

Le Cateau Keeping In Touch



2023/2024 Edition #10 - 14th December 2023



Mr M's Weekly Message...

The days are flying by and the buzz of excitement is definitely in the air across the school.

We have been treated to some lovely nativity performances by FS2 this week as well as Christmas songs and a performance by FS1. It has been wonderful to see so many parents and family members in school - we really hope you have enjoyed the events!

With one week to go, we have a lot to cover but know the run up to the end of term will be a busy and exciting one.



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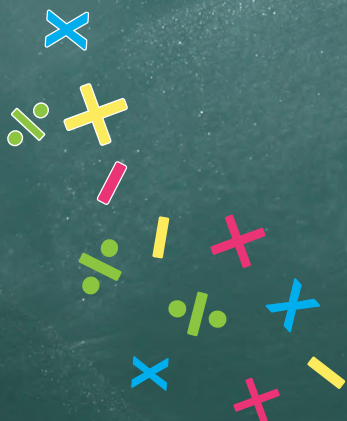
A reminder that school closes at 3:15pm on Friday 22nd December.

Pupils return on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

YEAR 4 PARENT SESSION

Thursday 18th January 2024 - 3:30pm - School Hall

A session for ALL Year 4 parents regarding the National Multiplication Check that the children will complete later in the school year.





What the children think...

I like happy breathing because it makes me calm and happy. - Archie, Year 5

I like love and kindness. I love to give my sister cuddles. - Freya FS2

I love writing in the journal and the happy minds assembly! It's the best. - Pupil in Year 5



I like breathing because when you are stressed it helps you calm down. - Noah, Year 4

Love for learning is my second best. I just love learning so much. When it's hard, you figure it out and you feel good. - Alice, Year 6.

I like it when we work together.
It makes it easier.
- Jale, Year 2

I like the quizzes. The harder they are, the smarter you get. Happy breathing makes us feel calm. - Archie, Year 1

I like love and kindness, and teamwork because in PE we were in partners and had to work together to discuss what we had to do. - Beth, Year 3

This week's attendance award
goes to...
Year 6 Heroes
with
98%



Health and Wellbeing Board
North Yorkshire



Have your say on North Yorkshire's Autism Strategy 2024-2027

Date	Time	Venue
18th December 2023	10:00–12:00	Civic Centre, Harrogate
9th January 2024	14:00–16:00	Mercury House, Richmond
13th January 2024	10:00–12:00	Online (Saturday)
1st February 2024	15:00– 17:00	Northallerton Mencap
12th February 2024	19:00–20:00	Online (Half Term)
15th March 2024	14:00– 16:00	Online

To book a place please contact:
hasservicedevelopment@northyorks.gov.uk or phone 01609 534299.



FS2 Twinkly Nativity

An amazing job by our FS2 pupils getting us all in the Christmas spirit with their fantastic Twinkly Nativity. Well done to all the children for working so hard



FS1 Sing around the Christmas Tree

Our FS1 children performed their Christmas songs to the parents this week, all of the children sung beautifully, well done to all





Change to Menu next week



Due to Christmas Lunch being served on Wednesday 20th December, rather than the children miss out on the mac & cheese or fish finger sandwiches which should have been served that day, these will now be served on Thursday 21st December instead (Thursday's options will not be available). The jacket potato option will be with tuna or beans.



Christmas Lunch Reminder

If you have not pre booked the Christmas Lunch your child **must bring a packed lunch from home**, The food has already been ordered and we cannot accommodate anyone who has not already booked. Christmas Jumpers may be worn with their uniform on Christmas Lunch day - **Wednesday 20th December**



Supporting Learning at Home



At Le Cateau, we take three directions to supporting your child at home. **Extension, pre-learning and consolidation.** The aim is for pupils to feel more confident and secure with what they are learning at school, by building on it at home. Children will be given a variety of activities to choose from, through the Seesaw Home Learning App and on paper. With the advice of the teachers, we would like pupils and families to think carefully about what they feel they need to work on and focus in on their individual areas of interest. **Reading with your child at home regularly is an essential part of this.**

Extension



Each half term, your child will be sent a grid of activities to choose from. These will link to the curriculum areas being studied and will give them a chance to broaden their knowledge and spend a little more time practising skills or finding out more. These may include creative activities, practical tasks and ways to extend their understanding of the world. You can photograph or record these and upload to Seesaw, or send things in to school.

Pre-learning



Pupils will be sent activities to complete that will help them to be prepared for new learning coming up. These may be paper based, through Seesaw Home Learning or on paper. It may be as simple as a suggestion to start looking around at what things are made from to link with a science lesson the following week. It may be a revision exercise for something in maths that they have not done for a while. It may be a website to look at or something to read. Completing these will improve your child's confidence in the following lessons.

