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3 weeks already?

We have all been working hard this week on following routines and listening to instructions.

Our aim is to provide **all children with an engaging, exciting, and empowering curriculum** that equips them for today and tomorrow.

We use our Caister Primary Federation Values to promote positive attitudes to learning and motivate our children to succeed in all aspects of everyday life.

- Every child is **valued and respected** and is encouraged to **respect others**.
- Every child is given the opportunity to and **encouraged to achieve their potential**.
- There is a **broad balanced curriculum** where children are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning.
- There is a **stimulating, safe, happy, working and learning environment**.
- The school community **work together for the progression and development of the school**.

- We provide **extra-curricular opportunities** to develop a variety of interests.
- We aim to make a **positive contribution** to the wider community.
- We provide an atmosphere for our children to **feel valued and secure** ensuring their well-being, confidence and high self-esteem.
- We aim for **high standards of teaching and relationships** between parents, staff and governors.

Please could you label all clothing and equipment that your child brings into school.



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Free school meals and other support for pupils – here's what you need to know:

Caister Primary Federation is an inclusive Federation, and we work hard to support all children no matter their background. We know that some children are however more vulnerable than others or some may need greater support to help them be successful in school.

We have additional support for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. This includes providing free school meals, special support during school holidays and providing extra funding to schools to support pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds and improve education outcomes. Here's everything you need to know about the support we offer and how to access it.

Which children get free school meals and how do they access them?

We've significantly expanded access to free school meals in recent years. You can check your eligibility for free school meals below.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Not only does this entitle your child to free school meals, but you



will also receive up to **£240** per child, per year in supermarket vouchers to help with the rise in the cost of living. These vouchers will be paid up to and including March 2024, so it is important to check your eligibility as soon as possible.



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Children receiving or entitled to free school meals receive free daily milk.



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Christmas Cards

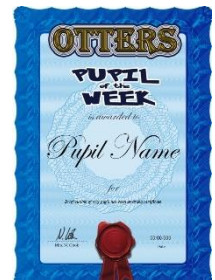
We know it's only September and some people may think it's too early to think about Christmas. However, we have decided to work with Cauliflower Cards again this year which will give your child the opportunity to design their own Christmas card.

As you appreciate, we need to give the company enough time to print the artwork and get them back to school. The form will come home on Friday 6th October and must be returned by **Friday 13th October**. Please return the form even if you do not wish to order.



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is awarded during our achievement assembly on a Friday.



Awards are given to Year 1 and Year 2 children by class teachers. The awards celebrate good work and behaviour, as well as examples of good citizenship and friendship to others or for any behaviour or activity that positively reflects the school values and shows a good example to other children in school. This week.....

Class	Child
Sealions	Esmail
Seashells	Amelia
Starfish	Lyra
Gulls	Asmin
Penguins	Avie
Puffins	Lucian

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Lego



If anyone has any spare or knows a grandparent or relative who has some they do not use, please would you consider donating it to us?

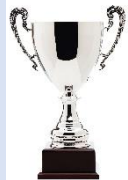
Pastoral Team

Mrs Wright and Mrs K Bradley will be supporting the social and emotional well-being of our children. They will be on the playground almost every morning so please come and say hello. They will be available to chat over a cuppa to any parent/carer who would like support or a friendly listening ear. If you would like to contact the team at any other time, you can telephone the school office on 01493 378300 or email them at:

lwright@caisterprimaryfederation.org
kbradley@caisterinfant.org.uk

Attendance

This week's School Attendance was **95.44 %**

Class	%	Congratulations to the Jellyfish class who are our Attendance Winners this week! 
Otters	93.55	
Seals	97.27	
Jellyfish	98.86	
Pufferfish	93.07	
Starfish	91.81	
Sealions	97.78	
Seashells	93.36	
Puffins	93.64	
Gulls	93.78	
Penguins	96.73	
Little Fishes	100	

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please call the school on 01493 378300. If your child has a medical appointment during school time, please let the school office know in advance.



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This week in the Lighthouse, we have been recognising acts of kindness between each other. Our Kindness tree is blooming with all of the lovely acts the children have demonstrated and witnessed this week.



School Photos

Pupil Portraits and Sibling/Family photos dates.

The timings listed below are subject to change.



