

Newsletter

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Dear families,

It has been a busy week of learning for the children; there has been some impressive work shared with me for the golden book!

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.

Christmas Cards

We know it is only September and some people may think it is 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 during next week (w/c 25th September) and must be returned by **Friday 13th October**. Please order online and return the form, even if you don't wish to order.



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Sibling/family photos

Don't forget, if you would like a



sibling/family photograph, please come along to the junior school activity hall on **Monday 25th or Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 3.15pm until 4pm.** We will have staff on hand to guide you to the waiting area and answer any questions.

Uniform

We are very proud of how our young people look, both when they are in school and when they are representing us in the community. Jewellery should be kept to one pair of stud earrings and a watch only. Please could all long hair (beyond shoulder length) be tied up. This helps the children to keep safe in school, particularly when playing outside. Please [click here to read our handbook](#) where you can find uniform expectations on page 15.

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.

[Free school meals - Norfolk County Council](#)

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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Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 93.47%

Class	%	Congratulations to 4H who are our Attendance Winners this week! 
3D	91.6	
3E	92.5	
3S	98.46	
4BW	98.33	
4B	91.54	
4H	99.2	
5JK	84.64	
5M	98.57	
5B	90.69	
6T	93.46	
6B	90.0	
6W	96.8	

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.

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	Grace
3E	Scarlett
3S	Ida
4BW	Zachary
4B	Jacob
4H	Chloe
5JK	Sienna
5M	Oceania
5B	Rowen
6T	Ella
6B	Daisy
6W	Mason
Acorns	Oliver

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 **Logan** (Year 3) and **Grayson** (Year 5).

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

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Ask me about.....

Year 3

Maths	This week we have continued looking at Place Value thinking more about partitioning numbers.
English	This week we have continued looking at our book 'Leon and the Place Between'. We have focused on 'Nouns' and 'Verbs'
Science	In Science this week we have been learning about Healthy Eating and what makes up a healthy plate.
History	This week in History we are working 'Through the Ages' this week's focus is the time things happened and creating timelines of the events.
Geography	In Geography this week we are continuing with 'One Planet Our World' We have taken a closer look at continents.
Art	This week in Art we have mixing water colour and created a colour wheel. We had to mix equal quantity of each colour.
RE	
PSHE	We have started our unit 'Being Me in My World.' We have started to think about positive things about myself.
French	In French we have started working on greetings.
PE/Games	This week we completed our 'Pantosaurus' lesson, We completed our 'Road Safety Lesson' and We completed

	our dance lesson through the years.
Geography	In Geography this week we are continuing with 'One Planet Our World' We have taken a closer look at continents.
Computing	
Music	In music we are learning about ballads and listening to ballads. We are creating a story board for Space Oddity.

Year 4

Maths	In Maths we have continued to learn about place value and have looked at number lines and greater than/less than.
English	In English this week we have been continuing to read Tar Beach and have been looking at inverted commas in dialogue. In Reading comprehension, we have learnt about how famous black people have been unafraid.
Science	In science we have continued our topic on Food and the Digestive system and looked at food chains and webs.
French	In French we have looked at the Louve in Paris and revisited masculine and feminine nouns.
PE/Games	In PE we have learned more about tag rugby, developed our hockey dribbling skills and tried gymnastics.

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History	In history we learned about the Anglo Saxon Invasions and completed timelines to show the significant events of the period.
Music	We have continued to explore how body percussion can be used for musical effect.
Computing	In computing we looked at changing and editing text and how to format an image.

Year 5

Maths	In Maths this week we have continued our work on Place Value; looking at Partitioning and Number Lines.
English	In English we have written a newspaper report based upon the book The Man who walked between two towers.
Geography	This week we have been learning how contour lines show shape in our landscapes.
Art	This week, we learnt how to draw landscapes with perspective by following a tutorial video.
Computing	In Computing we continued looking at search engines and started using Boolean search terms to fine tune our searches.
PSHE	This week we have been talking about our rights and our responsibilities in and outside of school.

RE	This week, we have been learning about the festivals of Ramadan and Eid, how Muslim families fast (Sawm) and sharing their meal at the end of the day (Iftar).
PE/Games	In PE 5B were swimming; 5M and 5JK started their Dance by Chance unit and revisited ball skills for Rugby.
Science	In Science we tested some materials to establish their properties such as hardness, transparency and whether they were waterproof.

