly/parents-homework>

As you will no doubt be aware the most complex issue with homework is the range of differing views around what it should look like for your own children. We know that the current government have removed the specifications around how much should be given in primary schools but Ofsted will still look to see how homework links effectively with the learning taking place in school and grade us according to how well this is achieved.

We aim to create a draft policy by the end of the summer term which we will trial having collected as many views from our school community as possible. Pupils will be given the opportunity to enter their views into a pupil version at school. This will evolve as we see what you want for your children, what the children want as well as what staff feel is appropriate and effective.

It will be incredibly hard to suit everyone but we do promise a fair and open consultation which we hope you will enjoy being part of.

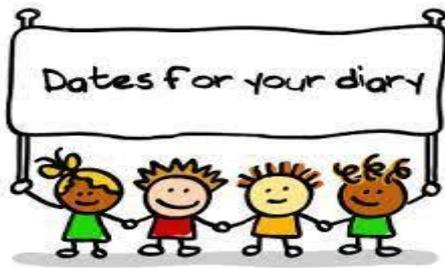
Our aim is to create a policy that is written by all of us and means something to each of us with an interest in the children here at Caythorpe Primary School.

Please complete the survey by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and I will compile the results of your valuable feedback.



It's fabulous that we have pupils having the school meals provided by the Farm Kitchen. However, some children have been disappointed when they see a meal option that they prefer available on the menu. Remember you can go online and make the meal choices with your child. We recommend this as the children do like to know what's for lunch. You can log in using your details at <https://thefarmkitchen.com/>.

If you have forgotten your password, just click the "forgotten password" link.



- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - National Gardening Week
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April - England does the daily mile event
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - School Closed May Bank Holiday
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May - National Water Saving Week
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May - National Mental Health Awareness Week and National Walk to School Week
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Term Five ends
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - School reopens for Term 6
  - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
  - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Games Day
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Transition to new classes in the afternoons
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Leavers' Ceremony and BBQ
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Whole School Awards Ceremony
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Whole School Picnic and Enterprise Fair
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Term six ends

**We will send details nearer the date of each event as the organisation will depend on current COVID restrictions at the time of each individual event.**

### This Term's Learning

#### **Enchanted Forest - 'Where do mini beasts live?'**

This term we will be investigating life cycles of the caterpillar and the frog. We will even be nurturing our own eggs! How egg-citing, I wonder what they will grow into! There will be hunts with the binoculars and magnifying glasses so the children can explore in the tiniest of spaces in the great outdoors of our school. There will be mini beast crafts galore, along with the continued development of writing skills, including sentence structure and punctuation. A great resource to use when emergent writing is an interactive sound wall. This helps the children to identify letters and listen to the sound they make before writing them down. You can find the sound wall at <http://readwithphonics.com>

#### **Neverland - "What's the best habitat for a minibeast?"**

Topic this term is all about minibeasts and their habitats. Within the classroom you will find a tuff spot that is full of compost, look a bit closer using your magnifying glasses and you might see some insects resting on the logs or in the ivy. Outside in the class sand pit there are more minibeasts for you to find! We have been very lucky in Neverland! Colette has been super kind and has bought in her pet stick insects. Did you know that you need to spray every day and that they eat privet leaves? Me neither! We will be going for a local walk across the fields to see if we can spot any minibeasts in their natural environment and how we can look after them.

#### **Narnia - "How do we keep healthy"**

Narnia are learning about all the elements that are involved in helping us lead a healthy lifestyle. Our enquiry into this topic will enable us to become personal trainers and help a particular client who is in need of our assistance. Former world champion and Olympic sprinter Adam Gemili even sent us an inspiring message!



#### **Hogwarts - "What would you need on a mission to mars"**

After the recent news that NASA have successfully sent pictures back from their helicopter to mars the children are excited about their topic this term. For their Big Bang to introduce the learning they will be going on a (virtual) tour of Mars and the international space station. Throughout the topic, the children will discover the phenomena of Earth, the moon, our place in the solar system. They will learn to be able to describe the movement of the Earth, other planets relative to the sun in the solar system. In RE children will be learning about the rites and rituals of the Muslim faith.