



Newsletter 13 Thursday 28th March 2024

To all of our families,

We can't believe the Spring term is over already! It was only short but it has been jam packed with exciting learning and events.

We hope that you found your parent consultations with teachers a valuable opportunity to find out about your child's learning, their next steps and their wider development. At other times, please do email the office to arrange a phone call or meeting with your child's class teacher if you would like to know how they are getting on. Remember that you can find out what they are learning on their class pages of the website and on Seesaw.

This term has been strange in school without Mrs Stanton, and then Mrs Whitehead more recently. We would like to thank the staff members who stepped up to fill the leadership, teacher and office roles in their absences. We are looking forward to having them both back after Easter!

Thank you to the PTA for the Easter egg treats for all of the children. There have been some serious Easter egg hunts around the playground!

We hope that you all have a wonderful break over the next couple of weeks. Remember, no school tomorrow (Good Friday) and we return on Monday 15th April.



From the Caldecote Team



The Junior Travel Ambassadors

The JTA's are pleased to announce the bicycle helmet competition winners are: Aimee and Ivy.

Both received their goody bag during assembly.

Thank you to all of you that took part in the walk to wheel week, the JTA's enjoyed randomly selecting one each day of the week last week.

Remember to stay safe when you are out and about over the Easter break.

PTA Update

The PTA continues to operate thanks to some new members, but we always need more volunteers. We are particularly in need of representation from KS1. If you can spare a couple of hours every 6-8 weeks to participate in (online) meetings and volunteer at some (not all) of the events, we would be very grateful for your help.

All the money the PTA raises goes back into funding for the school to spend on our children. We recently funded 15 new iPads so that each pupil can have their own to use in class and not have to share. We are also funding sports experience workshops and continue to fund school trips among other things.

We are planning more events in the summer term so please mark your calendars and let us know on caldecoteschoolpta@gmail.com if you are willing to volunteer to help at any of these events. No long-term commitment needed – just an extra pair of hands now and again is gratefully received.

- Family Bingo Evening Friday 26th April 6pm start. Raffle and refreshments will be available.
- Disco Friday 17th May times TBC. If you can volunteer to serve refreshments, sell glow-sticks/tattoos and, be a floating helper, please email caldecoteschoolpta@gmail.com
- Break the Rules Day Friday 24th May.

We wish you all a happy Easter holiday and hope the children enjoyed the little treat provided...!

ECO Team



Waste free lunch

Thank you to all of the children who tried really hard to leave little or no waste on Monday lunch time. We had a really tiny amount of rubbish at the end of lunch time. Year 3 were the winners with just a small handful of left over food and no packaging waste. Imagine how good for the environment I would be if we could have this little amount of waste every day!!

Switch off day

On Wednesday 24th April we will be holding a switch off day which we hope will raise the profile of saving power and switching off our lights and devices to help the environment.



Values award winners: 22.03.24

YR– Max Hodgson

Y1– Lily Taylor

Y2– Hope Hall

Y3- Maisie Hawkshaw

Y4– Madison Hume

Y5– William Styles

Y6– Ethan Bird

Golden Table : Klara Mikula, Mellisandre Labbe & Rosie Cowan

Celebration Assembly

Aiden Y1 received a medal for his boxing skills, Hope Y2 completed her 9th KYU and received her red belt in Martial arts and Megan Y5 performed in a performance of “Across the line” in London’s West End. Eva Y4 completed her Zoom front crawl & Zoom breast stroke, Elizabeth Y2 completed her 10m front crawl & Zara Y4 completed her 50m backstroke.



Well Done all of you !

Celebration Assemblies

Friday at 2:45pm in the hall—please come in through the front of the school

Orange Class- 19th April

Green Class-26th April

Purple Class-3rd May

Silver Class-10th May

Care Clubs Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs



The children having fun at after school club.



2024 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING



Dates for the Diary

Friday 29th March—12th April	Easter Holidays
Wednesday 24th April	Switch Off Day
Friday 17th May	PTA Disco
Monday 27th May—Monday 3rd June	Half Term
Tuesday 6th June	Class Photos
Monday 10th June	Great British Spring Clean
Tuesday 11th June	Y2 Wicken Fen trip
Monday 17th—Wednesday 19th June	Y6 residential
Friday 28th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd July	Year 5 & 6 production
Thursday 11th July	Class swap up day

Welcome Wednesday

Summer dates as follows:

KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6) **24th April**
22nd May
3rd July

EYFS & KS1 (Reception, Y1 & 2) **1st May**
19th June
10th July

Please come in with your child in the morning at 8:40am. You can stay until 9:15am.



