

Newsletter

16 February 2024

To all our families,

What a busy week in school we have had to end this half term! Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to our Dojo information events. A huge thank you for supporting us to raise school funds with a non-uniform day. We will be putting these funds straight back into buying stock for our Dojo shop for the children.

Please can we politely ask that if your children meet you at the infant school playground they wait respectfully.



Parent/carers consultation evenings booking

On Monday 11th March and Wednesday 13th March we look forward to welcoming you into school for our second parent/carers 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.

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.

Please [click here to request a preferred date](#) and time for parent consultation evenings.

We would really appreciate it if you could take the time to share your views with us by completing our [parent/carers survey](#). We really value your feedback.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dojo behaviour parent/carers Q & A sessions

Thank you to everyone that came along to our Q & A session about class Dojo. We hope you found it informative and were able to ask any questions you might have had. Today we have sent the parent and child invite letters home; please scan the QR code to download the app and sign up. The children's letter has a Dojo figure on and QR code for them to scan to have their account on their own device if you would like them to.

Please note, all positives and negatives for this half term are visible and are not being reset so that parents and carers can see how this half term has gone; it is an ideal time to discuss with your child their achievements and areas for development moving forward.



Newsletter

16 February 2024

Social media and device monitoring








We regularly teach the children about E-Safety, including the use of social media through our PSHE, Computing and assembly curriculum. However, as a school, the children's use of social media platforms is impossible for us to monitor and is the responsibility of parent/carers who provide the devices to their children.

It is vital that, as a parent/carer, you closely monitor what your child is accessing and take account of the pressures and challenges that can be placed on your children before you allow access to social media platforms. Many of these platforms have age restrictions of 13+ or more for very good reason.

If you are genuinely concerned, **take control:**

1. Do not allow your child to have access to apps that are age-restricted (they are restricted for good reason).
2. Block/remove contacts other than those you approve.
3. Set limited times for use of the phone and /or access to a device and only when you are present.
4. Do not allow your child to go to bed with their phone.
5. Report offensive content to the police.

If all else fails and you are still concerned, **remove the device.** Your child's well-being is much more important than a phone.

Are you old enough to use these social media platforms?		
	Facebook	13+
	WhatsApp	16+
	Instagram	13+
	Snapchat	13+
	TikTok	13+
	Twitter	13+
	Wink	13+



Please find out more information on our website about [E-Safety](#) to help you safeguard your child when they are using their device or playing games online.

Newsletter

16 February 2024

Pupil
of the
Week

Celebrations

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	William
3E	Dexter
3S	Fletcher Kevin W (9.2.24)
4BW	Lucy
4B	Charlie
4H	Joshua
5JK	Blake
5M	Esmae
5B	Logan
6T	Melokuhle
6B	Freya
6W	Eli

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 **Ava, Poppy** and **Pria** (Year 5) as they have been so kind! 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
93.54
%

Class	%	Congratulations to 4BW who are our Attendance Winners this week!
3D	93.64	
3E	95.1	
3S	95.00	
4BW	95.49	
4B	94.75	
4H	94.69	
5JK	92.28	
5M	95.37	
5B	93.05	
6T	93.46	
6B	91.55	
6W	93.54	

Beach School

After half term we are reintroducing our beach visits. Please can the children come to school wearing their beach school clothes which are tracksuits/waterproof coats/wellies or old shoes and an additional change of shoes for when they are in school. Please be aware, we will be going out in all weather therefore it is essential they have waterproof clothing.

Year 6 – Thursday 29th Feb

Year 5 – Tuesday 5th March

Year 3 – Thursday 14th March

Year 4 – Thursday 21st March

Newsletter

16 February 2024

Ask me about.....

Year 3

Maths	We have been completing reasoning and arithmetic assessments as well as practicing our arithmetic skills.
English	We have been completing grammar and reading assessments as well as continuing to look at our book, Escape from Pompeii.
Science	We have investigated different types of rocks. As a class we collected results to say whether each rock could be marked and whether it was permeable.
Geography	We have learned about lines of longitude and latitude and why they are used.
PE/Games	This week we concluded our dance and handball units. We were able to play a game of handball and create a routine in dance.
Computing	We consolidated our recent learning. We used what we have learnt about making shapes and changing their colour and size to create a picture.
RE	This week, we have learned about Lent and the reasons Christians give things up for this time.
Music	In music, we composed our own pentatonic melody.

Year 4

Maths	We have been continuing our unit on fractions and completing PIXL tests in arithmetic and reasoning.
English	We have been completing our independent writing about Cinnamon, and completing PIXL tests in reading and GAPS.
Geography	We are looking at the British Rail network and where the main rail lines go to and from.
Science	We completed an investigation in to temperature over time using ice and thermometers.
PE/Games	We have continued working on our netball skills, dance and fitness.
Computing	We have continued looking at making shapes using colours and repeating patterns in Probotix.
Art	We have continued printing designs using rollers and our own print designs, in the style of William Morris.

