

Newsletter

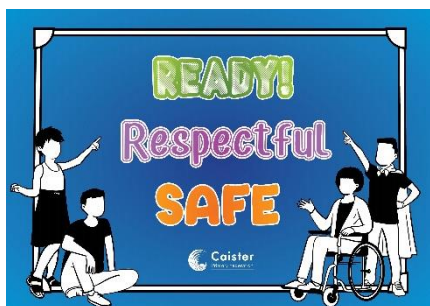
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Dear families,

It has been a brilliant first full week at school where the children are settling into new routines and working hard. The children all look so smart in their uniform; thank you for doing the dreaded 'summer uniform shop' so the children are ready with all they need for the new year.

The start and end of the day is beginning to settle, and the children are working hard to come into their classrooms independently. Thank you for being positive and encouraging the children as this really makes a difference.

It was wonderful to see so many of you in school Thursday afternoon; we hope you enjoyed visiting.



As a school we are focusing on:

- Good manners
- High quality presentation
- Walking on the left in school
- Independence

Newsletters

Most weeks (usually Friday) we email a whole school newsletter where you can find key dates, weekly updates, information about what your child has been learning and a celebration of children's achievements. You can also find these on our [website](#) which is updated regularly.

You will also receive a half-termly year group newsletter which will provide specific information about your child's year group.

Each term we will send a printed knowledge organiser booklet home which has information about each of the subjects such as key vocabulary, timelines, and key pieces of learning. We send this home to help keep you informed about the content of our curriculum but also so that the children can use them to talk about and recall their learning. If you could talk to your child about their learning and discuss the content in these booklets regularly, it will help them to remember it and use it in future learning. If you cannot find the information you need or you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be happy to help you.

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We will once again be offering pupil and sibling portrait photos. Please see below the planned sessions for our school which will take place in the school day. Please note, these are subject to change:

Monday 18th September – Year 5

Tuesday 19th September – Year 3

Wednesday 20th September – Year 4

Thursday 21st September – Year 6

If you would like your child to have a sibling photograph, please bring the children along to the junior school activity hall after school on Monday 25th or Tuesday 26th September. You can also bring siblings from other schools i.e. Caister Academy etc.

Staff will be there to guide you to the waiting area and help with any questions.

PE kits

PE kits should be **house team colour t-shirt, royal blue shorts, plimsolls or trainers or a plain tracksuit.**

Please talk to the school office if you should need any additional uniform/PE kit. We do have some good quality used items that are free.

Change of dates


Please accept our apologies but we have made a change to the first **Year 3 & 4** celebration assembly. Please see below the new date:

Friday 6th October 2023 at 8.55am

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.32%

Last week we congratulated just 3S but there were in fact 3 classes who achieved 100% for the week. Well done 4BW, 6W and 3S for last week

Class	%	Congratulations to 5B who are our Attendance Winners this week! 
3D	96.8	
3E	93.21	
3S	95.00	
4BW	94.93	
4B	97.69	
4H	94.00	
5JK	93.93	
5M	98.21	
5B	99.31	
6T	96.54	
6B	95.71	
6W	97.2	

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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Celebrations

Pupil of the Week is awarded during our celebration assembly on a Friday. Awards are given to one child in every class by their 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 show a good example to other children in school. This week...

Pupil of the Week	
3D	Leo
3E	James
3S	Logan
4BW	Ruby
4B	Sarya
4H	Oscar
5JK	Jaken
5M	Georgia
5B	Martha
6T	Isla
6B	Phoebe
6W	Regan
Acorns	Henry

We also award two 'Recognition Awards' weekly which are children chosen by Miss Watling and Miss Cambridge because they have done something exceptional.

This week they are awarded to Clara (Year 4) and Isla (Year 6).

Once a month (the last Thursday/Friday of every month) parents are invited to join us for celebration assemblies. In those assemblies we award 'Pupil of the Month' awards which are the awards where parents of those children receive a text to invite them along. However, all parents are warmly welcome to attend.

Our first celebration assemblies for this academic year are:

Thursday 28th September 8.55am Year 5 & 6

Friday 6th October 8.55am Year 3 & 4

Allergies

If your child is having a packed lunch, please ensure that this lunch does not contain any type of nuts or Kiwi.



