



Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 2nd November 2018

Viking Day

Thursday 1st November (or 'Thursday' as it was known to the Vikings) was no ordinary day for Y3, Y4 and Y5 children at Caythorpe Primary School. They entered the school dressed as Vikings and were greeted by 'Wulfric' from 'Viking School Visits', who took them on an exciting expedition through history...

Their first task was to jump aboard their ships and travel over to Britain, during which they encountered sea monsters and thunderstorms. On arrival they discovered that their diet would consist of apples, bread, smoked salmon and pigs blood!!

The Vikings were then introduced to the weapons and armour that were used in battle and given the opportunity to explore a range of interesting artefacts. As the day drew to a close they launched into battle, using the shields that they have created!



Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to all of the Parents/Carers who took the time to complete the survey that we recently sent out. We received 31 and have now collated the results which are as follows:

	Agree	Disagree
My child is happy at school	97%	3%
My child is safe at school	100%	-
My child makes good progress at the school	100%	-
My child is taught well at school	100%	-
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	87%	23%
My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best	100%	-
My child has somebody in school who he/she can go to if he/she is worried	97%	3%
The school ensures that pupils are well behaved	97%	3%
The school deals effectively with bullying	90%	10%
The school is well led and managed	100%	-
The school responds well to my concerns	97%	3%
I receive valuable information about my child's progress	90%	10%
Residential Trips for Year 2 to Year 6 pupils are a good idea	90%	10%
I would recommend Caythorpe Primary School to another family	100%	-

The statements at the end of the survey have been summarised below (it is impossible to put every comment so we have collated the trends):

- Children are happy and safe.
- Parents value the school's sense of community, open door policy and committed staff.
- Parents feel listened to and value how quickly concerns or issues are dealt with.
- Good range of extra-curricular activities.
- Great sports participation across the school.
- Well organised and fair systems in place so that children are aware of the school rules and consequences.
- More information about children's progress - possibly termly.
- A different coloured PE top with the school logo on.
- More opportunities to view children's work e.g. open days and coffee mornings.
- A bigger focus on Healthy Eating.

We are delighted with the results and will focus on those areas that were not as strong or which were mentioned in the comments sections and we are able to act upon.

Caythorpe Open Morning for September 2019 Starters

We have decided to hold an open morning on Friday 9th November to give new parents and children who are due to start school in September 2019 the opportunity to pop into school for an informal chat, a cup of tea and a biscuit and a look around our wonderful school.

However, if this date is not convenient then please do not hesitate to contact the school office and make an appointment to visit at another time.

Please click on the following link to see a snapshot of all of the great learning that takes place at Caythorpe Primary School: <https://youtu.be/ipnriN19k0o>

First Hand Experiences

We strongly believe that valuable first hand experiences really do support, extend and enhance children's learning. We always think extremely carefully before we plan a trip out or a visit in school and consider the value that it will add to your children's education.

Money raised by the FSA and other school fundraising activities and events is used to help with the cost of trips and visits but we still need to ask for voluntary contributions from parents/carers to enable these memorable experiences to go ahead.

We would never exclude a child from an organised school trip or visit but if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions then experiences may have to be cancelled. If at any time you are experiencing financial difficulties and are unable to make a contribution, please do not hesitate to come into school to talk to us.

This term Y3, Y4 and Y5 have already thoroughly enjoyed and gained immense knowledge from their Viking Day and later in the term KS1 are going to have the opportunity to explore a range of toys from the past to help them understand how they have changed and developed over time.

Also we are planning to go to the pantomime again this year as all staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed it last year. One of the many advantages of being part of a relatively small village school is being able to go out as a whole school. With the help of parents and regular school volunteers it's a real community event!

Many thanks for your ongoing support in helping us to provide your children with an exciting, broad and balanced curriculum.

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.

96% attendance is the minimum target for all children. Every day counts!

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



Pumpkin Carving Competition

Many thanks to The Waggon & Horses for kindly giving every child in the school a pumpkin to decorate over the half term holiday. The children were very excited to choose their own pumpkin and take it home to carve for the competition.

Congratulations to Denver who was delighted to win first prize!



Diary Dates

Friday 16th November Children In Need
Monday 3rd December Flu Immunisations Rec-Y5

Christmas Dates

Monday 10th December Christmas show Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm
Tuesday 11th December Christmas show - 6pm
Wednesday 12th December Christmas show - 6pm
Friday 14th December Christmas Craft Day
Monday 17th December Trip to the Pantomime
Tuesday 18th December Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20th December Christmas parties
Friday 21st December Christingle Service 2pm End of Term 2

Fireworks Extravaganza 2018

Caythorpe Playing Field - Saturday 3rd November
Gates open at 6:00pm - Display starts at 7:00pm
Bar & Refreshments Available

FREE ENTRY

