



Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 7th June 2019

Star Assessments

CIT have invested in STAR Assessments, which will replace the PIRA and PUMA tests that we currently use to assess children in Reading and Maths. STAR Assessments are short tests for Reading and Maths that provide teachers with very specific learning data. Star tests are computer adaptive, which means they adjust to each answer your child provides so every test is individual and tailor made to suit your child and the tests provide clear next steps for both individual and groups of children. As well as being highly effective, they will reduce workload, as there is no marking or analysis required from the teacher as the tests are completed online and analysed automatically. Reading and Maths test results can then be used to support ongoing teacher assessments. Writing will continue to be purely teacher assessed.

As part of this new assessment system, we have access to something called **Accelerated Reader**, which is a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice while promoting reading for pleasure. Based on the results from Star Assessment results your child picks a book at their own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, your child takes a short online quiz to measure how much of the book they understood. A comprehensive set of reports reveals how much a pupil has been reading, at what level of complexity, and how well they have understood what they have read. Vocabulary growth and literacy skills are also measured, giving teachers an overall picture of pupil progress. It is a great system as it measures not only children's ability to read but their understanding too. Please see the Accelerated Reader Guide for parents for more information.

CIT recently won us a bid from Ernest Cook for £1500 to spend on books so we are in the process of ordering a range of new books for our children to enjoy reading. However children are still welcome to read books from home as most books are on our new reading system so children will still be able to quiz on them to check their understanding.

As always when new systems are introduced it takes time for staff, pupils and parents to fully understand how they work and get used to using them effectively. As always, we will do our best to ensure that the reading books your child brings home match their reading ability but please bear with us whilst we get the new system fully up and running.

Many thanks in advance for your continued support.



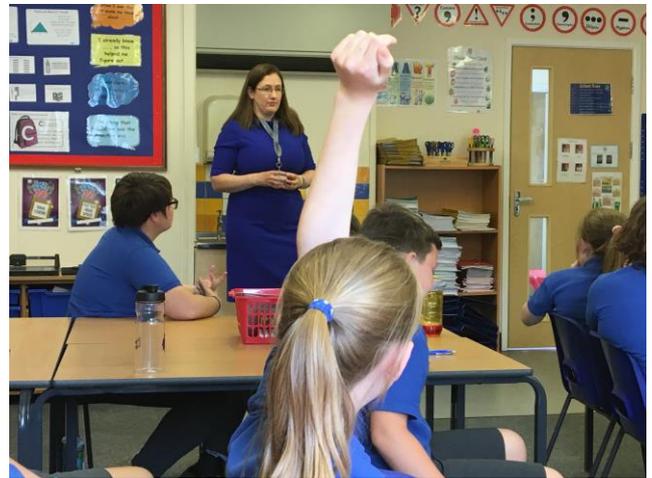
Dr Caroline Johnson MP Visits Caythorpe Primary

Year 6 welcomed a visit from Dr Caroline Johnson MP this week! On her arrival, Dr Johnson was greeted by two Year 6 pupils, Edie and Dylan, who gave her a tour of the school. Following this she joined a question and answer session with Year 6 who proclaimed their interest in politics, particularly the hot topic of Brexit.

Questions included:

- How do you feel about Brexit?
- Do you think we should leave with a no-deal or hold a second referendum?
- What do you think will happen if there's a no-deal Brexit?
- What is it like being an MP?
- Do you prefer being a doctor or an MP?
- Do you have friends in different parties?
- What is the greatest thing you have achieved since being the MP?

The visit followed a letter from Dr Johnson at the beginning of the year, congratulating the school on their record SATs results in 2018. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to find out what life is like as a politician and to ask a range of well thought out questions.



Lincolnshire Music Support Service

We will be booking our music teachers for September in the next couple of weeks. The Music Support Service can offer a wide range of tuition eg piano, clarinet, flute and saxophone for Y3-6 and guitar for Y2-6. If you would like more information about music lessons please talk to Mrs Madge. The cost has remained the same this year at £36.80 per hour and there are remission schemes available.



PE Top

In the last couple of parent questionnaires a number of parents have suggested that a school PE top would be a good idea as the white t-shirts currently worn get very dirty and the children do not always look as smart as they could. As a result of this we will be introducing a royal blue PE top with the school logo on from September 2019. Our current uniform suppliers are able to provide the PE tops and we are awaiting sample sizes but will send order forms out next week. The cost of the PE top will be £5 and will be made of football shirt material so should be comfortable to wear. We hope that you will support us in this venture.

FSA Fundraising Events

Family Fun Afternoon

The FSA are busy arranging a 'Family Fun Afternoon' on Saturday 22nd June from 1pm until 4pm to celebrate the end of another fantastic year at Caythorpe Primary School.



BBQ, Licensed Bar, Tuck Shop, Water or Wine Stall, Chocolate Tombola, Raffle, Games etc.

The FSA work extremely hard to organise a variety of fundraising events throughout the year. Every child in school benefits tremendously from their efforts as the money they raise helps towards school trips and new equipment. We look forward to a fun filled afternoon and hope to see you there.

Diary Dates

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| 19 - 25 June | Book Fair |
| Thursday 20 June | Hogwarts Class Assembly |
| Saturday 22 June | FSA Family Fun Afternoon |
| Monday 24 June | Sports Day |
| Thursday 27 June | Neverland Class Assembly |
| Thursday 4 July | R/Y1/Y2/Y3 Trip to Hunstanton |
| Thurs 4 - Fri 5 July | Y2/Y3 Residential to Hunstanton |
| Monday 8 July | School Games Day |
| Thursday 18 July | Whole School Trip - Belton |
| Friday 19 July | Whole School Picnic & Stalls End of Term 6 |

Water Safety Assemblies

At Caythorpe Primary School, we believe learning to be safe by water is an important part of a child's education. This week we had a visit from Claire who works for the Canal and River Trust. She spoke to the children in KS2 about the hazards of being near water, how to avoid them and what to do in an emergency. Claire also shared ways of helping someone who had fallen into the water. KS1 looked at different types of life jackets and how they could protect you if you fell into the water. They were encouraged to always stay away from the edge of water where possible.



Parking Outside School

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

Please could all parents who drive to school make the most of the new drop off and collection point at the back to help ease congestion on the High Street at the front of the school.

