

# Le Cateau Keeping In Touch



2023/2024 Edition #1 - 14th September 2023



## First Full Week

We have had a very positive first full week back across all areas of the school. The weather has clearly helped us, meaning the children have been out and about.

PLEASE use the allocated CAR PARKS near school rather than parking on the pavements! We have a number of families with pushchairs who need to use the pavement and have found it very challenging getting passed parked cars.



## Theatre Production



Tuesday 19th September  
Key Stage 2

An Invisible Man Theatre Production will be working with all of our KS2 pupils next week. They will perform the production "Wherever Home Is" which tells the story of a Service Child who has to deal with multiple moves. The production was actually developed alongside our school back in 2015!

## After School Activities

We will be communicating what we have on offer and the arrangements for various clubs next week. Mr White is leading on this.



# Phonics Parent Session

Miss Ewbank and the Year 1 staff would like to say a big THANK YOU to all of the parents who attended the Phonics Session on Tuesday. A great turn out which allowed us to share the importance of reading and how we deliver Phonics at Le Cateau.

If you missed out, please speak to Miss Ewbank and she can share the information.



## Term Dates for 2024/25

TERM	SCHOOL OPENS FOR PUPILS	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR PUPILS (at the end of the school day)
AUTUMN TERM	Wednesday 4th September 2024	Friday 25th October 2024
	Monday 4th November 2024	Friday 20th December 2024
SPRING TERM	Tuesday 7th January 2025	Friday 14th February 2025
	Monday 24th February 2025	Friday 4th April 2025
SUMMER TERM	Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Friday 23rd May 2023
	Monday 2nd June 2025	Friday 18th July 2025

## School Times

It is great to see the vast majority of people arriving in time for our new start of the school day. Please remember that lessons now start at 8:45am. Gates are open at 8:40am.

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**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE AT SCHOOL ON TIME!**



## Open Events - Reception Starters in 2024



Is your child due to start school (Reception) in September 2024?

We have a number of Open Events planned during the Autumn Term for parents to come and look at what we have to offer.

Appointments are available during the day on;  
Tuesdays - 26th September, 17th October, 28th November

Thursdays - 5th October, 26th October, 16th November

After School sessions (4pm - 6pm) available on;  
Thursday 12th October  
Tuesday 7th November



For all the latest info...



[www.lecateauprimary.co.uk](http://www.lecateauprimary.co.uk)

## Pupil Absence

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

This NHS Website has been developed in conjunction with the DFE and has all the advice you need if you are unsure.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



# From Foundation Stage 1



## Next week in FS1

We will be reading 'Monkey Do' by Allan Alhberg. We will be singing '5 Little monkeys swinging from a tree' and counting how many fingers we are holding up. We will be making snacks with bananas and spreading cheese on crackers.

## Shout outs to...

Well done to all the children for settling into Nursery. Everyone has been really fantastic.

## Things you need to know...

Forest Schools will be taking place every week Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon. Please check the weather and dress appropriately.

EPIC-Everyone painting in class.

Each week we will be painting together; we are trying to collect old adult t-shirts to use for aprons. If you have any, please give them to a member of staff.

# From Foundation Stage 2



## Next week in FS2

Next week we will be looking at the story "What the Ladybird heard", completing lots of different activities based on this text. We will be starting our maths work on matching, by size, colour and shape. In PE we will continue with our throwing and catching skills.

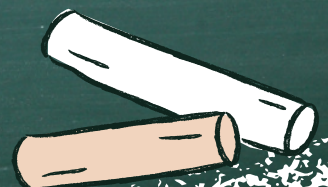
Well done to the following people this week...

Well done to all FS2 children for settling in well, and getting used to the rules and routine of school.



## Dates & Messages

As the weather is changing please bring in wellies and waterproofs so we can continue to play outside whatever the weather.