It is never too early or too late to start looking after our mental health!

Tips on how to survive the school holidays stress free.

As the children break up from school, parents and carers are faced with the need to entertain to ensure a calm but stimulating environment. Holidays mean a break from usual routine, children are free to enjoy this time to the full! This can sometimes be difficult at first, even a little chaotic. With some planning, it should hopefully run as smooth as possible.

Ask children what they would like to do and try to incorporate this into the day.

Don't try to fit too much in! It can be just as damaging to over-stimulate, as to under-stimulate.

Children need some quiet time throughout the day. This could be time for self-play or reading.

Arrange play dates. Children love playing with other children and will often play for hours. Having a new face around can help keep children entertained.

Mix variety into the routine. Children have a routine at school where they know what is happening next, so the same goes for the holidays. Try having breakfast and then completing an activity and then having some quiet time before lunch and finish with an afternoon activity.

Bring their imagination to life, create an area in the garden for an adventure, build a den, carry out a bug hunt, have a picnic. Get children involved in planning and preparing their meals, keep those unwanted boxes for arts and crafts, hold a Lego challenge, make train tracks, role play. <https://www.space.admin.cam.ac.uk/activities-children>

Visit the National Trust's Anglesey Abbey a beautiful stately home that's set in stunning parkland. There are plenty of things to see and do at Anglesey Abbey, including exploring the house, visiting the gardens, and taking a boat ride on the lake.

Wimpole Estate is full of adventures waiting to happen. Whether your children are fascinated by impressive architecture, want to get up close to animals on a working farm or just need to let off steam in the great outdoors, families can have a lot of fun together, whatever the weather. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cambridgeshire/wimpole-estate/visiting-wimpole-with-family>
<https://www.kidsdaysout.co.uk/kids-days-out-england/cambridgeshire.html>

NHS Mental wellbeing audio guides

A series of mental wellbeing audio guides to help you boost your mood.

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/mental-wellbeing-audio-guides/>

REMINDER!

Don't forget to watch this space for details of our next SEND/SEP briefing for parents.

Amazon Wishlist

A BIG Thank You from all at Caldecote. We are grateful for all donations we receive from the wish list.

If you would like to purchase a resource to help enhance the teaching and learning at school, please use the link below. Please don't forget to add a gift note if you would like us to know who has donated. This is the only way of us knowing who has donated an item.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WJURQZLL9LZ4?ref_=wl_share



Orange Class have been learning about the polar regions, comparing the human and physical features found there. In art we have been experimenting with weaving techniques using paper and wool. The children were very excited to get their clay sculptures and pots back from Wysing Arts and have painted them ready to bring home! In English, they have been writing cinquains and poems with rhyming couplets. The children are enjoying listening to The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe very much and lots of them are keen to read the other Narnia books independently. In maths, we have been learning about place value and money. In science, we have had great fun experimenting with magnets.

In maths, children have thoroughly enjoyed investigating 3D shapes, delving into their properties and characteristics with enthusiasm. In writing, they've started to individually composed and write simple sentences to express their ideas, ensuring they use a capital letter at the start, finger spaces between the words and a full stop at the end. And of course, it's written in their best writing. And finally, last but not least, they've had an incredibly memorable day at the farm, relishing every moment of hands-on learning and interaction with animals.

Blue Class have had great fun this week creating their moon buggies. They have used a drill and a saw to help them with the axle and steering wheel. In maths we have been measuring length which has also helped us with our DT project.

What a busy half term it has been! This week, we painted our clay pots ready to take home. We have also finished our sewing projects. We are very proud of the class - they have put lots of hard work into these and they look fantastic. In PSHE, we have explored online safety and how we are the same but different. In maths, we have continued to explore fractions. We have learnt to recognise different fractions and identify fractions of an amount. We hope you all enjoy the holidays!

