

# Newsletter

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To all our families,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. It seems impossible to be halfway through the school year already!



A big well done goes to our girls' football team who played Cliff Park this week. They played brilliantly and kept going even though it was a tough game!

**On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March all children** are invited to come to school wearing their football kit or PE kit in support of the #LetGirlsPlay campaign. Please see the separate letter sent today.

## Have you booked a parents' evening appointment yet?

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

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/carer survey](#). We really value your feedback. Thank you.



## Spare cones plea

If anyone works for a company who could donate any cones for use on our playground, we would really appreciate it. It will help us mark out areas for our scooters to be used. Thank you.



## Dojo app support session Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 3.20pm



We hope you have been able to use your child's Class Dojo letter and QR code to download the app to follow how your child is getting on each day. We have been adding to the Dojo store and the children are keen to keep working hard and earning points; with your support we really want to promote the positive behaviours so your child can get the very best out of school.

If you have any questions about Dojo or would like support in how to work the app, please come along to our informal Q & A session which will be on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 3.20pm** via the school office. Please remember, we are **not using the messaging part** of the app and messages will not be seen/replied to. Please contact the office to arrange to speak to a child's teacher.

Thank you for supporting our non-uniform day which raised **£213.31** to go towards supporting our Dojo shop!

The **Dojo shop** will be open **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30am promptly**. Please can children only come to the office if they have already chosen what they are spending their points on; it will close again ready for registration at 8.45am.

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## 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>	Darcie-Dawn
<b>3E</b>	Olivia P
<b>3S</b>	Elsie
<b>4BW</b>	Jack
<b>4B</b>	Isla
<b>4H</b>	Ronnie
<b>5JK</b>	Isaac
<b>5M</b>	James G
<b>5B</b>	Lexi
<b>6T</b>	Frankie
<b>6B</b>	Mallie
<b>6W</b>	Cerys
<b>Acorns</b>	Henry

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 **Leo B** (Year 5) and **Jasmine** (Year 3).

Our next celebration assemblies are:

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 8.55am**  
**Year 5 & 6**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 8.55am Year 3 & 4**

### School climate news

We have signed up to [Terracycle](#) and will be recycling certain items. We will have central collection points that the children can put the packaging in if they bring it in from home or have wrappers in their lunch. In school we are recycling the items below so please support us by sending them in with your child to be recycled:

- Biscuit/cracker/cake wrappers
- Babybel wrappers
- Batteries
- Pens



Please see the posters at the end of the newsletter for which items/package can be recycled with us. We will earn points for school which can be exchanged for funds to support our school!

**Let's make a difference together!**

### Parking near the school site and considerate road use

We have received several complaints from the school's neighbours regarding inconsiderate, and often illegal, parking by parents accessing the school in the mornings and afternoons, including parking in the 'turning only' circle, outside school and parking across private driveways.

To avoid a parking fine, please remember parking is restricted along Kinston Avenue.

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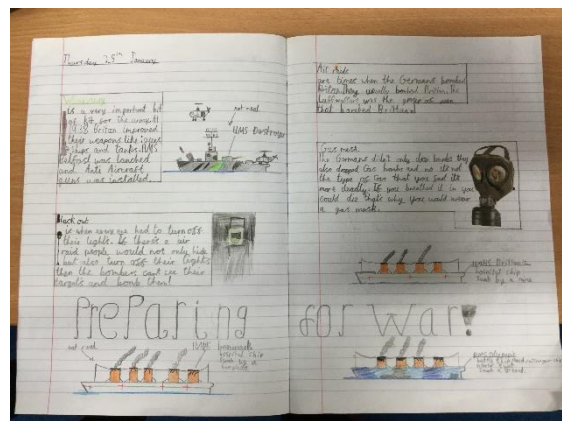
## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance  
94.84%

Class	%	Congratulations to 5M who are our Attendance Winners this week!
3D	94.74	
3E	95.3	
3S	95.45	
4BW	95.65	
4B	95.47	
4H	94.5	
5JK	94.24	
5M	96.04	
5B	91.94	
6T	94.77	
6B	92.61	
6W	94.63	



Dojo store is open Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
8.30am – 8.45am!



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## Ask me about.....