Pupil Portrait Photos

Monday 25th September - Year 2

Tuesday 26th September - Year 1

Wednesday 27th September - Reception

Sibling/Family Photos

This year we will again invite parents/carers to bring their family members to the Junior School Activity Hall via the double doors leading to the playing field. This is an opportunity for you to have a group photo of all your family together. Upon entering the Activity Hall, you will be issued a numbered ticket to fill out with your details. Photos will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Monday 25th September - After School
@ 3.15 pm

Tuesday 26th September - After School
@3.15pm

Nursery Photos

Week Beginning 2nd October - Monday to Friday AM

If your child does not attend the Nursery for the morning sessions, please bring your child(ren) to the nursery entrance at 09:30 on your preferred day (in



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uniform) to have their photo taken.

Reception parent's phonics session on the morning of Wednesday 11th October at 9am in which you can observe how we teach reading and writing using Read Write Inc.

Those who attend will receive a FREE pack of Set 1 sounds card to keep at home!



Thank you for your continued support, I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams

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Key dates for your diary

Dates	Activity
Monday 25 th September	Year 2 Photos Sibling/family photos - After school @ 3.15pm
Tuesday 26 th September	Year 1 Photos Sibling/family photos - After school @ 3.15pm
Wednesday 27 th September	Reception Photos
Wednesday 27 th September	Norfolk Fire service assembly
Monday 2 nd October - Friday 6 th October	Nursery Photos
Thursday 5 th October	Height and Weight Check
Monday 9 th October	Dentist Screening
Wednesday 11 th October	Reception Read Write Inc Parent session @ 9am
Tuesday 17 th October	KS1 Read Write Inc Parent session @9am
Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Monday 6 th November	Nursery Stay and Play afternoon 1.45pm
Tuesday 14 th November 4.30-6.30pm	Parent consultation Evenings
Wednesday 15 th November 3.30-5.00pm	Parent consultation Evenings
Thursday 16 th November 3.30-5.00pm	Parent consultation Evenings
TBC	Bedtime stories
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Decoration Day
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 19 th December	Nursery Stay and Play afternoon 1.45pm
TBC	Christmas Carols
TBC	Christmas Lunch and Party Day

The information was correct at time of printing. These are provisional dates and may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. We will produce confirmation and reminders of upcoming events in the newsletter and on our website.

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Day	WEEK ONE W/C 04/09, 25/09, 16/10, 13/11 & 04/12	WEEK TWO W/C 11/09, 02/10, 30/10, 20/11 & 11/12	WEEK THREE W/C 18/09, 09/10, 06/11, 27/11 & 18/12	Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza With waffles and spaghetti hoops Rice Krispie Bar	Cheese & tomato pasta with Sweetcorn & pea mix and wholemeal bread Frozen Strawberry yogurt or ice cream tub	Cheese & bacon macaroni or macaroni cheese with broccoli & a French stick slice Raspberry crumble & ice cream	Cheese French stick, cucumber slices, rice krispie bar & a box of raisins	Cheese
Tuesday	Beef stew Or Cheese triangle with fresh vegetables & mashed potato Chocolate Oatcake	Chicken Chunks Or Quorn Nuggets with noodles, sweet & sour sauce and vegetable stir fry Raspberry Flapjack	Chicken curry with rice Or Veggie curry with rice sweetcorn & naan bread Krackolet	Crackers and a cheese triangle, carrot sticks, chocolate oatcake & apple slices	Tuna & Salad Cream
Wednesday	Meatballs or Quorn meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta, sweetcorn & garlic bread Meringue with cream & fruit	Chilli con carne Or Veggie chilli con carne With steamed rice & sweetcorn Chocolate crunch	Sausage roll or cheese flan with smiley faces, baked beans & cucumber slices Chocolate sponge pudding & chocolate custard	Sausage wrap, bread sticks, cherry tomatoes, shortbread & melon cubes	Cheese & Beans
Thursday	Breakfast sausage Or vegetarian sausage with omelette, hash brown & beans Iced Sponge Cake	Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage with a Yorkshire Pudding, mash, peas, carrots & gravy Jelly & ice cream	Bolognese Or Quorn Bolognese with pasta, garlic bread & sweetcorn Toffee Tart	Cheese and tomato pasta pots, nutri-grain cereal bag, an iced sponge cake & grapes	Ham & Coleslaw
Friday	Chicken nuggets Or quorn nuggets with chips & spaghetti hoops ice cream tub	Fish Fingers Or Veggie Fingers with chips & beans Shortbread Biscuit	Chicken nuggets Or Cheese wheel with chips, peas & salad Oaty Bar	Ham sandwich, cucumber sticks, chocolate crunch biscuit & a piece of fruit	Cheese & Beans