What an amazing spring term it has been! There have been so many highlights however Burwell House stands out amongst us and the children. It was lovely to spend time with all our class parents last week. We hope that you all got a sense of the progress your children are making and how hard they are working. We have loved writing our gladiator stories and hearing about the 'Rock Status' gladiators held in Roman times. In maths, we have been focusing on the short methods for multiplication and division. They have been incredible and successful at using the manipulatives. They all deserve a good rest ready for the warm weather and summer term.

We have had a fantastic term in Purple Class and we have really enjoyed learning all about our topic: Earth and Space. This week, Purple Class had an exciting trip to the Institute of Astronomy where we got to see their telescopes and find out more about what researching space really looks like. As part of our Science learning, we have created non-chronological reports all about the Solar System which we hope younger children will be able to learn from. This week in maths, we have been focusing on geometry. We have secured our understanding of perimeter and area, learnt about problem solving with angles and compared regular and irregular polygons. Well done for all your hard work this term Purple Class.

And just like that, Spring Term has come to a close! Silver Class have worked their socks off, especially in writing. We are seeing more and more progress every time they pick up their pen. This week we've started our discussion based on crime and punishment which has helped them develop some sophistication such as using formal language and passive voice. In maths, we are completing our ratio unit, although we may continue with this just after the holidays. Silver Class were surprised to hear that yeast is a living thing and we used this understanding to conduct an experiment. They were surprised to find that sugar and warm water was the best environment for yeast to grow. In P.E. they LOVED the game King of the Ring where they practised their dribbling, defending and attacking skills. We wish you a restful break and can't wait to see Silver Class back for their final term of their primary career!



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**The Wildlife Trust for Beds,
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**Family activities: Easter 2024
West Cambs 100s**

Cambourne

- Most suitable for ages 7-11, younger & older children will also enjoy them
- £5 Wildlife Trust BCN members, £7.50 non-members*

Outdoor games Wed 3rd April, 10-12ish
We'll explore Cambourne Nature Reserve and play some silly games inspired by nature along the way. We might create a natural obstacle course, do a photo treasure hunt, or pretend to be a hungry predator...

Family wild play Wed 10th April, 10-12ish
A chance to play together with other families in the woods with a selection of ideas and resources to choose from. We might build a shelter, hunt for bugs, set a trail, create natural art, or climb a tree...

Gamlingay
Birdbox making Thurs 4th April, 1.30-3.30

- Build and decorate a bird box at Gamlingay Eco-hub
- For ages 7+
- £10 Wildlife Trust BCN members, £15 non-members*

*limited early-bird tickets are available

**Book online:
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Little Bugs 2024**

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**Join Wildlife Adventurer Becca Badger for nature
toddles around Cambourne, with simple outdoor
activities for pre-schoolers.**


Delivered in blocks of 5 weekly sessions, which can be enjoyed as a programme or individually

Spring: starting Friday 26th April
Summer (term): starting Friday 7th June
Summer (holidays): starting Friday 7th August
Autumn: starting Friday 27th September

- Most suitable for ages 2-4, but flexible
- Friday mornings 9.30-11am ish
- Qualified Level 3 Forest School leader
- Small groups
- Booking is essential to manage group size
- Child member £4, child non-member £8 (accompanying adults and siblings under 18 months free)


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**Join Wildlife Adventurer Becca Badger for
some outdoor family fun on the fantastic
Cambourne Nature Reserve**

Spring: 5 weekly sessions starting Wednesday 24th April
Summer: 5 weekly sessions starting Wednesday 5th June
Autumn: 5 weekly sessions starting Wednesday 25th September

- Child-led style, with a qualified Level 3 Forest School Leader
- Small groups
- 3 blocks of 5 sessions Wednesday mornings 9.30-10 ish
- Can be enjoyed as a programme, or as one-off sessions
- Most suitable for ages 5-13 but flexible
- Booking is essential to manage group size
- Child member £5, child non-member £6.50 (accompanying adults free)
- Limited early-bird tickets are available

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**Family Camp-out with Wildlife Adventurers
Becca Badger & Becky Ranger**

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May 2024

From 2pm until 10am

This overnight camp is for families with children aged 7-11. We'll do some exciting wildlife activities like pond dipping and bug hunting, then we'll set up a moth trap before toasting marshmallows together around the fire, and then camping out under the stars.

(prices are for adults and children)
Members £25
Non-members £37.50

More information:
wildlifebcn.org/events

Booking:
rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org

Location:
Trumpington Meadows
Nature Reserve, Cambridge

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