



Caythorpe Chronicle

Friday 6th September 2024



I hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday and are ready for another busy and exciting year at Caythorpe School! It was lovely to see you all and welcome new families to the school. The children have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn looking extremely smart in their school uniforms. **Please ensure that all items of clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled so that they can be returned easily, should they get lost.**

A warm welcome extends to Mrs Harrison, our office administrator. Please be patient as myself and Mrs Harrison get used to the new My Child At School for payment and communications.

Miss Haynes joins the Caythorpe team as an additional teacher and will mostly work with Neverland class.

We have an open-door policy at Caythorpe School and believe that communication is key to success. Staff will be available at pick up and drop off times to welcome the children into school if you need to pass on any quick messages. We are always here to help and support you and your family.

We will aim to produce the newsletter every fortnight going forward as a way to communicate. We will not be printing a copy per family but will continue emailing as before and in addition sharing via class dojo and displayed on the staffroom window for reference. Paper copies can be requested from Mrs Harrison in the office.

We are looking for an additional parent governor to join our Local School Board. Application papers are available on Class Dojo and the school office.

I am really looking forward to sharing lots of exciting adventures with you all over the coming year.

Kind regards

Mrs Hunt



- Friday 27th September – Staff training day
 - Friday 18th October – End of Autumn Term 1
 - Monday 28th October – Autumn term 2 begins
 - Wednesday 27th November – No Pens Day
 - Thursday 5th December – Internet and social media safety workshops
 - Thursday 19th December – End of Autumn Term 2
 - Friday 20th December – Staff training
 - Monday 6th January – Spring term 1 begins
- For term dates for the year [please visit our website](#).

Staff Training September

Please note, there is a mid-term staff training day on Friday 27th September. The staff will be attending the Community Inclusion Trust Fiesta event with all staff from all schools across the trust. School will be closed on this day and there will be not breakfast club or after-school care provision on this day.

A huge thank you to Mr Sharp and the Caythorpe and Fulbeck Football Club for their kind donation of the new football goals. Many Caythorpe pupils demonstrate a passion for football and love to be on the school field playing football with their friends. The goals will also be used for competitive games against other schools in the Autumn and Spring term.

We currently have a vacancy on our Local School Board (School Governor). It's vital we have parents' point of view and a variety of specialisms on our school board to enable the school to develop further to provide the best possible opportunities and education for our pupils. Application papers are available on Class Dojo and the school office.



Please be reminded of the new expectations for attendance which was introduced on 19th August by the DfE. In response we have updated our [attendance policy](#) to reflect this which can be found on our website.

One major change is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence during a rolling period of 10 school weeks will mean a penalty notice (order to pay £160 reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days) may be applied – this includes any sessions a child arrives after registers close at 9.30pm. Pupils arriving after 9.10am but before 9.30am will be marked as late but on site (L code). Two penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at the higher rate of £160. Holidays in term time will not be authorised. Permission for term time absence will only be authorised if there is an **exceptional** circumstance. A request form **must** be submitted to the Headteacher via the school office for all leaves of absence requests with full details of the exceptional reasons why a child needs to be absent from school. The Headteacher will respond to all requests.



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Clubs will resume next week. Some clubs will be at lunchtimes including reading Times Table Rock Stars/Numbots and sporting activities Children do not need to sign up for these clubs.

Please complete and return the slip if you child wishes to take part in netball, choir or football clubs, which will run after school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays respectively.

Swimming Autumn Term



Swimming will resume on Wednesday 11th September. All children are expected to be able to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of 25m and use a range of strokes effectively by the end of Year 6. This term we are focusing on pupils within Key Stage 2 who have not yet achieved this standard due to missing opportunities in younger years due to school closure during National Lockdown for Covid.

Children who are expected to go swimming in the Autumn Term will receive a letter which also asks for volunteers to accompany the children.

Children not going swimming this term will remain in school to take part in a curriculum PE session with Mr Murphy.

Swimming will cost £1.80 per session or £25.50 for the term to cover costs for transport to and from the pool for the term.