### Year 3

Maths	We started a new unit on Fractions we made our own fraction wall to help us with our learning.
English	We started a new book 'Cloud Tea Monkeys', we looked at prepositions and wrote descriptive sentences.
Science	We have started our new topic of Forces and Magnets, we looked at the forces pulling and pushing.
History	We started our new topic of Emperors and Empires and created a Roman Empire timeline.
PE/Games	We have started learning new topics of Yoga and Dodgeball.
Computing	Online safety - we talked about sending and receiving emails safely and how to recognise an unsafe email.
PSHE	We have been looking at Healthy me. We looked at the heart and lungs and setting fitness challenges.
French	We are learning classroom requests.
DT	This week, we started our 'Make it Move' topic looking at how different mechanisms make things move in different ways.

### Year 4

Maths	We continued working on fractions, learning about equivalent fractions, fraction walls and mixed number fractions.
English	We started a new book 'The Matchbox Diary'. We have made our own matchbox diary using 3D nets.
History	We looked at the Norman Invasion of Britain and the process of choosing a new King as the Viking era drew to a close.
Science	We started a new unit on grouping and classifying, and used a game of Guess Who to see how it all works!
PE/Games	We continued with fitness and yoga sessions, and practiced shooting in netball in preparation for a netball house tournament!
Computing	This week we started our new unit on Scratch looking at questions and answers.
RE	This week we have been looking at Christianity and the Easter Parade. We produced palm courses.
PSHE	We have been looking at Healthy me focussing on our friendship groups.



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## Year 5

Maths	We have started a new unit this week, 'Percentages and Decimals'.
English	We have been planning and preparing our Percy Jackson writing task.
Geography	We have been learning about settlement Hierarchy.
PSHE	We have been thinking about what job we might like to do in the future and the steps we need to take to achieve this.
Art	Continuing with our line, light and shadows unit, we are working on Black & White photography.
PE	This week we have been working on our fitness skills, dodgeball and learnt the Recovery Position.
COMPUTING	We have continued our Scratch maze game development, this week adding sounds.
FRENCH	We have been highlighting familiar words in a French text.
MUSIC	Using Glockenspiels, we learnt the first notes of an Indian national song and composed our own short melodies using just 4 notes.

## Year 6

Maths	We have started a new unit on area and perimeter. We have learnt how to calculate the area of triangles.
English	We have been concentrating on how authors show a character's voice. We have explored this using drama and writing in role.
History	We learnt about the Battle of Britain and why Winston Churchill said his famous quote: Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.
Science	We started our unit on 'Living things and their habitats'. We learnt about the Linnaean system of classification and researched our favourite animal's categories.
Computing	We started our unit on film making. We worked in groups to create our scripts and next week we shall begin filming!
PE/Games	We continued our learning about golf. We looked at how to hit the ball over a short distance.
DT	
Art	We looked at stencilling using some polar creatures.

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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		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-uniform football kits/PE kits	<b>All children</b> are invited to wear football kit or PE kits/sports wear to support #LetGirlsPlay campaign. See letter emailed with this newsletter (1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 5 Year 3 Year 4	<b>Beach School visits – year 6 completed</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Monday 4th</b> <b>Tuesday 5th</b> <b>Wednesday 6th</b> <b>Thursday 7th</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Feb for more details about toilet roll tubes and a reading competition!
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	More information to follow
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 the implications of using them under age and cyber bullying.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent consultation evenings	<b>3.30pm-6.30pm</b> – please click the link on the first page of this newsletter to request an appointment. <b>3.30pm-5.30pm</b> – please click the link on the first page of this newsletter to request an appointment.
Week of 18 <sup>th</sup> March	RSE Teaching Week  Playground Proms performance	The children will complete lesson 4 of the Relationships and Sex Education lessons during this week.  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 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND Cafe	Parents and carers will be invited by our SEND team to join them for a SEND Café
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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

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		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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <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 – children return to school Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	

**Recycling packaging we accept** – Babybel (no other brands of cheese packaging please), crackers/biscuit and cake wrappers, batteries and pens.

## ♻️ Recycle with TerraCycle



✓ Babybel® labels



✓ Babybel® net bags



✓ Babybel® metal clasp



✓ Individual Babybel® wrappers



✓ Babybel® wax



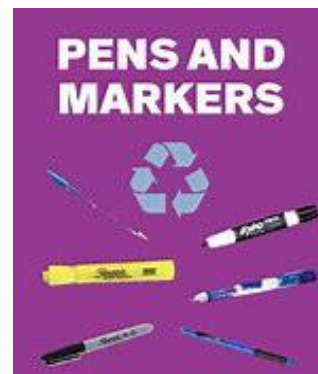
✓ Non-Savoury Biscuit Wrappers



✓ Cracker Wrappers



✓ Cake Wrappers



Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Miss Watling