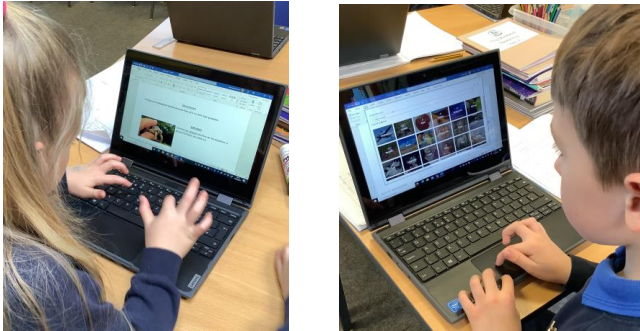


Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 22nd April 2022

New iPads and laptops.



We have recently had our computing equipment upgraded. This is a welcome addition to our computing resources. We have new touch screen laptops and new iPads. The iPads have larger screens so they are easier to access and read. The children are really pleased with the new hardware. Peter, one of our IT monitors in Year 6 said the iPads are much faster and have many more features than the older ones. Jessica B and Jessica M in Narnia were impressed with how fast the laptops loaded up so they could start their computing work.

We also have 20 "Crumble" starter kits on order for Hogwarts computing and design technology lessons. The Crumble is an **easy-to-use programmable controller** that is proving really popular with its simple to learn, software and quick and easy connections.

Online Uniform Ordering

Don't forget, you can now buy your uniform online at www.coolcatsclothing.co.uk

Just go to the school uniform section and select our school. We do have a few changes to the uniform as the supplier of our polo shirts has ceased trading. We have sourced a new supplier and the polo shirt is a slightly cheaper one at £6.50. These come a little smaller in size than the previous ones but we do have some samples in school to obtain a realistic sizing for your child.

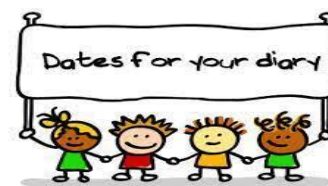
We do still have a very small stock of uniform in school for emergencies and for checking sizes, including the new polo shirt and some of the Papini polo shirts at the old price of £9.50.

Although there are examples of trousers and skirts on the website these can be purchased anywhere.

We also have second hand uniform available in school - just ask at the office.

Celebration Assembly

Watch out for dojo messages! Friday 29th April will see the first assembly where parents of children who have received a "Work to Be Proud of" or a Headteacher's award will be invited to join us at the Friday afternoon celebration assembly at 2.50pm



Monday 25th April - Netball against Kirkby-La-Thorpe at home

Tuesday 26th April - Enchanted Forest and Neverland Rand Farm visit

Tuesday 26th April - Hogwarts trip to the National Civil War Centre, Newark

Tuesday 26th April - Swimming starts for Year 3 and 4

Friday 29th April - FSA invite you to a coffee morning at 9am in the school hall.

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd May - Rearranged Netball at home against Our Lady

Monday 9th May - Y6 SATs week begins

Thursday 19th May - "Moving On" Y6 workshop

Monday 23rd May - Y5/6 PGL Residential meeting

Friday 27th May - Queen's Jubilee celebrations - dress up for the occasion and competition details to follow

End of Term 5

Monday 6th June - Term 6 begins

Y4 multiplication check and Y1 Phonics screening begins

Wednesday 15th June - Sports Day if dry - parents welcome in the morning.

Wednesday 29th June - Games Day

Monday 4th July - Y5/6 PGL Residential

Wednesday 6th July - Y5/6 return from PGL

Wednesday 13th July - KS2 afternoon performance

Thursday 14th July - KS2 evening performance 6pm

Tuesday 19th July - End of year awards ceremony

Thursday 21st July - Year 6 Leavers presentation and BBQ

Friday 22nd July - End of term picnic

Year 4 and 4 Swimming



For the summer term, Narnia will be attending swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoons at Sleaford Leisure Centre. Thank you to parents who have volunteered to accompany the class.

The cost for swimming for the half term is £15. This covers the cost of transport to and from the pool.

By the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6) pupils should be taught to swim unaided for a distance of at least 25 metres, using recognised strokes on their front and back, and demonstrate an understanding of water safety.

FSA News



Don't forget the FSA Coffee morning! The team raise valuable funds which we use to enrich our curriculum, making learning more memorable with visits and visitors for pupils to engage in.

Come for coffee, cake and chat in the hall on Friday **29th April at 9am**. We would love to welcome new members to the FSA as well as any ideas for future events.

Free Books!



Bookmark
change a child's story

We are delighted to inform you that Caythorpe Primary school has successfully signed up to Bookmark's new 'Your Story Corner' project.

What will our school be receiving?

- 200 new, high quality books suitable for children aged 4 - 9
- Annual subscription to Bookmark's children's magazine - ['The Story Corner'](#)
- 8 weeks of free access to the [ChatterStars](#) vocabulary development app for 300 children
- Posters, postcards, worksheets and a certificate to help encourage reading for pleasure
- The chance to win additional resources through the 'Your Story Corner' competition

We will be receiving our package next week. We have also signed up for the second phase of the project with the hope Bookmark can support us in championing reading for pleasure.

The Big Battery Hunt



Did you know..

- On average over 600 million batteries are thrown away each year in UK homes.
- Batteries can take over 100 years to decompose.

This means over 20,000 tonnes of batteries go to fill landfill sites in the UK. The Eco-Team have decided to do something about this. As part of our Eco-Schools project, we will be recycling used batteries.

So, go on a big battery hunt! Search out all your used batteries and bring them into school. We will collect them and take them to a local recycling centre. In counting up the number of batteries collected we can enter competitions and a free prize draw. For more information on the Big Battery Hunt visit [Home - Big Battery Hunt](#)



For the last week of term Reception had top attendance with 100%! Well done. Year 4 were not far behind at 98.3% The whole school attendance for the last week was low at 83.5%. Attendance for the year to date has risen to 91.08%.

We are aiming for our whole school attendance to be over 97%, and we hope you support us in reaching this target.

Ice Cream Fridays are Back!



Ice Creams subject to availability to choose from include strawberry splits, fobs, mini magnum style choc ices, rockets and mixed fruit lollies. All available at the outdoor classroom from 3.20pm on Fridays for 50p each.