

Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome back to a rather wet and blustery start to the second half of our Autumn term!



Rain did not stop play on Wednesday when 24 children from across the school participated in the East Norfolk cross country championships at Bure Park, competing against 12 other schools. All children performed brilliantly and represented the school in a great sporting manner. The children did not let the weather stop them in any way and they gave it their all - absolutely brilliant CJS!

Four children from Caister Junior managed to finish in the top ten of their race and have qualified to represent East Norfolk at the county championships later in the school year! These children are: Travis, Louie, Grace and Aaliyah. We are very proud of them and all the children who took part and gave their best efforts.

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	Freddie
3E	Noah
3S	Melanie
4BW	Oliver
4B	Arabella
4H	Mila
5JK	Dexter
5M	Teddy
5B	Grace
6T	Luca
6B	Marli
6W	Joey

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...

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Nala (Year 3) and Lola (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 next celebration assemblies for this academic year are:


Thursday 30th November 8.55am

Year 5 & 6

Friday 1st December 8.55am Year 3 & 4

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 94.65%

Class	%	<p>Congratulations to 6W who are our Attendance Winners this week!</p> 
3D	94	
3E	96.9	
3S	91.6	
4BW	95.83	
4B	96.92	
4H	92.8	
5JK	93.93	
5M	95.71	
5B	93.79	
6T	95.52	
6B	92.14	
6W	98.08	

Club cancellations

Next week we are holding our first parent consultation evenings so all clubs are cancelled for next week (the week of 6th November 2023).

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023

Next week we will be selling poppies for a donation in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023.



There will also be limited availability of other items available such as wrist bands etc and these will be between 50p and £1. If your child would like to purchase anything they can bring in their money and ask their teacher to visit the office during the school day.

Thank you.

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Parent consultation evenings

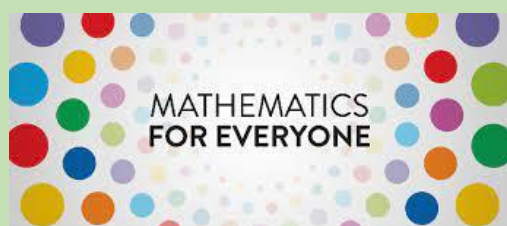
On Monday 6th and Wednesday 8th November we look forward to welcoming you into school for our first parent/carer consultation evenings of the school year at Caister Junior School. Our SEND team will also be available should you wish to talk to them. You will also be able to visit the classrooms to see your child's books either before or after seeing your child's class teacher.

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.

We hope that you can spend a few minutes sharing your thoughts with us as your opinion really does matter. There will be paper questionnaires each evening or the electronic version if you prefer - [Parent/Carer Questionnaire](#)

Thank you for your cooperation.



Maths is such an important subject and is so integral to the modern world in engineering, computing and science that it is vital more young people gain an interest in the subject.

Maths Week is one of the ways we celebrate maths and is a week where the children will complete additional maths activities including exploring large maths games in the activity hall. During the week we would like to invite parents and carers in to the classrooms and then to the activity hall to share in the large maths games with the children.

We hope you can join us from 2.30pm-3.00pm on the following dates:

Monday 13th November – Year 4 & Oceans

Tuesday 12th November – Year 6 and Hive

Wednesday 15th November – Year 3

Thursday 16th November – Year 5 & Acorns

Please find the link to the [National Numeracy website](#) which has lots of information for parents/carers about how to help your child with maths. It also has some interesting maths challenges and ideas to explore at home for Maths Week and beyond!

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Ask me about.....

Year 3

Maths	We have continued with addition and subtraction. We have been learning how to exchange a ten for ones and one hundred for tens.
English	We have begun writing descriptive sentence about the BFG. We have been focusing on using adjectives to make our sentences interesting.
Science	We have continued to look at a healthy, balanced diet and spent some time designing our own healthy meal.
PE/Games	We raised our heartbeat joining in with some dance routines as well as working as a team to play dodgeball.
History	We have continued our study of the Stone Age, looking in particular at the tools and weapons that would have been used.
Computing	We have been learning about online safety and whether we should trust all adverts we see online.
DT	In DT we have started to create our healthy food plates.
PSHE	We have been celebrating differences within our families.
French	We have been learning colours in French.

