

Newsletter

24 November 2023

Dear families,

As a federation we raised £513.97 for Children In Need so thank you for your support!

We are excited to announce we are having a school Christmas disco for the children...



DISCO
Merry Christmas
2023

Tuesday 12th December

Year 3 & 4 – 3.30pm-4.45pm (bring disco clothes to school to change into)

Year 5 & 6 – 5pm-6.15pm

£2.50

Please bring money in a named envelope addressed to Miss Cambridge who will tick you off on the list.

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	Kensi
3E	Ashley
3S	Jasmine
4BW	Hannah
4B	Isla R
4H	Austeja
5JK	Willow
5M	Elena
5B	Emelia
6T	Jacob
6B	Daisy
6W	Sydney
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... **Jenson** (Year 3) and **Hattie** (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

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We are delighted to announce the dates and times for our

Christmas performances!



Tuesday 12th December 9am – Year 3



Wednesday 13th December 9am – Year 4



Thursday 14th December 9am – Year 6



Friday 15th December 9am – Year 5



Please arrive at the office from 8.50am for a 9am start.



Elf-Ridges

We are delighted to announce the return of Elf-Ridges.

On **Monday 4th December** the children can come to school in **non-uniform in return for a gift** for our Elf-Ridges gift shop. The gift should be an adult suitable gift, unused, in date and not alcohol please.

On **Friday 8th December**, the children will be able to **bring £1** to buy a gift of their choosing for one adult in their family. Our elves will wrap the gift for them to bring home by the end of the week!

Rudolph Run

We will be taking part in a dash around the field during the school day on **Monday 18th**

December for a

donation in support of Nelson's Journey. Nelson's journey is a charity which supports children who have had a bereavement of a significant person and is a charity we use to support our children and families in these circumstances.



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Christmas Decoration Day

On **Monday 1st December** the children will be creating a Christmas decoration.

Please could you start collecting and send in the items below – as many as possible would really help:



- bottle tops (plastic or metal)
- small drinks bottles
- kitchen roll tubes
- twigs, egg cartons
- plain brown, thick boxes
- old scraps of material
- ribbon

The children can also bring in anything they might like to use for a Christmas decoration such as sequins, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, pom poms etc.

Cross-country

This week, four of our children who qualified recently at Bure Park took cross country event took part in the Norfolk School Games Cross-country finals at High Lodge, Thetford. The children worked hard, supported one another with encouragement and made us very proud – well done!



Coral class

This week, Coral class have been learning about place value within 1- quite tricky but all pupils managed well.

In English we have been practising using subordinating conjunctions.

We have also taken part in lots of practical activities- colour matching with natural resources, building bridges and baking cheese straws.



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Ask me about.....

Year 3

Maths	We have been learning about multiples of 2, 5, 10 and 3. We have also been learning the difference between sharing and grouping.
English	We have been planning and writing our diary entry for Sophie in the BFG.
Science	We have been learning about animal diets and how they change through the different seasons.
PE/Games	We worked in partners doing different tasks and when we worked on the activity for the second time, we were trying to better our score.
Geography	We have been looking in detail about the different layers of the Earth and creating a diagram with flaps to show the order the layers go in.
Computing	We have continued to practice our typing skills as well as learning how to change the font and alignment of a piece of text.
Art	In art we have been designing our bronze age inspired Bell beaker pots.
RE	We have created posters about national inter faith week and continued to look at Guru Nanak.
Music	We have started to create a soundscapes in response to 'A night on the bare mountain' composed by Modest Mussorgsky. We have been using turned and untuned percussion instruments.

Year 4

Maths	We are continuing to learn about multiplication and division and have looked at the 9x table, the 7x tables and the 11x table - as well as recapping key facts about the 3x and 6x table too!
English	We have been writing a sequel as part of our work on 'FARThER'. We have been reading more of 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and answering questions about it.
Science	We have looked in detail about how our ear works to hear sound.
Geography	We have looked at North and South America. We have learned about the different climates and some of the countries across the two continents.
PE/Games	We have continued with dance and gymnastics, and in fundamentals we explored running at different speeds and the techniques needed to change speed.
Computing	We have been learning how to add attachments to an email.
Art	We have been working hard on continuing our weaving, achieving some fantastic results!!
Music	We have recapped our Romans song and explored musical motifs.
French	We have continued to look at French clothes including identifying the colours in a sentence.

