



# Caythorpe Chronicle



Wednesday 20th December 2023

All the staff would like to wish our families and the Caythorpe Community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Children will return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

## Arnhem Tulip Planting

Members of the school council were invited by Debbie Nicholls, the Armed Forces and Communications Officer for South Kesteven District Council, to take part in the Arnhem Tulip Memorial project. We are delighted to have secured some of the first tulip bulbs to be planted in the UK as part of the developing worldwide Airborne Tulip Memorials project to grow maroon tulips at airborne forces related sites. The children, accompanied by Mrs Hunt, the Reverend Sara Davies and Ian Chick, Regimental Sergeant Major from the Army Training Barracks in Grantham, helped to plant 80 bulbs in the churchyard of St. Vincent's ready for them to bloom in 2024, the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem, where airborne troops displayed degrees of heroism still celebrated today, and, of course, commemorated within the church.



You can find out more about the project in the Facebook site for the Arnhem Tulip Memorials [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10008677428446](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10008677428446)



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Term 2 Ends

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Staff Training

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Term 3 Begins

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Parents' Phonics and Spelling workshop 9am-10.30am

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Parents' Reading Workshop

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Term 3 Ends

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Term 4 Begins

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Starlincs Planetarium Visit

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Term 4 ends

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Staff Training

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Term 5 Begins

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Term 5 Ends

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Term 6 Begins

Monday 1 – Wednesday 3 July – Y4,5,&6 Residential to the Hollowford Centre, Castleton – Details to follow after Christmas

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Term 6 Ends



Last week Hogwarts had the highest attendance again with 95%. Amazing. Overall attendance was 88%. National expectation is 96%.

Well done to the children with 100% attendance for the Autumn term. They are Zaira, Layla, Noah, Jack K, Kristan, Ezekiel, Mehrimah, Inara, Joshua, Jack H, Daisy, Finlay, George H, Albert, Jack M, Isabella, Mason, Jess B, Tom, Hallie, Poppy, Jessica M, Ibrahim, Olivia-Rose B, Elsie, Louie and Artorius. The £10 voucher for attendance was won by Jessica Mountain.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

Change to costs.

From January 2024, Breakfast Club price will rise to £4.00 a session, reduced to £3.50 for siblings.

After school provision will continue to be £5 for the first hour with a snack, £7 until 5pm and £10 for the full session until 5.50pm with a tea.

### **Reading Rewards**

Children who read ten times receive a honeycomb for the library wall and are entered into the end of term prize draw. This term's reading rewards went to George H, Jack M, Isabella, Charlie P, Mehrimah and Matilda. We hope they enjoy their book choices. Keep reading next term for your chance to be a winner at the next prize draw.



### **Trust Values Award**



Caythorpe Primary School is part of the Community Inclusion Trust. Recently the CIT Values Award was introduced as a way to recognise colleagues who demonstrate the Trust's values. The values include, honesty and integrity, aspiration, professionalism and inclusivity. 60 staff members were nominated across the whole trust. Caythorpe staff nominations also included Mrs Palmer, Miss Cook and Mrs Elmes who will all receive a certificate of recognition. Mr Roberts was the lucky nomination to be picked out of the hat and also received a £50 voucher which was presented by our CEO Mr Peter Bell.

Would you be a Roundhead or a cavalier?

Hogwarts applied all they had learnt in their History topic with a debate "Would you rather be a Roundhead or a Cavalier?" The children decided on which side they would be on, the Roundhead's (Parliamentarians) or the Cavalier's (the Royalists). They then were tasked to persuade Mr Murphy and Mrs Binney into joining their cause. They both chose the side of the Roundheads.



The picture shows Jack M and Mason arguing their points.

By Harriet and Jack M

### **Christmas Lunch**



Another delicious Christmas lunch provided by the Farm Kitchen. We continued the Christmas tradition of all the staff serving the meal and sharing our meal together in the hall with crackers and party hats and jokes.

