



# Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021



Communicating with parents is an important part of what we do, making sure you get the correct information about activities, events and things that really matter is something we care about.

Next half term we will be moving to using ParentMail, a service used by over 6,000 schools, and nurseries to communicate to parents. ParentMail will be beneficial to you because you can:

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Lookout for updates as we will keep you informed of our progress and you will be sent details of how to register.

## Homework Projects

Thank you to all parents who submitted their views in our homework survey. We are currently collating all the information from the parents and pupil feedback and will take your suggestions on board. 42% of the children reported that they enjoyed the creative tasks set. We love celebrating projects the children have completed at home. Pupils in Hogwarts were challenged with the task to create a model of the Solar System. The creativity of the materials chosen was very impressive. Jessica used cupcakes she had baked and decorated herself for each of the planets. Hannah decorated biscuits. Emily and Ewan created their models using various materials such as wood, wire and polystyrene balls, each one painted to look like the planet it represents.



## Scarecrow Competition



The children have begun making their scarecrows for Mr and Mrs Almond's competition as part of the National Garden Scheme (NGS).

Don't forget families may enter a scarecrow too. There is no size limit or minimum size for the scarecrows, even a small scarecrow can scare those pesky crows!

Entries to school by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May**.

For more details of the event on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and the National Gardening Scheme visit <https://ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/>

## National Walk to School Week

Our five-day walking challenge is an annual celebration of the walk to school taking place w/c 17-21 May.

Parking even a little way from the school reduces congestion and air pollution at the school gates and improves road safety.

Children will be given a record card by their teacher, which will be signed if pupils took some form of active travel to get to school. We will celebrate our achievements at the end of the week.

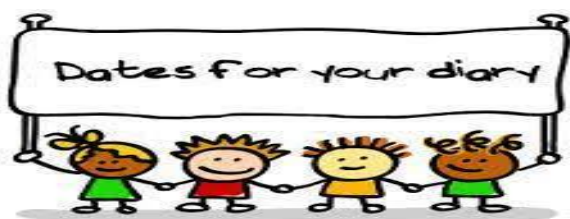


### National Mental Health Awareness Week (a week late!)

Next week is National Mental Health Awareness Week. MIND, the mental Health charity state 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem of some kind each year in England. 1 in 6 people report experiencing a common mental health problem (like anxiety and depression) in any given week in England.

This year the focus is on the role nature can play in protecting and supporting our mental health. For many of us, 'being in nature' may not be as easy as it sounds. The good news is, you don't have to climb a mountain to feel the benefit - there are lots of simple ways to bring nature into your everyday. For some top tips visit <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week/tips>

The children will be discussing ways we can experience and share nature to look after our mental health. They will have opportunities to take part in mindfulness colouring, meditation, yoga techniques as well as continuing daily well-being check-ins on our feelings.



- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May - National Mental Health Awareness Week and National Walk to School Week
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Scarecrow entries to school deadline
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Scarecrows on show at King's Lodge, Caythorpe. Entry £4 for adults, children free
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May - FSA Movie Evening
- 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
- Thursday 17 June - New Reception Parents' Evening**
- Monday 21 June - Class photos
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Games Day
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Y5/6 visit PGL
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July - FSA Summer Celebration
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Transition to new classes in the afternoons & **New Reception visits**
- 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
  - 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.**

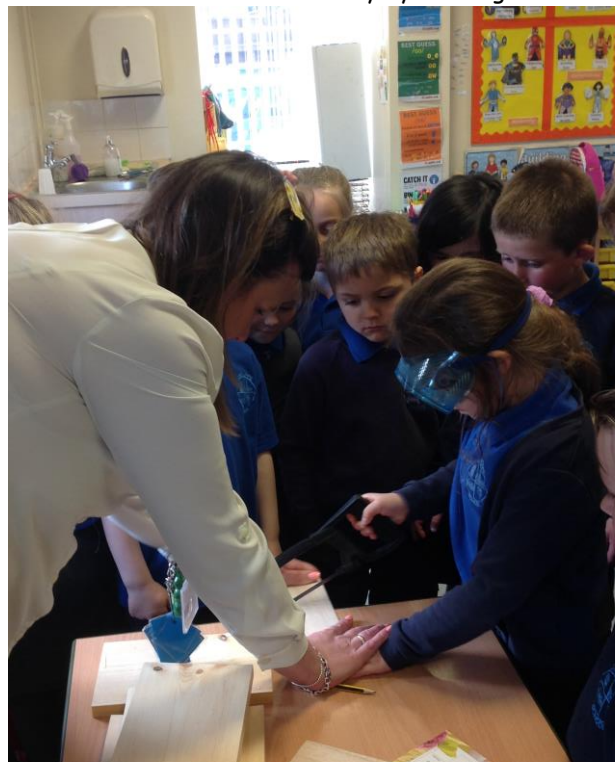
### Neverland Get Back to Nature

Neverland are very excited about their new class members. The children are looking after and watching caterpillars grow. They've more than doubled in size already. We will keep you updated on their progress.



They also have some sticky members of the class, some stick insects. The children tell me they love to eat privet leaves.

Neverland are not only keen to encourage mini-beasts into the classroom. They are hopeful to encourage visitors of the feathered variety by building birdboxes.



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