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Year 5

Maths	
English	Year 5 have started their new book called Beowulf. We have been writing letters to Hrothgar giving him some advice on how to protect his kingdom from Grendel.
History	We have looked at the Shang Dynasty power hierarchy. We identified the 6 different groups of people and the power they were seen to have.
Science	Year 5 looked at how materials can be separated by filtering. We carried out an investigation to see which group could clean dirty water the best by removing the dirt and soil from the water.
PE/Games	In Gymnastics this week, Year 5 have been learning how to move using a variety of different rolls. They learned how to do a straight roll, straddle roll and forward roll.
French	We have been learning metaphoric sentences in French solar system learning this week. Mars est une grande tomate rouge!
RE	This week we have been completing our Interfaith learning-understanding and celebrating our cultural and religious differences
DT	We continued our architecture unit by looking at what makes structures stable and well supported. We carried out several tests to test the stability, support and stiffness of a variety of structures.

Year 6

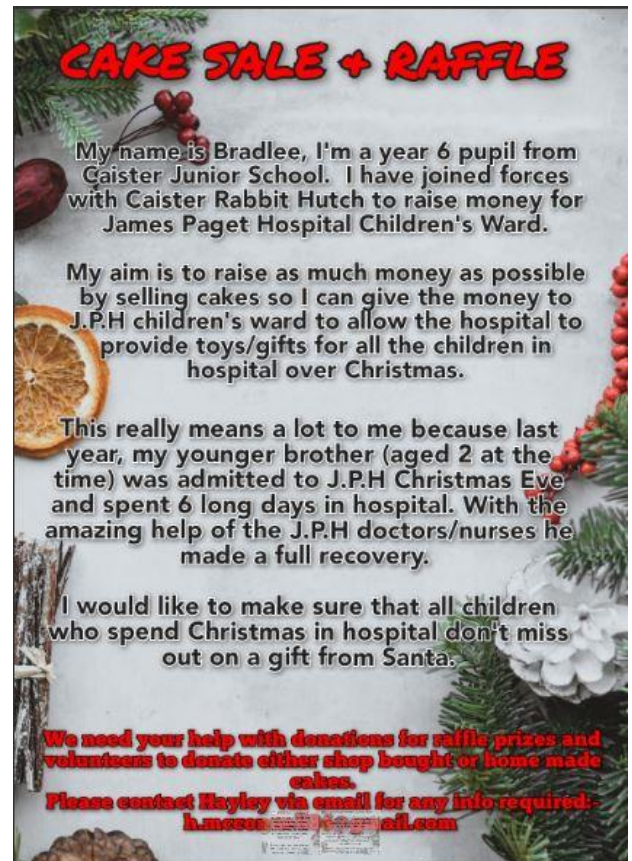
Maths	In maths, we have continued our learning with fractions by looking at calculating fractions of amounts.
English	We have been writing our persuasive speeches about saving the kakapos and vultures.
Science	We learnt about food groups and the dangers of too much salt, sugar and saturated fat. The children analysed food packaging.
History	We thought about the impact the first world war had on people in Britain. We learnt about the food shortages and the extremely long queues before rationing!
Computing	We learnt how to show and hide sprites on scratch. Our spooky stories are coming along well!
PE/Games	We have looked at the pressures of the games and how to create space.
PSHE	We have been looking at the Showman Community and what it feels like to be a part of our own communities.
RE	During R/E this week we have been designing a poster all about Interfaith week

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We are very pleased to hear that Bradlee is going to be raising funds to buy Christmas presents for those children in hospital over the Christmas period. If you would like to support him with donations, please contact via the email below or go along to the Rabbit Hutch on Wednesday 20th December to buy some cakes and raffle tickets!



The weather is turning much colder over the next few days, please could children bring coats every day so they can still enjoy the fresh air at break and lunch times.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Watling.