Year 4

Maths	We have continued with addition and subtraction. We have been learning to use columns, progressing to more than one exchange.
English	We have been finishing-off our work on Varmints by doing an independent write, trying to include expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. We have continued reading Zombierella. We have started our new spellings in groups.
Science	We have started our new unit about sound. We have learned what sound waves are and how they travel.
History	We have been investigating Sutton Hoo artefacts - naming them, thinking about what they are made from and who might have owned them.
PE/Games	We have started work in fundamentals - such as balance and coordination. We have also continued with dance and gymnastics.
Art	We have been completing our Christmas mug competition designs.

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Year 5

Maths	We have continued with our multiplication & division Unit; looking at prime, square and cube numbers.
English	We have continued looking at Robot Girl by Malorie Blackman, working on modal verbs, antonyms and using conjunctions for cause and effect. We have carried on with reading comprehension and our new spelling unit.
Science	We have been finding out about solubility by measuring a material's ability to dissolve in a solvent.
History	We have found out about how Bronze was made and used during the Shang Dynasty. We used PowerPoints to present our research.
Computing	We started our 3D modelling unit using the SketchUp app. We learned to draw cuboid shapes and altered them to make them look like houses.
PE/Games	We completed our dance and football units ready to start new units next time.
French	We have started a new unit all about space exploration and Le systeme solaire (the solar system).
DT	We started our architecture unit by looking at architecture through the ages and created a timeline to show how things have changed as time has passed.

Year 6

Maths	We have learnt about adding and subtracting fractions.
English	We have been writing our independent writes for 'Windrush Child'. The children wrote persuasive pitches to the council to convince them their monument was the best.
Science	We tried different methods to find our pulses. We investigated which methods were the most accurate.
Art	Our new unit in art is 'Trailblazers' and we have researched artists this week.
Computing	We began our unit on animated stories using Scratch. We will be adding to these projects weekly.
History	We looked at some of the key events of WW1 and ordered them. The children then independently researched the Christmas truce, Battle of Jutland and Battle of the Somme.



**Year 5
children
working hard
in maths!**

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Key dates for the diary		
Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November	Clubs cancelled	All clubs cancelled this week due to parent consultation evenings. After school and breakfast club wrap around care club to operate as normal.
Monday 6 th November	Dental hygiene screening In school today	NHS information sheet and permission slip was sent home on paper on Friday 13 th October and should have been completed and returned already. Thanks.
Monday 6 th November	Parent consultation evening	3.30pm-6.30pm – See information above on this newsletter and in an email before half term.
Wednesday 8 th November	Parent consultation evening	3.30pm-5.30pm – See information above on this newsletter and in an email before half term.
Thursday 9 th November	Nasal flu vaccinations	Those who have completed the consent form will visit the nurses today for their nasal flu vaccination.
Week Monday 13 th November - Thursday 16 th November	Maths Week parents/carers invite	Join your child on the designated day below to celebrate Maths Week and share some large maths games. 2.30pm-3.00pm: Monday 13 th November – Year 4 and Oceans Tuesday 14 th November – Year 6 and Hive Wednesday 15 th November – Year 3 Thursday 16 th November – Year 5 and Acorns
November 17 th	Children in Need Day	Children can wear non-uniform, something yellow or something spotty for a donation.
21st November	Year 6 Crucial Crew trip	More information to follow
WC 27 th November	RSE teaching week	The children will complete lesson 2 of the Relationships and Sex Education lessons during this week.
Thursday 30 th November	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!
Monday 1 st December	Year 3 & 4 celebration assembly 8.55am	
1 st December	Christmas Decoration Day	More information to follow
8 th December	Christmas fayre	More information to follow
11 th -14 th December	KS2 Christmas performances	More information to follow
19 th December	Christmas dinner	More information to follow

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Wednesday 20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term	Children finish today for Christmas holidays
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