Contact Details

Please keep the school updated with any new contact details, including phone, email, and address as well as any changes in medical conditions.

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Ask me about.....

Year 3

Maths	In Maths we have been practicing our 2- and 10-times tables. We began Place Value using our base 10 equipment to help us looking at numbers up to 100.
English	We have been looking at the book 'Leon and the place between', thinking about the setting of the circus. Using our sense's to write about what it looks like, smells like how it might feel, the sounds and what food at the circus tastes like.
Science	In Science we have started our Skeletal and muscular systems unit. We have been considering carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
History	We have started to look at 'Through the ages.' We have been thinking about what we know already and what we would like to find out about.
DT	Taught in Autumn 2
RE	In RE we are looking at Ganesh. We have started making a mask.
PE/Games	This week we have started our PE units. We rotated between Football, ball skills and fundamental skills - working together.
Geography	We have started to work on 'One Planet Our World.' We have been discussing what we

	think we might know already and what we look and learn.
Computing	This week we looked at e-safety and we learnt about things that would be considered as cyberbullying/not cyberbullying.
Music	In music we are learning about and listening to ballads.

Year 4

Maths	In Maths we have been practising our x2 tables and have begun Place Value looking at numbers up to 10,000
English	We have been looking at the book, 'Tar Beach', completing thought bubbles and writing a setting description using noun phrases. We have also been reading the book 'Defeated' discovering how black people fought for their freedom and equality.
Science	In Science we have started the Food and Digestive system unit of work. We looked at producers and consumers creating a glossary page.
RE	This week we have started looking at Hinduism and finding out all about Hindu Gods and Goddesses.

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PE/Games	We have started our Gymnastics learning in PE whilst learning Hockey and Tag Rugby skills in Games.
History	We have been looking at a timeline of invasions of England in the early Middle Ages. The children put picture cards in the correct order to create their own timeline.
DT	In DT, we have been looking at how to preserve food using different methods such as canning, salting and refrigerating.
PSHE	We have started 'Being me in my world' unit and explored what makes a good class team.
Computing	In computing we are studying ingenious images starting with exploring the features on a word document to adjust text.

Year 5

Maths	In Maths we have begun Place Value looking at numbers up to 1,000,000
English	We have been looking at the book "The Man who walked between the Towers" and writing letters of advice to Philippe Petit who performed that amazing feat!
Science	In science we have started our unit about properties of

	materials by completing a glossary page.
History	We have been looking at a timeline of ancient China, using their knowledge of BC and AD dates. The children are using the information on the timeline to answer the questions on a History of ancient China question sheet.
Geography	We have been looking at Ordnance Survey Maps and the symbols by studying the key.
Art	In Art we have been mixing colours with white, black, and grey to make Tints, tones and shades.
Computing	In computing, we are looking at Search Engines and what makes an efficient search.
PSHE	We have been thinking and talking about our goals and targets for the year ahead.
PE/Games	This week 5K will be assessed at Swimming, while the others will be dancing and learning football skills.
French	We have been learning about Varan de Komodo (Komodo Dragons) and working in groups to produce a fact file.

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Year 6

Maths	In maths we have begun our unit on place value. We have been looking at numbers up to 10,000,000.
English	We have been looking at the book 'The Arrival'. The children have investigated why somebody might need to leave a country.
Science	In science we have been looking at the different types of systems which help our body to run.
DT	In DT, we have learnt about different bridges around the world, and we created a bridge double page spread.
Computing	We looked at e-safety this week and learnt about cyberbullying.
History	This week, year 6 have learnt about the reasons why

	people volunteered to fight in WW1 (patriotism, propaganda, shame, peer pressure). The children created their own propaganda poster.
PE/Games	This week we have started our PE units. 6T and 6W will be doing tag rugby and fitness. 6B will be doing teamwork and basketball.
Geography	We have been learning about lines of latitude and lines of longitude.
RE	In RE the children looked at the story of Guru Hargobind.
PSHE	In Jigsaw, we have been working on our class charter and getting to know each other.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Watling

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