

# Newsletter

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To all our families,



Next week is Children's Mental Health week. On **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** - We are asking children if they would like to come to school in clothes that represent something special about them on this day to help us mark children's mental health week.

Your child could come as a dancer, a footballer, an artist, brownie/cubs' uniform, your favourite colours, your favourite pop star.

We will be completing learning activities in school which focus on 'Express Yourself' and 'My Voice Matters'. You can find out hints and tips about how to talk to your child about mental health in the leaflets attached with this newsletter.



## Dojo behaviour parent/carers Q & A sessions

Please join us **8.55am, 3.20pm or 5.00pm** 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 hope to also be able to share how you can access the app at home to support your child and us in school and to see how your child is doing.

## 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	
<b>3D</b>	Lola
<b>3E</b>	Freddie
<b>3S</b>	Byron
<b>4BW</b>	Ava
<b>4B</b>	Riley
<b>4H</b>	Harry
<b>5JK</b>	Louie
<b>5M</b>	Teddy
<b>5B</b>	Eden-Beau
<b>6T</b>	Lotty
<b>6B</b>	Indi-Rai
<b>6W</b>	Cassidy

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 **Clara** (Year 4) and **Bella** (Year 5).

Our next celebration assemblies are:

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 8.55am**  
**Year 5 & 6**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 8.55am Year 3 & 4**

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## Non-uniform day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

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

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!

### 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.

### Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **93.57%**

Class	%	Congratulations to <b>4H</b> and <b>4BW</b> who are our Attendance Winners this week!
3D	94.00	
3E	94.64	
3S	93.6	
4BW	99.2	
4B	95.38	
4H	99.2	
5JK	92.41	
5M	94.81	
5B	91.03	
6T	93.33	
6B	92.14	
6W	97.4	



### 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](#)

### Drop off and pick up.

Thank you to everyone for working with us at drop off and pick up times. Please could we remind everyone that parents/carers should not come beyond the school gate at the junior school or beyond the corner at Penguins class if you are dropping off via the infant school. Please could you share this information with grandparents and other carers who may pick up or drop off. Thank you.

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## Supporting your children at home with learning...

We ask that children read at home daily and record this in their reading diary. In addition, the children have spellings which are recorded in a logbook – please could they practise these at home as well to help them improve. Please could the children bring their spelling logbook and reading diary in to school each day.

## Ask me about.....

### Year 3

Maths	We have continued to look at Millimetres, Centimetres and meters. We also had a fun morning on Friday and completed our NSPCC Maths morning.
English	We have continued with our book 'Escape from Pompeii.' We have been writing phases after considering the sights, the smells and the sounds in the city.
Science	We have continued to look at different types of rocks, their properties and common uses.
History	We have started to learn about the Bronze Age. We have looked at the chronology of the Bronze Age and what everyday life was like for the people in Britain at that time.
PE/Games	We have been expanding our dance techniques, sequencing things we have learnt to create a short routine. We have also continued to develop our Handball skills and knowledge of the game and rules.

Computing	We have continued to explore how to create shapes, change their colour and size and how to group them together to make them into one picture.
Art	We have begun to look at how artists use a real object to create a motif. We practised turning a photograph into a motif in our sketch books.

### Year 4

Maths	We have continued to look at the perimeter of shapes - including regular and irregular polygons.
English	We have continued to read the book - Cinnamon. We have written descriptive sentences and and letters in the role of a character.
Science	We have explored how water can become a solid or a gas and the reversible changes. We used different states of water to measure the temperatures.
History	We have looked at the Viking raids and the impact they had on the Anglo-Saxon population.
PE/Games	We have continued working on our netball skills, dance, and fitness.
Computing	We have been exploring probotics and how to create different coloured shapes to make a spirograph pattern.
French	We have been learning about the days of the week in French and making a leaflet.

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Music	We have been exploring different tempos in a piece of music and relating the piece of music with a river from source to the sea.
Art	We have planned our designs for block printing and have printed on to paper and materials using ink and rollers.

## Year 5

Maths	In Maths we are now on our second unit of fractions, multiplying them by integers. We also took part in the NSPCC Maths morning!
English	In English, we are reading Percy Jackson and doing some grammar spotting, and writing an Ode to the teacher Mrs Dodds.
PSHE	This week, we have been discussing 'Does money matter?' We have made comparisons between our own lives and possessions with those in developing countries.
PE/Games	In P.E. this week we continued to develop our dodgeball skills and enjoyed an OAA, outdoor activity working in teams and pairs to refine our listening and communication skills.
Art	We have been looking at the work of Pablo Picasso



**Year 4 Science  
chocolate  
melting**



**Year 5 NSPCC  
Number Day**

## Year 4 printing in art





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**Yoga in PE.**



## ***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. Please see the attached posters with this newsletter to find out when these are running. [Click this link to find out more](#) information about what is on, when it is on and how to book!

## **Year 6**

Maths	We have been continuing our learning of fractions, decimals and percentages. We have learnt that per means out of and cent means 100.
English	We have been researching and learning about the famous film director Georges Melies. We are going to write a biography of him next week.
Computing	In computing this week, we have been learning about how to calculate averages on a spreadsheet and how to conditional format.
PE/Games	This week in PE and Games, 6T and 6W worked on shooting in netball.
PSHE	This week we have been identifying problems that concern us around the world and how that could have an impact on us. We then shared our thoughts of our dreams for a better world and designed our own bunting.
Geography	This week we learnt about the polar climates and compared the Arctic with the Antarctic.
DT	We made our own wholemeal bread rolls. They were great! We worked in groups of 4 to mix the bread and then we left them to rise during maths.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Miss Watling

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Key dates for the diary		
There may be additional dates added which will be highlighted or changes to dates/info highlighted		
Monday Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Mental Health Week <b>Non uniform day</b> <b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b> - We are asking children if they would like to come to school in clothes that represent something special about them on this day. This is to help us mark children's mental health week. Your child could come as a dancer, a footballer, an artist, brownie/cubs uniform, your favourite colours, your favourite pop star....there is no donation required.  During the week the children will be focusing on activities which celebrate 'Expressing Yourself' and 'My Voice Matters' to empower young people to use their voices and share what matters to them and encourage those around them to hear their voices. Please see the leaflets attached with this newsletter to support conversation at home about mental health.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Sit and See <b>9am-9.20am</b> 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.  <b>Apologies – year 3 day was listed incorrectly but is now correct.</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 transition with Caister Academy	Children will take part in master classes with teaching staff from Caister Academy.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Dojo behaviour Q & A for parents/carers	<b>8.55am/3.20pm/5.00pm</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> February	Non-school uniform day for £1 <b>Last day of spring 1</b> – children return to school Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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

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Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	More information to follow
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	More information to follow
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Science visit	Year 5 will visit Caister Academy to watch a Science show.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent consultation evenings	3.30pm-6.30pm – more information to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March		3.30pm-5.30pm – more information to follow
Week of 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Last day of spring 2</b> – children return to school Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	