

Newsletter

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To all our families,

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who have been picking up and dropping off at the front gate or from the infant school playground now that the side gate is closed. This week the children have done a fantastic job at coming in and leaving and we are so proud of how independent and mature they have been. It has meant that the school site has been much calmer, and it has supported the children getting in safely and promptly to start their day and also at the end of the day.



the prices of items so the new items will help us add to the selection of goodies on offer!

Celebrations



Many of you eagle-eyed readers will have noticed I thanked the wrong darts champion!

Peter Wright, two-time darts world champion, has generously donated signed merchandise for our rewards cabinet and we would like to thank him for his support to help us reward our children at CJS.



A big thank you also goes to Hayley (the Community Champion) from our local Asda store who has donated a selection of games and other items for our Dojo store. We know the children are looking forward to finding out

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	Mia
3E	Haydee
3S	Frankie
4BW	Tilly
4B	Amelia
4H	River
5JK	Emmie
5M	Sarah
5B	Ruby
6T	Tristen
6B	Amelia
6W	Amelia

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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 **Gracie** (Year 3) and **Lottie** (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.

Pupil of the Month	
3D	Paisley
3E	Kevin
3S	Emilia
4BW	Zachary
4B	Indie
4H	Chloe
5JK	Tristan
5M	Georgie
5B	Ava
6T	Carl
6B	Lacey
6W	Theo

Our next celebration assemblies are:

Thursday 29th February 8.55am
Year 5 & 6

Friday 1st March 8.55am Year 3 & 4

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 93.61%

Class	%	Congratulations to 4B who are our Attendance Winners this week!
3D	94.22	
3E	94.44	
3S	92.89	
4BW	93.78	
4B	96.15	
4H	93.33	
5JK	95.4	
5M	95.88	
5B	90.42	
6T	93.83	
6B	95.24	
6W	90.46	

Attendance expectations

What **YOU** must do: Try to telephone the school before 8.30 am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters. If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival. Or you can check on our website: Is my child too ill for school? – [Caister Primary Federation](#)

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour, or friend. If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

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What We will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.
 Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you. Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned. If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.



Non-uniform day – Friday 16th February

The children can come to school in non-uniform for a £1 donation.



If anyone has any keyboards or loom bands that are no longer in use, we could make use of these in school. Thank you.



Ask me about.....

Year 3

Maths	We have started Length and Perimeter. We have been using Meters, Centimetres and Millimetres.
English	We have finished Nen and the Lonely Fisherman writing an advert to the humans and started Escape from Pompeii.

Science	We have looked at properties and uses of rocks. We have considered if they are permeable or impermeable.
PE/Games	We have continued working on our handball skills this week we focused on defending. We also continued our dance.
RE	We have been continuing to learn about Lent and started looking at the temptation of Jesus, Ash Wednesday and why forgiveness is important to Christians.
Music	We have learnt to play a pentatonic scale (c,d,e,g,a) on the xylophone.
Art	This week in Art we have begun to start our drawings. Thinking about our pencil control.

Year 4

Maths	We have started our new unit on finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes.
English	We have started our new book, Cinnamon about an Indian princess who is blind.
Science	We have been looking at melting, freezing and evaporation. We enjoyed seeing how chocolate buttons melted!
History	We looked at the first Viking Landings and found out what happened to the poor Reeve of Dorchester!
PSHE	We have been looking at broken dreams and relating them to our goals and ambitions for life.

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PE/Games	We have continued working on our netball skills, dance and fitness.
Computing	We have looked at making repeated patterns in different colours using Probotix.
RE	We have been looking at the 5Ks and what Sikhs believe.
DT	We have looked at the technique of block printing and prepared our designs to try block printing soon!

Year 5

Maths	We have been continuing to learn efficient division strategies and using these to solve worded problem-solving questions.
English	We started our new book Percy Jackson this week. We have been learning about Percy Jackson and using our inference skills to find out more about his character.
RE	We have begun our new Unit called 'Holi'. We have investigated this vibrant festival of colour.
Science	We have been investigating air resistance and how this is a type of friction that slows down objects moving throughout the air.
History	We have been learning about city states during the Classical Period of Ancient Greece. We specifically researched Athens during that period and created an information double page spread.
Computing	We learned how passwords are important for online safety. We learned how to create secure passwords.

PE/Games	We continued learning a variety of balances and flexible poses in Yoga this week in PE as well as practising various dodging techniques for Dodgeball.
French	We have begun our new unit 'Shopping in France' and practiced sentences about what we bought at the market.
ART	Year 5 started their new art unit this week. We looked at continuous line drawings. We created drawings without taking out pencil off the page.

Year 6

Maths	This week we have been doing our mock SATS.
English	We have been doing our mock SATS. We also watched one of the first films ever made 'A Trip to the Moon' and we wrote a film review based on it.
Computing	
PE/Games	This week, 6T and 6W have been using apparatus to complete routines in gymnastics.
French	We have been writing paragraphs about where we live and what is in our house.
History	We have been learning about how Britain prepared for World War Two. We applied some of the things which we learnt at the Time and Tide last week!
Science	In Science, we used multi-meters to investigate the voltage of batteries.
Art	In Art this week we learnt about Inuit Art. We used the laptops to create Pinterest style pages.

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Key dates for the diary		
There may be additional dates added which will be highlighted		
Week of 29 th January	RSE Teaching Week	The children will complete lesson 3 of the Relationships and Sex Education lessons during this week.
Friday 1 st February	NSPCC Number Day	The children take part in maths activities during the day.
Monday 5 th Feb Tuesday 6 th Feb Wed 7 th Feb Friday 8 th Feb	Sit and See 9am-9.20am Year 6 Year 4 Year 5 Year 3	We invite parents and carers to drop off their children at normal time and then come to the office where you will be collected to see the children's work and talk with them about their learning.
Tuesday 6 th February	Internet Safety Day Year 5	The children will be taking part in learning activities to learn about keeping themselves safe online. Science Experience with Sir Isaac Newton Inspiration Trust – more info to follow
Friday 9 th February	Year 6 transition with Caister Academy	Children will take part in master classes with teaching staff from Caister Academy.
Monday 12 th February	Dojo behaviour Q & A for parents/carers	8.55am/3.20pm/5.00pm Join us for one of our informal Q & A sessions to talk about how we are using Class Dojo to enhance our Relationships and Behaviour policy. Here we will share how you can access the app to work with us and see how your child is doing in school.
Friday 16 th February	Non-school uniform day for £1 Last day of spring 1 – children return to school Monday 26 th February	
Thursday 29 th February Friday 1 st March	Celebration assemblies 8.55am Year 5 & 6 Year 3 & 4	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!
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	More information to follow
Monday 11 th March	Science Week	More information to follow

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Thursday 14 th March	Science visit	Year 5 will visit Caister Academy to watch a Science show.
Monday 11 th March	Parent consultation evenings	3.30pm-6.30pm – more information to follow
Wednesday 13 th March		3.30pm-5.30pm – more information to follow
Week of 18 th March	RSE Teaching Week	The children will complete lesson 4 of the Relationships and Sex Education lessons during this week.
	Playground Proms performance	Whole school music event – more information and consent letter to follow and all children will need to wear PE kit on this day.
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Wednesday 27 th March	Year 5 & 6	All parents are warmly welcome to attend our end of month celebration assemblies – we hope you can join us!
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 3 & 4	
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