Consolidation



These activities will be based on learning that has taken place. If your child is not yet fully confident with something we have been learning, this is an opportunity for them to practise a little more at home. There may be a video of a maths method or some information about what we have been writing or it may be linked to other curriculum subjects. **Spelling words and/or sounds will also be sent home weekly to learn.**

FOOTBALL CAMP @ RICHMOND SCHOOL

Football coaching days on the 3G facility at Richmond School, the sessions are delivered by our experienced football coaching team, in partnership with our football academy Richmondshire Pro Player. Each day the children will learn new skills, improve passing, dribbling, shooting, as well as playing lots of matches and tournaments.

Age groups
= year FS2 - Year 8

Venue
= Richmond School 3G football pitch

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP @ RICHMOND SCHOOL

Our Multi-sports camp include a range of activities and games, including dodgeball, cricket, tag rugby, hockey, tri-gold, football, basketball, tennis and more. These sessions are designed for the children to have fun, learn new skills and be active throughout the day.

Age groups
= year FS2 - Year 8

Venue
= Richmond School sports hall

MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP @ MICHAEL SYDDALL

Our Multi-activity camp includes a range of activities and games. We will play sports such as dodgeball, as well as other activities like arts and crafts, quizzes, playground games, lego, open play. There should be something for all children to enjoy.

Age groups
= year FS2 - Year 6

Venue
= Michael Syddall school (Catterick village)

key information for all camps

Dates

- Weds 3rd Jan
- Thurs 4th Jan
- Fri 5th Jan

Time

- 9am till 3:30pm
- *early drop off = from 8am*
- *late pick-up = till 4:30pm*

Prices

- 1 day = £20
- all days = £40
- Early drop = £5
- Late pick-up = £5
- Lunch provided = £7.50



FREE spaces

for children eligible for free school meals please book your allocated free place
HolidaysActivities voucher

Discount codes

- 15% sibling discount = SIBLINGDISCOUNT

Booking Link

www.mlsportsandfitness.pembee.app/christmascamps

RICHMONDSHIRE Arts Academy

NEW

WEEKLY ART PROJECT

Wednesday evenings
starting 21st Feb 2024



Richmondshire Cricket Club, Hurgil Road, Richmond, DL10 4AR

TIMES:

4:30-5:30pm: Ages 6-10
5:30pm-6:30pm Ages 11-16



WHAT TO EXPECT

Fun and inclusive art workshops for young people to learn new skills, meet new friends and most importantly have fun taking part in visual art activities. We can promise lots of chaos and mess 🙌

Art Games,
Variety of workshops,
Festival design activities & loads of fun!

Prices:

- £15 joining fee for all academy members. To be paid when booking a place.
- £6 per session there after (to cover material costs)
- Or £40 up front to cover the 7 week term.

TO BOOK:

Email and reference: Arts Academy
hi@opendoorart.co.uk

All sessions are delivered by qualified and DBS checked artists. Materials are provided. Please ensure members where appropriate painting attire when attending. Parents/Guardians welcome to stay in the cricket club whilst the sessions take place.



From Foundation Stage 1



Shout outs to...

A huge well done for all the children for their brilliant performances and showing everyone that no matter how young you are you can still put on a fabulous show!

Things you need to know...

Christmas party
Thursday 21st Dec in the afternoon. Morning children welcome to attend from 1-3.30pm

This week
This week we will be celebrating Christmas together and reading lots of fun Christmas books

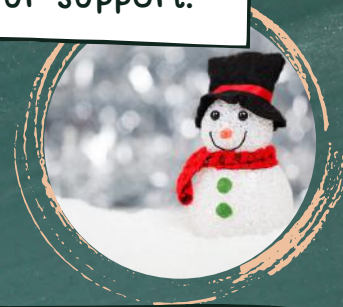
We have been creating lots of Christmas crafts and will be making reindeer pegs and Christmas baubles.

On Thursday afternoon we will be having a Christmas party; there will be lots of games and dancing.

Children who attend the setting in the morning can come back to nursery 1-3.30pm to attend the party.

We are asking parents to donate 50p to help towards party food and drinks. Please give your 50p to a member of staff by Tuesday 19th Dec. Thank you for your support.

From Foundation Stage 2



Next week in FS2

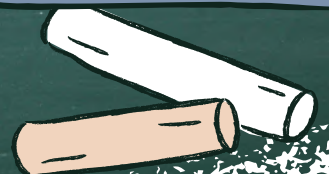
we will be doing lots of festive activities! We will be making Christmas cards and writing inside them. We will also be making gingerbread people and decorating them before we then enjoy eating them! We will be playing lots of games to help develop communication skills and turn taking.

Dates & Messages

Forest schools will start after the Christmas holidays every Monday morning for FS2 children. Please ensure your child brings appropriate clothing for the weather. They will need; a warm coat, waterproof trousers/overalls, wellies, a warm hat. Please ensure these are all clearly named so we can ensure it gets back to the right person if lost!!

Well done to the following people this week...

FS2... You have been AMAZING this week! You have all shown such confidence and maturity whilst performing in the Nativity. Superstars!



Year 1 News...

