

Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday and are ready for another busy and exciting year! We are delighted to say that the children have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn. They have settled back into the school routine very quickly and they all look extremely smart in their school uniform. Please ensure that all items of clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled so that they can be returned easily, should they get lost.

We continue to have an open door policy at Caythorpe School and believe that communication is key to success, so please come and see myself or any other members of staff if you have any questions or concerns about your child's welfare or education.

I am really looking forward to sharing lots of exciting adventures with you all over the coming year.

Kind regards

Katie Brockington

The School Day

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| 8:45am | School gates open |
| 8:50am | Children line up & go in |
| 8:55am | Registration |
| 9:00am | Morning lessons begin. |
| 9:00am | Gates are locked |
| 10:20am - 10:35am | Morning Break |
| 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Lunch Break |
| 1pm | Registration |
| 1:05pm | Afternoon lessons begin. |
| 2:00pm - 2:10pm | Afternoon Break |
| 3:00pm | Assembly |
| 3:30pm | R/Y1/Y2 home time. |
| 3:35pm | Y3 - Y6 home time. |

Please ensure that children arrive at school on time every day to ensure that they do not miss valuable learning time.

Dinosaur Day

WOW! What an exciting start to the year we have had! When the children arrived at school on Thursday morning they were fascinated by the large nest and speckled egg that had appeared on the playground overnight!

They then enjoyed a dinosaur workshop which involved discovering and identifying fossils from some of the most iconic dinosaurs of the past. Tyrannosaurus Rex, Stegosaurus, Triceratops and a few other surprises were all thrown in. The children learnt about when each dinosaur lived, where they came from, what they ate and much more.

To end the day, we were delighted to meet Jack and Millie the dinosaurs! It was a truly dynamic and interactive learning experience for the whole school.



Caythorpe Primary School 'Spruce Up'!

The whole school has been decorated and carpeted over the summer holiday so the school is looking extremely bright and fresh! Thanks to all staff who helped put the school back together again and clean everything after all of the disruption. Everyone has done an amazing job and the school looks fantastic. A special thank you goes to Mr Dorey who has worked extremely hard to ensure that everything was ready for the children to return to school - we really do appreciate everything that you do. Many thanks.

Good Luck Mrs Cooke!

Good luck and best wishes to Mrs Cooke for a very happy and healthy maternity leave. We are all looking forward to meeting Baby Cooke in the near future!



Classes 2018 - 2019

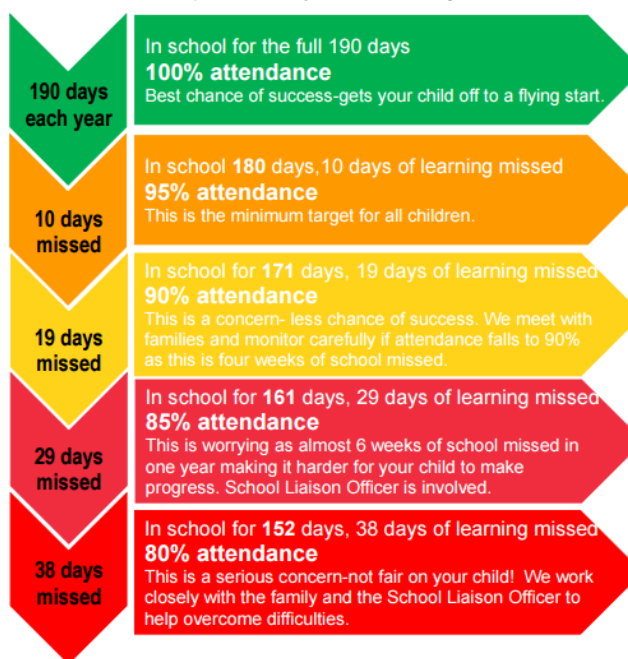
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| Class Name & Year Group | Enchanted Forest Reception & Y1 | Neverland Y1 & Y2 | Emerald City Y3 & Y4 | Narnia Y4 & Y5 | Hogwarts Y6 |
| Staff Members | Mrs Hiley Mrs Dewey | Miss Turner Miss O'Rourke | Ms Cann Miss O'Rourke | Mrs Hunt Mrs Laing | Mr O'Mahoney Mrs Laing |
| Y1 & Y3 Maths - Miss Riches & Mrs Hibbard | | | | | |
| Interventions & 1:1 Support - Miss Binns, Mrs Locke & Mrs Palmer | | | | | |

Attendance

Good attendance is vital for your child's learning and development. Following statutory guidelines, absences cannot be authorised during term time and may only be granted in the most exceptional circumstances. Please ensure that children come to school promptly every day so that they don't miss out on vital learning time.

95% attendance is the minimum target for all children. Every day counts!

The chart below shows the impact of missed days on children's learning.



Homework

We would like all children to particularly focus on reading regularly at home and practising spellings and times tables.

Year 1 to Year 6 children should receive a homework grid. KS2 homework grids are now based on a points system and each class teacher will set an amount of points that should be achieved each term. KS1 children have the same grid as before but there is an expectation that they will complete a set amount of pieces each term.

The idea behind the homework grids is to provide the children with greater choice and to increase the quality of work produced. Children don't have to complete a piece of homework every week but we would love it if they could all meet their teachers set challenge.



Swimming

Y3 & Y4 swimming begins on Wednesday 12th September.

If your child does not have a **swimming hat**, please send them with **£1** so that they can buy one from the pool on their first session. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit. Details of swimming costs will be sent in a separate letter.

Parking Outside School

Our number one priority is ensuring that **children are safe at all times**. Please ensure that you **park considerably** around the school premises. It is crucial that motorists **do not park on the 'Keep Clear' markings or the 'Zigzag' lines** outside of school.

Diary Dates

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| Wednesday 12 th September | Y3 & Y4 Swimming starts |
| Friday 14 th September | 11+ Test - Verbal Reasoning |
| Friday 21 st September | 11+ Test - Non-Verbal Reasoning |
| Friday 28 th September | Macmillan Coffee Morning |
| Tuesday 2 nd October | Individual & Family Photos |
| Friday 12 th October | 11+ Results posted to parents |
| Mon 15 th & Tues 16 th October | Parents Evenings |
| Friday 19 th October | Harvest Festival Service - 2pm |
| Monday 29 th October | End of Term 1 Term 2 Begins Y5 Bikeability |

11+ Tests

This year's 11+ Tests will be taken in school on the following dates:

Friday 14th September - Verbal
Friday 21st September - Non-Verbal

The Year 6 children who have elected to sit the 11+ Tests have been really focused throughout the support sessions offered in school and I'd like to wish them the best of luck!

Results letters will be posted out to parents (first class), by the Grammar Schools, on Friday 12th October.