## Year 1 News...

### Looking ahead to next week...

Next week we will continue to take part in our daily phonics sessions. We will be starting our topic on traditional tales. We will be focusing on alternative versions and how they differ from the stories we know well.

In maths, we will be focusing on numbers to 10. We will be ordering numbers, comparing numbers and making number bonds.

We will be using our provision to access the different areas of the curriculum. We will be starting our first session of our new and exciting happy minds scheme.



### Things to know...

Outdoor PE is on Tuesday and Indoor PE is on a Thursday. Your child will be coming home with Autumn 1 common exception words to learn. Please look on seesaw for further information.

### Weekly special mentions to...

All of the Year 1 children for setting into their new classes and sharing their knowledge with us.

## Year 2 News...

### Messages and dates...

Harvest Festival - Friday 14th October  
Y2 will lead this assembly. More information will be sent out soon.

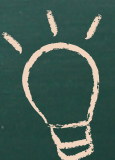
Happy Minds Day - Friday 15th September  
This special event is taking place this week in school, ask your child about what they learn.

### Next week in Year 2...

In English, we are reading stories linked to Adventures. In maths we will be learning about numbers and how we can partition numbers in tens and ones. We will be continuing gymnastics and games skills in PE and finding out about changes from the past in History.

### This week's stars....

All pupils are congratulated for settling into new routines in year 2. All pupils are respectful and ready to learn.



## What is going on in Year 3?



### Next week in Year 3

Next week in year three we will be continuing our maths no problem lessons and learning about mammoths in English. In science we are going to be looking at rocks in more detail and will be listening to rock music!

### Shout outs to...

3R - Isabella, Jacob L , Navyata, Freddie, Elroy, Leo

3H - Effie, Jack ,Scarlett, Rory , Wiliam, Caiden, Deon

### Things you need to know...

Remember to bring PE kit on Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

## Updates from Year 4



### What is happening next week?

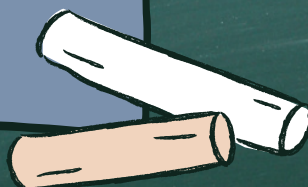
Next week we will be looking in-depth at the characters in Harry Potter and writing character descriptions based on our analysis of the text. In Geography we will be further exploring climate change and the adverse effects this is having on the Arctic. In History, we will be developing our knowledge on why the Anglo Saxons wanted to settle in Britian. We will be continuing our coaching in Rugby and sports hall athletics during PE. We are looking forward to exploring electronic appliances in Science. We are already working hard on our times table fluency, concentrating on the fives to consolidate our understanding. We will be sending weekly spellings home for the children to learn, children will be tested on these each Monday.

### Messages and dates...

We will soon be sending out a letter detailing our exciting, proposed residential trip to Hadrian's Wall.

### This week's stars....

All children in Year 4 for settling into their new classrooms and jumping straight into a fun, full daily routine.





## Year 5 Latest...

Dates and messages...

PE - please bring kit on a Wednesday. Come in PE kit on a Friday

Next week in Year 5...

We will be beginning our theme of The Vikings and getting further into our story of How To Train Your Dragon. We will be enjoying outdoor netball and archery in PE. We continue to work with much larger numbers in maths. We are beginning to learn some challenging new vocabulary across the curriculum.

Shout outs to...

5W Tobias and Skylar for their fantastic attitude  
5S - Emily for her reading and Matelita for her 100 percent effort  
5A - Gemma and Billy for their excellent ideas

## All about Year 6

Next week, we will be...

In maths we are looking at Place Value and number up to ten million! We have started our text 'The Explorer' and we are getting to know the four main characters. In science we are focusing on Electricity and in Geography we are locating countries in Europe and South America.

The staff are looking for Head pupils and ambassadors so remember to show them how amazing you are.

Things you need to know...

Happy Mind Launch Friday 15th September

Half Term break up on Friday 27th October.

This week, we have been impressed with...

Well done to everyone in Year 6 - the staff are very impressed - so keep it up!