Year 6

Maths	In maths the children have been completing assessments. This week we have been recapping addition, subtraction, factors, multiples and prime numbers.
English	This week in English the children have been completing some assessments in reading and grammar. On Thursday, we resumed our writing unit and wrote a descriptive paragraph about a busy city.
PE/Games	In PE, 6T and 6W looked at how to improve their stamina. This week, 6B learned how to dribble and create space in basketball.
Science	In science this week, we learnt about the components

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	of the circulatory system and created double page spreads.
Computing	In computing, we have been learning about what a computer network is. We learnt that there are ways to connect to a network wired and wirelessly.
PE/Games	In PE, 6T and 6W looked at how to improve their stamina. This week, 6B learned how to dribble and create space in basketball.
French	In French this week the children learnt some new vocabulary about sports.
Music	In music this week the children appraised a bit of classical music.

Geography	In geography this week we looked at time zones. We learnt that GMT is the start of all time zones. To the left, we took time away and anything to the right, we added time on.
DT	In DT we completed our 3D double page spreads about bridges. The children have learnt about the history of bridges, why we need them and about some famous bridge architects.

Coral class

Coral class are saying goodbye to Mickey this week, as he is moving to London. We are sad to see him go and wish him all the best at his new school. Mickey celebrated by doing some amazing writing and using some wonderful, descriptive language.

Mickey asked to go to the beach on his last day- we had a wonderful time!



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Nasal flu immunisation

We have sent out information regarding the nasal flu immunisation which is available to all school-aged children.

If you have not already done so, please click this link

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/norfolk> **by Monday 25th September** to complete the form if you would like your child to have this immunisation in school. Nasal flu immunisations will take place **on 27th September** during the school day.

Carpark

We have had several reports of parents/carers entering the carpark following staff through the barrier. Please can I remind everyone that unless specific permission has been given, you should not be using the carpark at any time of the day. We must try to minimise traffic on school grounds to keep everyone safe.

Please see the table on the next page (updated weekly in each newsletter) for key dates for the remainder of this half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Miss Watling

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Key dates for the diary		
Week commencing 25 th September	RSE lessons in school	During the week the children will complete their half-termly Relationships and Sex Education lesson (RSE). Please see separate letter (emailed 22.9.23) for more information about the content for each year group throughout the year. This half term the focus is 'My feelings'.
Monday 25 th September and Tuesday 26 th September	Sibling photographs (after school)	3.15pm – 4.00pm Junior school activity hall both days
Week commencing 25 th September	Christmas card design order forms come home during this week	Each year the children design a Christmas card which they can have printed professionally. The order forms will be sent home this week with their design and various options for you to order should you wish to. You do not have to order if you do not want to. However, you must order online if you wish to make an order and all forms (even if you are not ordering) must be returned to the class teacher by Friday 13th October at the latest, as we have to send them off.
27 th September	Nasal flu immunisations	Complete the form by Monday 25 th September to give consent if you would like your child to have the nasal flu immunisation https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/norfolk
Thursday 28 th	Celebration assemblies Year 5 & 6 8.55am	Once a month (usually the last Thursday – upper school/Friday – lower school) 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. There will be other celebrations such as golden book and pupil of the week too! All parents are warmly welcome to attend our end of month celebration assemblies – we hope you can join us!
Friday 29 th Sep	Year 4 trip to West Stow	Year 4 are visiting West Stow to support their history learning. The children will leave within school time but will arrive back at school at approximately 4pm. Children will need to wear uniform and bring a packed lunch unless this is ordered prior to the day from school.
Thursday 5 th October	Year 6 height and weight checks	Year 6 parents/carers will have received an email regarding the NHS height and weight checks which will take place today in school.

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Friday 6 th October	Celebration assembly Year 3 & 4 8.55am	Once a month (usually the last Thursday – upper school/Friday – lower school) 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. There will be other celebrations such as golden book and pupil of the week too! All parents are warmly welcome to attend our end of month celebration assemblies – we hope you can join us!
October 2023	Black History Month	As part of their PSHE lessons, the children learn about diversity and discuss the importance of equality throughout the year. October is Black History Month where we learn about and celebrate the contribution black people have made over the centuries in shaping the dynamic and diverse country we have today. The theme for this year is.....
Monday 16 th October	Sit and see	We invite parents and carers to collect their children at normal time and then come to the classroom to see the children's work and talk with them about their learning.
Thursday 19 th October	Year 5 & 6 celebration assembly 8.55am	Once a month (usually the last Thursday – upper school/Friday – lower school) 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. There will be other celebrations such as golden book and pupil of the week too! All parents are warmly welcome to attend our end of month celebration assemblies – we hope you can join us!
Friday 20 th October	Year 3 & 4 celebration assembly 8.55am	
Friday 20 th October	End of this half term	Children return to school Monday 30 th October 2022.

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