

Le Cateau Keeping In Touch



2023/2024 Edition #17 - 22nd February 2024

A message from Mr M...

It is great to be back in school and the signs of Spring starting to appear. Summer is just around the corner and I am sure you can't wait for some better weather! We hope you had an enjoyable half term break.

A big welcome to several new families and children who have arrived at Le Cateau. They have settled in really well this week and we are delighted to have you on board at #teamLeCateau!

Although this is another short half term, it will definitely be an action packed 5 weeks. We have a range of events booked in and have World Book Day (7th March) and STEM week (11th to 15th March) on the horizon.

I also wanted to give you an advanced warning of the next round of Parental Consultations which will take place on 16th, 17th and 18th April.

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED



Reading is the key to everything!
Unlocking the code for children is our priority
and such a valuable skill.

We would love to hear from you if you are able
to offer some regular time to become a
volunteer reader in school.

Please get in touch to find out more!

Half Term Awards

Well done to all the children who recieved a reward for all of their hard work and dedication last half term





Taking Holidays During Term Time

We have witnessed an increase in requests for holiday leave during term time. Please be aware that holidays in term time are not an exceptional circumstance and will be **UNAUTHORISED** if there are no exceptional circumstances and supporting evidence.

North Yorkshire Council are likely to issue a **PENALTY FINE** for anyone taking leave during term time.

Please remember that there are **175 NON SCHOOL DAYS** each year and that leave should be taking during these periods.



Is your child using Whatsapp?

Are you aware that the legal age limit for this platform is 16?

We are seeing a worrying trend of children using Whatsapp as a form of communication and not using it appropriately.

This has caused a small number of issues in school where things that have happened outside of the school gate have then been brought to our attention.

We really need **ALL** parents to be monitoring their child's online use and may need to report under age use if there are issues.



DRIVING ALERT



DATE

Wednesday 21st February 2024 - 4pm

ISSUE

- Driving the wrong way down the one-way street in front of school
- Driving at excessive speed whilst children were leaving After School Clubs

ACTION

If you recognise this car OR were the driver of the vehicle, please obey road signs and restrictions around the school site. **KEEP EVERYONE SAFE!**



We have had a couple of occasions this week where we have had to clear up.

We know this may be from local residents however, if you bring your dog to the school at drop off and collection times, please make sure you clear up after them.



Relate

Each year group has been introduced to a brand new module this week. This module is called 'Relate'.



Children will be learning:

- Why relating to others is so important.
- How active listening can help us to build relationships with other people.
- How to see things from a different perspective.

Year 4 Highlight

Year 4 have been choosing how to use their character strengths this week. They have been identifying strengths in each other and trying to see things from others' perspectives. We talked about the 'motto':

Stop
Understand
Consider

The children thought hard about what it might mean and then we had some great discussions around how we might put it into practise.

The children thought it was a great idea to take a pause before responding to someone in a situation where that person may have said or done something we don't like.

They decided that the pause would give them time to really decide on how to react. However, they said that it was something that they might need to remind each other to do until it becomes more of a habit.



Le Cateau CP School
Inclusion Team

MY PLAN WORKSHOP



MONDAY 26TH

FEBRUARY

9am - 10am

An opportunity for parents to create a
plan to support children with
challenging behaviour

WORLD BOOK DAY

THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

OPTIONAL - if a child would like to, they can come dressed as their favourite book character for the day.

The day will be spent celebrating reading and the wonderful world of books!



Foundation Stage 1

SNACK TIME

We want to develop snack time in the FSI setting.

The aim of snack time will be to:

- provide children with a variety of healthy snack options
- to give children the chance to prepare a snack
- for children to enjoy socialising with their friends while they eat

Snacks will vary each day and will rotate on a weekly basis. All children with dietary needs will be catered for.

The new snack arrangements will begin after the February half term break.

NEXT HALF TERM MENU

Monday- Cereal and fruit

Tuesday- Crackers and cheese spread and fruit

Wednesday- Yoghurt and fruit

Thursday- Bread sticks and dips and fruit

Friday- Toast and spreads and fruit

COST

In order for us to make these changes there will be a small cost to parents. We are aiming to keep the costs low and parents will be asked to pay £2.50 (15 hrs) or £5 (30 hrs) per half term. This will be used to buy snack items and items needed to prepare and serve snack.

Snack can be paid for through ARBOR.

Children will not be able to bring their own snacks to the session.

FOREST SCHOOLS

Forest schools snack will include campfire cooking or a bread snack. For example; brioche bun, croissant or bread roll.



This week's attendance award
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with
100%

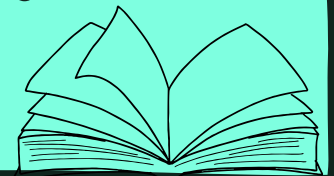


Book Donation Box

We are hoping to start a book borrow box at the front of school which would hold books for both adults and children.