Year 5

Maths	As well as maths tests we finished off our Fractions unit
English	We had tests this week and have been finishing off our reading units as well as coming to the end of our Percy Jackson writing unit; writing a diary in role as Percy

Newsletter

16 February 2024

Geography	We researched motorways in the UK and talked about their part in Transport links across the country
PE	In PE this week we continued to develop our dodgeball skills and enjoyed an OAA, outdoor activity walking round the school grounds, observing plant and wildlife & litter picking.
Science	In science we have found out about levers, talking about fulcrums and balancing of objects.
COMPUTING	We continued our Scratch unit, adding sounds and commentary to our maze games
FRENCH	This week we have continued with French conversation 'at the market' and revisited French numbers.
ART	We used black paper and chalk to create a shade chart and sketch pictures

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, carers and the children for their work with making drop-off and pick-ups much smoother and for supporting the Dojo launch! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated staff of Caister Junior for their hard work this half term.

I wish you all a restful half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 26th February.

Gemma Watling

Year 6

Maths	We have been calculating ratio this week. We have learnt how to use a number line to help us solve proportion problems.
English	We started our new book, 'The Templeton Twins'. Mysteriously, a strange box arrived in our classroom but when we checked it, it was empty. We hope to find out what has happened to it soon!
Geography	We learnt about the polar day and night. We learnt that this occurs because of the Earth's tilt.
Science	We investigated voltage. We borrowed the iPads from Year 2 and tested what happens to a bulb's brightness when you add more batteries to a circuit.
Computing	We concluded our unit on spreadsheets by using excel to budget for a party.
PE/Games	Year 6 swapped their PE and Games units this week. 6B are now doing gymnastics and netball whilst 6T and 6W have moved onto dance and golf.
DT	In DT we cooked this week. Each class made a tomato pasta sauce which we loved eating!
Art	We used the sketching pencils to create thumbnail sketches of Inuit soapstone sculptures.

Newsletter

16 February 2024

Key dates for the diary		
There may be additional dates added which will be highlighted or changes to dates/info highlighted		
Friday 16 th February	Last day half term – children return to school Monday 26 th February	
Thursday 29 th February	Celebration assemblies 8.55am Year 5 & 6	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 March	Year 3 & 4	
Thursday 29 th Feb Tuesday 5 th March Thursday 14 th March Thursday 21 st March	Year 6 Year 5 Year 3 Year 4	Beach School visits After half term we are reintroducing our beach visits. Please can the children come to school wearing their beach school clothes which are tracksuits/waterproof coats/wellies or old shoes and an additional change of shoes for when they are in school. Please be aware, we will be going out in all-weather therefore it is essential they have waterproof clothing.
Thursday 7 th March Monday 4th Tuesday 5th Wednesday 6th Thursday 7th	World Book Day Year 6 Year 4 Year 5 Year 3	Children can wear favourite book character costume or warm pyjamas for the day on 7 th March – World Book Day. Parents/carers are invited to come along to our Book-tasting sessions where we will look at books from different periods. Join us at 8.50am on your child’s year group day. The sessions will finish at 9.45am. Please see letter sent 9 th Feb for more details about toilet roll tubes and a reading competition!
Monday 11 th March	Science Week	More information to follow
Thursday 14 th March	Science visit PC Martin visit 9.00am	Year 5 will visit Caister Academy to watch a Science show. PC Chris Martin will visit school to deliver two assemblies about safety online including the age appropriateness of social media platforms and implications of using them underage.
Monday 11 th March Wednesday 13 th March	Parent consultation evenings	3.30pm-6.30pm – more information to follow 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.

Newsletter

16 February 2024

	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.
Monday 25 th March	SEND Cafe	Parents and carers will be invited by our SEND team to join them for a SEND Café
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 4 Viking Day	Year 4 will be taking part in a Viking day to help them enhance their learning about this subject. They will be invited to join in special activities during the day and can come to school dressed as a Viking! If they do not come in Viking attire, they should come in normal school uniform. Please look out for the letter coming today via email (16.2.24)!
Tuesday 26 th March	Celebration assemblies 8.55am Year 5 & 6	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!
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 3 & 4	All parents are warmly welcome to attend our end of month celebration assemblies – we hope you can join us!
Wednesday 27 th March	Last day of spring 2 – children return to school Monday 15th April	

Newsletter

16 February 2024

Norwich Science Festival is coming to Gorleston for one day only! In partnership with East Norfolk Sixth Form College, the Festival is bringing a fantastic day of hands-on science, workshops, talks and free drop-in activities for families and young people on Wednesday 21 February.

A Mini Explorium will be open all day, with stands from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Gorleston Apiary, the RSPB and Time and Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life. Booking in advance is advised, but there are plenty of drop in activities to enjoy.

Free parking, hot food and snacks available to purchase on the day or bring your own packed lunch. 📍 East Norfolk Sixth Form College 📅

Wed 21 Feb 🕒 10am-4pm

<https://ow.ly/ix5J50QyiQw>



Digifest at Caister Library during February

During February Norfolk libraries are offering several opportunities for children to get involved in fun activities to get them thinking digitally. [Click this link to find out more](#) information about what is on, when it is on and how to book!

Newsletter

16 February 2024



**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)
DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024**
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from
From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

GREENE KING PUBS

Kids Eat Free all-day with the purchase of an adult's meal. Deal, Monday-Friday, between Mon 12th - Friday 23rd February 2024

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal (App needed)

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024
kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

Copyright of MONEY SAVING CENTRAL