

Newsletter

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To all our families,

Thank you to everyone who could attend the 'Stay and Play' session in Nursery this week. As with all events involving parents, we will try to rotate the days in order for everyone to attend.

'Christmas Carols around the tree'

Tuesday 12th December-Year 2 - 2.30pm



Wednesday 13th December-Year 1-
2.30pm



Thursday 14th December- Reception-
2.30pm



Friday 15th December - Nursery 2.30pm
(Otters and Seals will perform together)

Parent consultation evenings

On Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th November we look forward to welcoming you into school for our first parent/carer consultation evenings of the school year at Caister Infant School.

Our SEND team will also be available should you wish to talk to them.

If you have not already made an appointment to see your child(ren)'s class teacher, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

We ask that no children come along to parents' evening appointments to allow for an adult discussion about how the children are doing in school.

Dogs

We understand walking your child(ren) to and from school is an ideal opportunity to walk dogs. However, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, families, staff and community is paramount. Also, some children feel intimidated or unsure of dogs, so please ensure that (except for service dogs) they are **not brought into school grounds**. Also, if you are walking your dog to or from school, please remain at a reasonable distance from the school gates. This will enable children and adults to enter and exit safely.

We would ask that you pass on this information to any adults who bring or collect your children.

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To enhance our role-play areas and to help the children understand real life, the nursery is asking for some donations!

Children love to use real life crockery. As you can imagine this gets broken really easily whilst they are learning how to play with it and use it with respect. This does mean we need lots of stock to replenish the broken parts.

If you have any crockery that you are willing to donate to the nursery, we would really appreciate it!

The other items that would be perfect to donate is anything metal. Any of the older style teapots and jugs would be amazing!

Thank you all for your continued support.



17th November - the children are invited to wear non-uniform, something yellow or something spotty for a donation to help raise money for Children in Need.



Poppy Appeal 2023

Caister Primary Federation is proud to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal 2023. Thank you so much for your donations this week and your continued support.










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We are working incredibly hard to achieve the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) which will be awarded for our commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. This will be led by our science leader, Mrs Bradley, The Primary School Quality Mark programme will enable us to work collaboratively with other schools across the federation to share good practice and will provide our teachers with high quality professional development. By achieving the PSQM, we will demonstrate our commitment and expertise in science leadership, teaching and learning. Please see our new science vision below



Science at Caister infant and Nursery School is good when there is:

S	C	I	E	N	C	E
Speaking and listening — asking questions, making suggestions	Curiosity — making observations and having enthusiasm for their learning.	Inside and outside learning — exploring the real world.	Exciting, fun, practical experiences — hands on, <u>life long</u> learning	New learning opportunities - Trying new things and making progress	Connections — Teamwork, links to prior learning and their own experiences	Exploring and investigating — making discoveries
						
We get to figure things out for ourselves.	We want to share our ideas and then find out if we are right.	We see the changes throughout the year.	We have lots of fun. Our learning is interesting and challenging.	We like finding out new things! We use scientific vocabulary.	We like to talk about our learning and share it with others.	We like being a scientist and doing scientific experiments.
Children ask questions. They want to know more! Critical thinking is developed.	Children are curious and talk about what they see. They are engaged in scientific enquiry.	Children care about our world and the see changes throughout the year.	Children have fun and are excited about their science learning.	Children use science resources and scientific vocabulary in their learning.	Children remember past learning and make connections to their own lives.	Children become scientists, making discoveries for themselves.

Caister Infant School and Nursery SCIENCE School Vision

We encourage our children to be inquisitive, ask questions, find their own answers through exploring the world around them. Scientific equipment and resources will help them to make their own discoveries and encourage a love of science enquiry. We want our children to have the confidence to work independently as well as with others to make connections in their learning and to their own lives. We encourage our children to have confidence when explaining their theories by using scientific vocabulary that is developed as the children progress. The children leave Caister Primary Federation as scientists!