This could be the ideal opportunity to have a rummage at home and sort out those books you no longer require and that are just taking up space on your shelves! Any books accepted; they just need to be in good condition. There will be a box in the Reception area at the start of next week and you or your child can drop any books off there.

Thank you



Health and Wellbeing Board
North Yorkshire

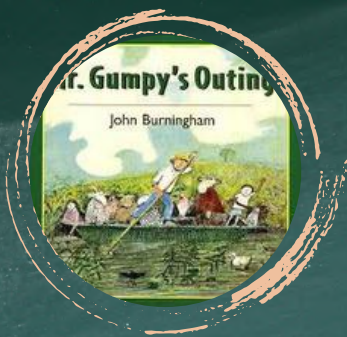


Have your say on North Yorkshire's Autism Strategy 2024-2027

Date	Time	Venue
15th March 2024	14:00- 16:00	Online

To book a place please contact:

hasservicedevelopment@northyorks.gov.uk or phone 01609 534299.



From Foundation Stage 1

This week we will be continuing to read 'Mr Gumpys outing' by John Burningham.

You can listen to the story here
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQmOuL64D_E

We will be building boats out of tin foil and pool noodles and exploring items that float and sink.

The children will be linking numerals and amounts and will be counting animals and people on and off boats.

During forest schools we will be cooking on the campfire and enjoying campfire pizza for snack.

Parent Reminders

- Parents are invited to join the children in school for a STEM challenge on Monday 11th March

9.30-10.15 am children and full timers
1.30-2.15 pm children and full timers

Join in fun with Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics

- If you have not yet paid for snack, please log onto ARBOR and update your account

Forest school continues this term. Please make sure your child is wrapped up warm on these days and has suitable outdoor clothing. Forest school days are

- Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons.

Shout outs to...

The changes to snack time have been a big success; well done to all the children who have been using lovely manners and trying new food

From Foundation Stage 2

Dates & Messages

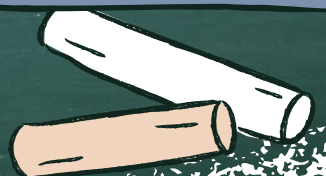
P.E Kits and Forest School kits are required every Monday. earrings also need to be removed.

We encourage you to practice reading at home.

This week we are reading 'the lighthouse keeper's lunch'. We will be getting to know the story by experiencing receiving objects in the basket sent down a rope - just like in the story. there will be lots of discussion. In maths we are looking at part-part whole, particularly with number bonds to 6. In PE we are doing gymnastics.

Well done to the following people this week...

Well done FS2 for showing and building your resilience in forest schools this week. We enjoyed a long, muddy walk, looking at different things in our environment. We even saw some horses!



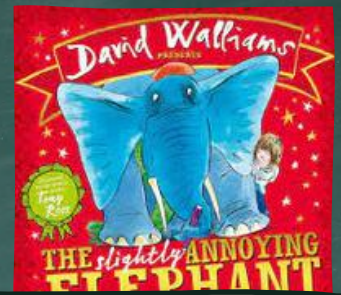
Year 1 News...

Looking ahead to next week...

This week In our writing, we will start looking at a story called 'The Slightly Annoying Elephant'.

In maths, we will start to focus on our initial multiplication skills. We will learn the foundations of equal groupings, repeated addition, arrays and doubling.

In Geography, we will take a walk in our local area, using basic map skills to find areas of interest as well as identifying areas of human and physical geography.



Weekly special mentions to...

1E - Maizie, Flo,

Pippa

1C - Rome, Daisy

Things to know...

Important Important - please note, for the next half term, PE will be on Wednesdays and Fridays (Friday is outdoor and delivered by ML sports). A survey has been sent out on seesaw in regards to the bike riding - please take the time to complete this so we can determine what support the children need with their bike riding skills. Please bring a bike in with your child every Wednesday for the rest of this half term (starting Wednesday 28th February). Please practice the common exception word spellings at home - you will shortly receive the Spring 2 words.

Year 1 Bike Survey

Year 2 News...

Messages and dates...

A special visit from Pets at Home on Thursday 29th February at 1.15pm.

World Book Day 2024

Thursday 7th March 2024 -

Children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character.

STEM Week is 11th - 15th March. During this week Year 2 parents are invited to join us on Friday 15th March from 10am to take part in some STEM activities.

P.E Days:

Tuesday outdoor P.E. during the afternoon Warmer P.E clothes and trainers.

Friday indoor P.E. during the morning - red top and black bottoms - with indoor trainers.

