

Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 30th November 2018



Christmas Extravaganza!

There will be 2 Christmas performances:

Tuesday 11th December - 6pm

Wednesday 12th December - 6pm.

As in previous years tickets will be limited to **2 per family** and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Please return your slip as soon as possible. If you require more than 2 tickets, spare seats will be allocated on Thursday 6 December. The FSA will be providing refreshments and raffling a Christmas hamper at each performance.

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO BRING UNDER 5'S TO THE DRESS REHEARSAL ON MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 2PM BUT THEY MUST BE CLOSELY SUPERVISED.

Christmas Lunch

As you know on Tuesday 18th December the Farm Kitchen will be once again providing our Christmas lunch. This can either be purchased the normal way, on-line directly with the Farm Kitchen or it can be ordered by completing the slip that has already been sent home and sending it back to school with payment. The cost of this lunch is £2.40.

If your child currently has a free infant meal or is eligible for free school meals and normally takes this up then a roast turkey lunch/chocolate Christmas cake will automatically be ordered for them.

Please ensure that all orders and payments are back by Friday 7th December at the latest.



School Christmas Post Box

The school Christmas card post box is now open. Please ensure that envelopes are labelled with the child's name and class name or number. This will allow our post children to deliver the cards quickly. The class names are as follows:

- Mrs Hiley - Enchanted Forest - Class 1
- Miss Turner - Neverland - Class 2
- Ms Cann - Emerald City - Class 3
- Mrs Hunt - Narnia - Class 4
- Mr O'Mahoney - Hogwarts - Class 5



Whole School Pantomime Trip

We are looking forward to watching Dick Whittington on Monday 17th December. Please ensure all permission slips and payments are returned to the school office as soon as possible so that transport arrangements and seats can be finalised.

Hairspray Workshop

On Wednesday, the Year 5s took part in a lively workshop led by the talented actors from Sir William Robertson Academy performing in their production of "Hairspray" accompanied by the head of music, Mr Wilson. Not only were they treated to a sneak performance of two musical numbers in the school hall, they were also taught some of the moves to one of the songs. The Year 5s had great fun learning the song and dance moves, first practicing in teams, then performing with the ensemble and finally on their own. They were fantastic. We can't wait to see the whole performance on Wednesday 12th December.

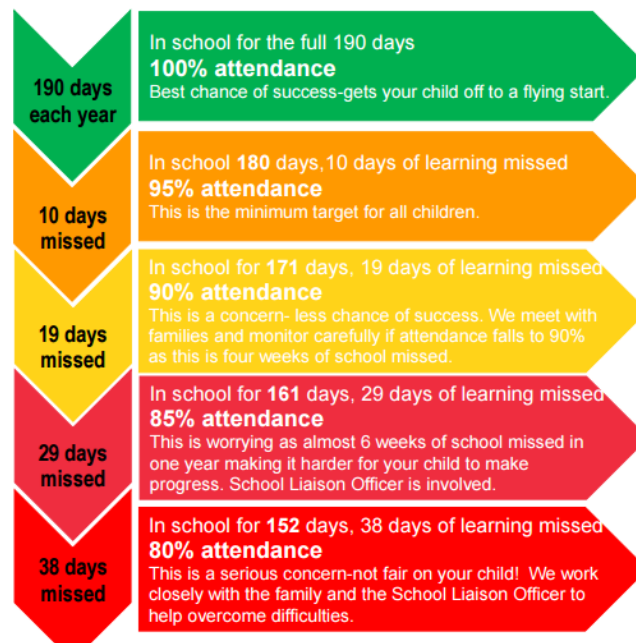


Attendance

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.



Severe Weather Conditions & School Closure

We will always do our best to stay open whatever the weather. However if we do have to close we will announce it on the School Website, Twitter, Lincolnshire County Council Website and inform the Local Radio Stations.

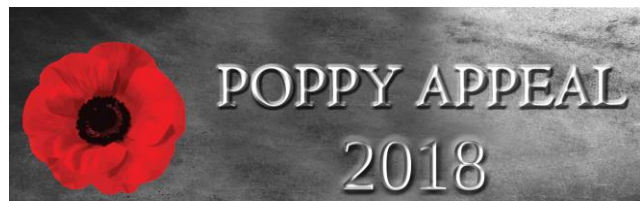


School Clubs

Due to the dark nights and a wide range of Christmas activities, all clubs have now finished until the second week back after the Christmas holiday. A letter will be sent home during the first week back with regards clubs for the spring term.

Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us in raising money for the Poppy Appeal. We raised £81.30.



Applying for a place in Reception (2019)

Children born between 1 September 2014 & 31 August 2015 are due to start Reception in September 2019.

The window for applying for a place in Reception 2019 opened on 14th November. If your child is 4 this school year (Sept 18 to Aug 19) then you can apply for a place via the online application system on the Lincolnshire County Council website at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Telephone support from the Education Team is also available on 01522 782030.

If you would like to come for a visit or know anybody who does then please make an appointment at the school office.

Diary Dates

Monday 3 rd December	Flu Immunisations Rec-Y5
Monday 10 th December	Christmas show Dress Rehearsal 2:00pm
Tuesday 11 th December	Christmas show - 6pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Hairspray @ SWRA Y5/Y6
Friday 14 th December	Christmas show - 6 pm
Monday 17 th December	Christmas Craft Day
Tuesday 18 th December	Trip to the Pantomime
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 21 st December	Christmas parties
Monday 7 th January	Christingle Service 2pm
	End of Term 2
	Term 3 Begins

CIT Health check

As members of CIT our purpose is "To put learners first every time", this requires us to maintain the highest standards of education and care for all of our pupils. CIT ensures that each school within the trust has a Health Check on an annual basis. The Health Check forms the basis on which the school's trajectory is measured and is used to assess a full range of school activities.

We recently had our 'Health Check' which involved a team of CIT and independent Headteachers visiting our school to validate our progress so far. Here is a summary of the strengths and areas to develop identified during the review.

Strengths:

- Pupil's dispositions and attitudes towards learning are strong and staff are committed to continuous school improvement.
- Leadership is good at all levels.
- Pupil's books show that good progress is being made across the school and pupils are responding to marking consistently.
- The school has a vibrant learning environment, which enhances and celebrates pupils learning.

Areas to develop:

- Provide Middle Leaders with relevant opportunities and training to further develop their role.
- Develop the flow and structure of lessons within specific year groups to ensure pupils always have a clear purpose for learning.
- Expand the achievement of greater depth in Reading, Writing and Maths combined.
- Encourage children to share their love of learning with visitors.

A full written report is available on the school website.



Easyfundraising

We've registered with easyfundraising and we need your help! easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Caythorpe Primary School raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/caythorpeprimaryschool/>

