

Friday 21st October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

WOW! What an amazing half term we have shared at Caythorpe Primary School. The children have settled in extremely well and are a pleasure to work with. All members of staff have given 100% of both their time and effort to ensure children are provided with an excellent education.

We had our 'Health Check' last week which involved a member of CIT and an independent Headteacher visiting our school to validate our progress so far. Here is a summary of strengths and areas to develop identified during the review.

Strengths:

- The leadership team are moving the school forward with clear purpose.
- Staff and pupils are clear about safeguarding procedures.
- Children talk very positively about school.
- The presentation of the learning environment is good across the school.
- Behaviour around school is good.

Areas to develop:

- The leadership team need to develop clear milestones to achieve set targets.
- Develop a clear 'Caythorpe School' expectation for certain areas that all staff understand, such as teaching standards, marking, use of Teaching Assistants and general attitudes towards learning.

A full written report will be available after half term.

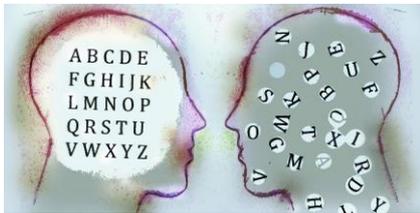
It was fantastic to see so many parents/carers at Parents Evening this week. I continue to have an open door policy and communication is key to success, so please come and see me or any other member of staff if you have any questions or concerns about your child's welfare or education.

I hope you all enjoy the half term break.

Katie Brockington

Dyslexia Awareness Training

Staff participated in Dyslexia Awareness Training this week which gave them the opportunity to familiarise themselves with what dyslexia is (and what it isn't), typical signs of dyslexia, how to go about having a child tested for dyslexia, and how to effectively support their learning in the classroom.



Whole School Project

We have decided to engage in a whole school project about 'owls', during the first week back after the holiday.

Children will have the opportunity to share owl stories and poems, research facts about owls and create their own owls.

If you have any owl resources at home, please could you send them in with your child during the first week back.

If you feel creative during the half term break, you could draw or collage an owl or find out and record some facts about owls in an interesting way.



Staff News

Miss Clement is expecting a baby in April 2017. We hope everything goes well and look forward to meeting Baby Clement!

Miss Beanland has secured a new job. She is going to join Mr Cook at Winthorpe Primary School in January. We will be sad to see her leave but wish her the best of luck.

We have a plan in mind for both classes and will inform you as soon as we have finalised it.

Homework Feedback

Overall, the feedback for the new homework style was really positive. Here is a summary of the comments made:

- Like the choice.
- Children can extend tasks as much or as little as they want to.
- Gives children independence.
- Reading and spellings is enough.
- Would like a set day to hand in homework.
- Would like work to be marked.
- Would be happy to receive additional homework that supports children's individual needs.
- Prefer old system.

We will be continuing with this style of homework but we do appreciate that one size doesn't fit all, so please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to receive any additional or extra homework.

As a result of the homework feedback, we have decided that any homework should be handed in on a Friday so that it can be shared with the class and marked.

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Singing

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed watching the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children singing in assembly this week. They learned all the words to a really catchy tune, 'It's Good To Be Me' and accompanied the song with various percussion instruments. Well done!



Cub Scouts

Two former pupils, Georgia and Misha, are starting as young leaders with the Cub Scouts next week. They'd like to invite boys and girls aged 8 to 10½ to join them on Thursday 3rd November at 6:30 at Carlton Scroop Village Hall for a problem-solving challenge.

For more information please contact Peter Bonner on 01476 400681 or

1stcaythorpeanddukescovert@granthamscouts.org.uk

FSA Halloween Disco

The FSA will be holding a Halloween Disco in the school hall on Friday 4th November. The cost is £1.50 which includes a drink and a biscuit. Fancy Dress is optional.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 -
3.45pm - 4.45 pm

Years 3 - 6 - 5.00pm - 6.00 pm

The younger children can bring a change of clothes in a named bag, along with their payment, so parents can then collect them at 4.45 pm.



All Sports Club

After half term, All Sports Club will be on Thursday lunchtime rather than after school. There are spaces available if anyone in Y3 -Y6 would like to join.

FSA Members

Following our AGM, here is a list of the current FSA members and their roles. We are always looking for new members so if you are interested in joining, please pop and see Mrs Madge in the office or one of us.

Louise Whittaker - Chair

Amy Richardson - Vice Chair

Colette Linforth - Treasurer

Charlene Dixon - Vice Treasurer

Sue Pearce - Secretary

Cathie Stevens

Fleur Mussell

Jo Harby

Kathryn Blythe

Susie Watson

Sue Harrild

Emily Cozens

Gale Badger