Looking ahead to next week...

In maths next week, we will continue to learn about measurement using practical methods.

In writing, we will complete our Autumn 2 common exception word spellings.

We will put together our 'no snow snowmen' in DT, incorporating all of the elements we have created so far, as well as other fun, festive activities across the week! Our Christmas party will be on Thursday afternoon - more details to follow.



Weekly special mentions to...

1E - Nuwak, Diya, Eva

1C - Jorgie, Archie

Things to know...

There will be no PE next week. Please remember to practice the common exception word spellings at home.

Year 2 News...

This week's stars....

Star Butterfly of the Week - Naomi for excellent work all week and fantastic attitude to learning.

Star Bluebird of the Week - Beaux - for always doing the right thing and for great work. Well done to you both - keep up the great work 😊

Next week in Year 2...

Next week we will be completing a lovely variety of Christmas arts and crafts. We will also be having our party and Christmas lunch!

Messages and dates...

Year 2 Christmas Party - Tuesday 19th December in the afternoon. Can you send your child with a change of party clothes (Also, £1 donation for some party food before this date would be appreciated, please.)

School Christmas Jumper Day and School dinner - Wednesday 20th December. There will only be the Christmas dinner as an option that day. Please send your child with a packed lunch if they will not have the dinner.



What is going on in Year 3?

Next week in Year 3 we will be finishing looking at division in maths and in English we will be doing festive writing including writing about our naughty elves! We will be learning a range of Christmas phrases and continue learning our numbers up to 12 in French. We will be completing our science experiment about friction and taking part in a range of Christmas activities throughout the week.

Shout outs to...
3R
Darcey, Arthur, Jacob W, Hannah
3H
Effie, Andi, Thomas,
Reminders to parents:

Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day is on Wednesday 20th. Our Year 3 Christmas Party will be on Thursday 21st December where you can wear party clothes but please bring PE kit for Thursday afternoon.

Boys please bring savoury, girls please bring sweets.

Updates from Year 4

What is happening next week?

The Harry Potter themed Day on Tuesday went down very well, with the children particularly enjoying designing their own board games and then plying them with their friends. It was very funny to see so many Harry Potter characters in one corridor....

Next week amongst other things, we will be finishing our science by looking at the water cycle (please do feel free to research this with your child in advance).

In maths we will be rounding up our topic on multiplication and division. The children have been working hard on two step word problems.

In Geography we will be continuing to look at climate change and explore natural disasters.

We will talk about the Christmas story and create our own Christmas cards. We will also be creating a narrative for our own Christmas story following a story board. To round off our Harry Potter work, the children will be able to watch the first Harry Potter film. Please do advise us if you prefer that your child does not watch the film - there will be alternative activities.

Messages and dates...

Christmas dinner on Wednesday!
Christmas Party on Thursday 21st December. Children may wear their party clothes to school. There will be a sign-up list for food contributions.

This week's stars....

The children designed some great board games on Harry Potter day and there were some fabulous dragons being invented!





Year 5 Latest...

Dates and messages...

Christmas Social - Thursday 21st December. Please bring party clothes to change into at lunchtime if you would like to. If you would like to bring party food, we will share this out. Any leftover will be donated to the food bank. Look out for details on Seesaw. If you have an old shirt or apron that can be brought in and left in school, this will be useful for art and craft activities over the next few weeks.

Next week in Year 5

We are going to look at, and write our own, Christmas poetry. We will have a go at performing our poem - turning into actors!

In maths, we will continue to work on multiplication and division in various ways including word problems and long and short methods.



Shout outs to...

5W - Skylar and Freddie for their continued efforts in their times tables.
5A - Isla and Lydia for their hard work and resilience with division!
5S - Lloyd, Annie-May and Jessica for their focus in maths and putting in 100% efforts to feel confident with short division.

All about Year 6



Next week, we will be...

We are continuing to write our Santa stories and will be sharing them with Year three on Wednesday morning. We will look at creating nets for 3D shapes in maths. We will compare the Ancient Mayans with the Anglo Saxons in history looking at similarities and differences of the two periods of history. We will have our Christmas dinner on Wednesday and our party on Thursday afternoon.

Things you need to know...

Party clothes in a bag for Thursday Afternoon please.

Children can bring snacks to share.

Boys - Savoury

Girls sweet.

Allergy children to bring their own covered/names plate (Ad discussed with the class teacher)

Christmas post boxes are in school (reception). Please put the child's name and class name eg

Bobby 6RH, so we, the elves, who are sorting the cards, know exactly where to deliver the cards to.

Shout outs to...

6RH:
Ellie: Great work ethic.
Zaide: Great Sportsmanship
Niko: Super mathematical challenge
Scarlett: Great work ethic

6JH:
Robert: superlearner of the week for always having a fantastic attitude and focus.
Skyla: answering lots of questions
Tim: writing a really clever rhyming story
Jacob: for learning our spelling rules
Aiden: getting a great score on his grammar and spelling test