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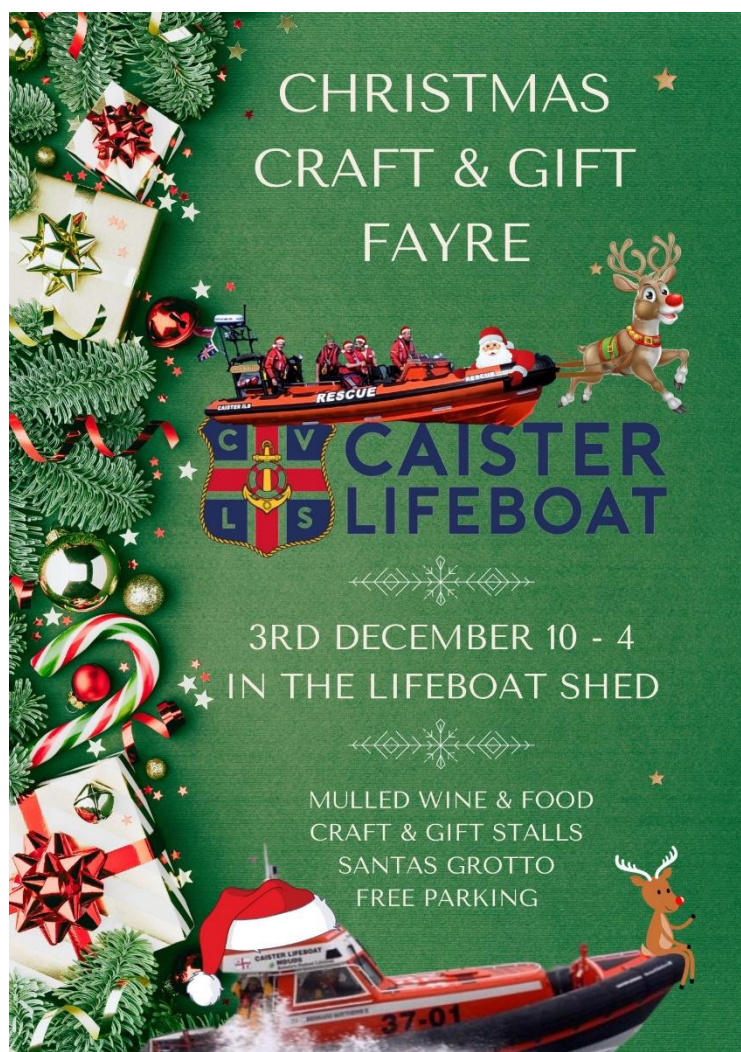
Key dates for the diary		
There may be additional dates added to the Christmas period in the coming weeks.		
WC 27 th November	RSE teaching week	The children will complete the next lesson of the Relationships and Sex Education lessons during this week.
Thursday 30 th November	Year 5 & 6 celebration assembly 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!
Friday 1 st December	Year 3 & 4 celebration assembly 8.55am	
1 st December	Christmas Decoration Day	The children will make a Christmas decoration in school. Please could you send in bottle tops, small drinks bottles, kitchen roll tubes, twigs, egg cartons, plain brown thick boxes.
Monday 4 th December	Elfridges	Children can come in non-uniform/Christmas dress/jumper for a donation of an unused & in date gift for our Christmas Elfridges store.
6 th December	SEND Cafe	Parent/carers will be sent an invite by Miss Moss and Mrs McGarry-Homer to attend a SEND Café session in the afternoon 2-3pm.
Friday 8 th	Buy a present from Elfridges	Children can bring in £1 to buy their Elfridges gift for a loved one during the school day which will be wrapped and brought home today.
11 th -14 th December	KS2 Christmas performances	Christmas performances will take place during the week of 11 th December. Parents/carers can come in via the office at 8.50am for a 9am start . Please could we ask that only two parent/carers per child attend to allow everyone to have someone there if they wish to. Tuesday 12th December - Year 3 Wednesday 13th December - Year 4 Thursday 14th December - Year 6 Friday 15th December - Year 5
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas disco	We are hosting a Christmas disco on Tuesday 12 th December at the following times: Year 3 & 4 – 3.30pm-4.45pm Year 5 & 6 – 5pm- 6.15pm The Year 3 and 4 children will be able to bring their disco clothes to school and will stay in school and get changed in school ready for their disco at 3.30pm. Please bring money in a named envelope addressed to Miss Cambridge.
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19 th December	Christmas dinner & Christmas party in classrooms	Christmas dinner letters have been sent out this week – please return the slip and money in a sealed envelope by 8 th December at the latest. Only Christmas dinner will be offered on this date – no school packed lunches. If your child does not want a school Christmas dinner, please send in a packed lunch.
Wednesday 20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term	Children finish today for Christmas holidays



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