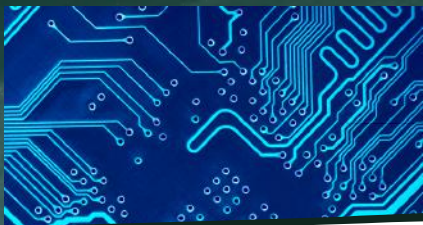
Next week in Year 2...

In maths, we will be continuing to use equipment to measure in centimetres and metres. In Science, we will consider how animals survive and have a special visit from some special guests from Pets at Home. In English, we will write a report about household pets.

This week's stars....

Well done to all pupils for settling back into school this half term. Keep up the hard work!





What is going on in Year 3?

Next week we will be moving on to time in Maths and continuing with our squared numbers in times tables. We will be learning a range of shading techniques to improve our drawing in art and learning about the electrical circuit in DT. In RE we will be continuing learning about the bible and in computing we will start looking at a range of digital media skills.

Shout outs to...

3R

Bobby, Isabella, Leo, Navyata

3H

Mia, Freddie, Rory

Reminders for Parents

The exhibition of our student's work will occur on Thursday 21st March in the afternoon.

During STEM week parents are also invited in the afternoon on Friday 15th March to complete STEM challenges with their children.

PE days have changed this half term to Thursday AM swimming, Thursday PM indoor PE.

Updates from Year 4

What is happening next week?

This week in English, we have been looking at apostrophes for possession and in contractions (won't, etc). We have begun looking at the story around Pompei and this will continue across this half term as it will be a great focus for a range of activities, linking nicely to History and Geography. This week, the children have designed their own Roman shield, and we will begin the process of making them next week. In Maths, we are completing division and will work on drawing and interpreting graphs. In Science, we will round off the current unit of work by finding out about animals' teeth. Recorders will continue in Music.

Swimming is on Friday mornings and the 2nd PE lesson is on Wednesday afternoons - children to bring PE kit in a bag.

Homework: We will send home some work to help support with learning about division.

Messages and dates...

11th March: STEM week. Wednesday 13th Parent-Child Challenge - more information to follow.

19th March: Roman Day - a day based around different Roman activities. (Dressing up is optional but not compulsory. The children will have the shields that they make in class).

20th/21st March: Hadrian's Wall residential visit details re the next meeting for Parents.

*Swimming starts on Friday and children will not be permitted to swim if wearing earrings and other jewellery.

This week's stars....

Year 4 students have been working hard on their 'Maths No Problem' assessments this week. Well done!

Year 5 Latest...

Dates and messages....

Please sign up to pay for the trips if you have not yet done so. Thanks to everyone who has!

We have three visits next week. 5A and half of 5W (we will send a list of which children) will be going to Catterick Racecourse on Tuesday 27th February. Please wear suitable footwear and bring a waterproof coat and lunch!

We also have the curator of Darlington Railway Museum coming to visit us on Wednesday 28th February.

Friday 1st March we are going to Shildon Railway Museum, again, please wear suitable footwear and bring a waterproof coat and lunch.

It is a busy week.

STEM WEEK - Parents are invited to join us on WEDNESDAY 13th March from 1:30 for the aeroplane challenge!

Indoor PE - Tuesday afternoon

Outdoor PE - Friday afternoon

Both sessions are in the afternoon so please wear school uniform to school and bring kit to change into.

Reading as often as possible

Please check Seesaw for messages and homework activities.

Next week in Year 5

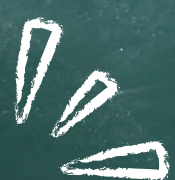
We have been looking at old photographs of Catterick Garrison and thinking more about how the area has changed after our fabulous tour on the last Friday before half term. We are nearing the final chapters of Kensuke's Kingdom and looking forward to finding out how the story ends. Rubbish and recycling have been the focus of our research this week- ask your child about ways to reduce waste and help the environment!

Pupil Recognition

5A - Jenson and Cameron for their great attitudes.

5W - Oscar and Hese for their independent work.

5S - Jamie and Scarlett for their positive attitude and hard work in maths.



All about Year 6



Next week

In maths we will consolidate fractions, decimals and percentages and then move on to area, perimeter and volume. We will continue writing our short narrative about Jack and Fabrizio trying to board the famous 'Ship of dreams.'

Upcoming Events

STEM Week - the week beginning Monday 11th March.

During STEM week, we will be having a parent/child challenge: on the afternoon of Thursday 14th March, Y6 parents are invited to help their child make a shoebox diorama of a room from the Titanic. It could be a 1st class room, 3rd class, engine room or something else. Please collect shoeboxes and any fabric etc you may want

Shout outs to...

6RH:

Lyla - amazing Spelling and punctuation score.

Riley - Superstar in maths

Ellie - always working hard.

Ella - Always trying her best.

6JH:

Kacey - for always putting her hand up and contributing, and being so helpful too!

Tim - fantastic contributions in English

Myles - for settling in so well to his new school and class