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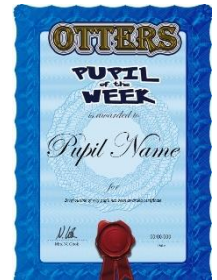
Rockstars of the week

Name	Class	Score
Logan	Gulls	4501
Evie	Penguins	3088
Ethan R	Gulls	2615

Well done, Rockstars!
Who will be top next week?

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	Finley
Seashells	Tyler
Starfish	Millie
Gulls	Logan
Penguins	Kora
Puffins	Oliver W

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Ask me about.....

Nursery

This week in Otters we have continued to follow our two strongest Schemas observed in the children. We have used a large cardboard box, some giant tweezers and some pompoms for our children interested in containing. This has allowed the children to develop several skills including muscle strengthening and motor control as they posted the pompoms through different sized holes.

For our keen envelopers we have been using crazy soap! The children have loved covering their hands in the soap but also a number of objects, including the wild animals. Outside we planted bulbs, another activity that children enjoyed covering something up. On Monday morning children made their first visit to Claremont House, where Harry and his friends were waiting for them at the door, excited to spend time with the children playing and sharing stories.

Reception

Literacy	Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot. Writing CVC words Reading 1:1 Name-Writing Ladders
Maths	3d shapes. We have been investigating which shapes can roll, slide and stack and using the vocabulary of 'curved, straight, face, flat, edges and corners.'
Understanding of the World	Guy Fawkes discussion - what have children learnt? Poppy Day - why do we use a poppy?
Emotional Development	I'm special, I'm me Kind hands
Focus	Firework dance performance. History knowledge. Name writing ladder progression.

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Year 1

Literacy	Supertato - Evil Pea wanted poster
Handwriting	Curly Caterpillar letters
Maths	Find gaps in addition number sentences. Find gaps in subtraction sentences. Solve addition and subtraction problems
PE	Outside-Ball skills Inside - Fundamentals
History	Gunpowder plot /Guy Fawkes Remembrance Day
Art	Poppy printing
Music	<i>How Does Music Tell Stories About the Past?</i> <i>Adding Rhythm and pitch.</i> In the Orchestra
PSHE	Celebrating difference

Year 2

English	Remembrance Day Non-Fiction <i>The Magic and Mystery of Trees</i> - Jen Green What is a tree? Label and describe trees. Could we get someone to donate trees? Why is a tree important? Write a letter to Caister Parish Council about planting more trees. Labels and letter writing
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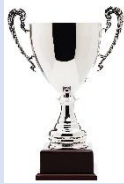
Maths	Number: Multiplication and division
Science	Living things and their habitats - living, dead, never been alive. Habitats - to know what a habitat is, identify different habitats. Ask and answer questions about habitats.
PE	Indoor - Fundamentals 2 Outdoor - Fitness 2
History	Guy Fawkes Remembrance Day
PSHE	Respect for similarity and difference. Anti-bullying and being unique.
Art	Painting skills using watercolours - animals of The Galapagos Islands. Look at Paul Klee and Wassily Kandinsky as famous Water colour artists. Poppy painting - bottle lids
DT	Make a musical instrument. Use joining techniques
RE	Why is light an important symbol? Hinduism (Diwali, the festival of light)
Music	Sparkle in the sun - part 1

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Attendance

This week's School Attendance was 87.78 %

Class	%	
Otters	76.6	Congratulations to the Seashells class who are our Attendance Winners this week! 
Seals	79.38	
Jellyfish	84.62	
Pufferfish	90.07	
Starfish	83.48	
Sealions	89.74	
Seashells	97.05	
Puffins	86.02	
Gulls	90.75	
Penguins	92.24	
Little Fishes	96	

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.



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
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
Friday 17 th November	Children in need Children can wear non-uniform, something yellow or something spotty for a donation.
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Decoration Day
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Carols Year 2 - 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Carols Year 1 - 2.30pm
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Carols Reception 2.30pm
Friday 15 th December	Nursery - 2.30pm (Otters and Seals)
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	<u>WEEK ONE</u> W/C 04/09, 25/09, 16/10, 13/11 & 04/12	<u>WEEK TWO</u> W/C 11/09, 02/10, 30/10, 20/11 & 11/12	<u>WEEK THREE</u> 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