



# Newsletter 1

## Friday 15th September 2023

### Dear all of our families,

We have had a fantastic first two weeks back in school. All children have returned with energy and enthusiasm which has been lovely to see. We are enjoying getting to know our new Red Class children who will be in for their first full week next week.

There are lots of exciting events and trips coming up so please keep a close eye on Parentmail and the dates in the Newsletters.

We hope that the meet the teacher sessions were useful. If you missed yours, the PowerPoint with all of the information will be on your class pages of the website.

Please can we ask you to check our uniform policy to ensure all children are looking smart and in appropriate clothing for school. Trainers are not school shoes and should only be worn on PE days. Parent consultations are coming up on 17th and 19th October when you can discuss how your child has settled in and find out about their learning. If you need to talk to a member of staff at any other time, please email the office to arrange a phone call or meeting. You may be aware that sadly, some school equipment was damaged by vandals over the weekend. Thank you to all of you who have asked how you can help and to those who have donated toys to replace those that were damaged.

Have a lovely weekend,

**The Caldecote Team**

### Welcome Wednesdays

Welcome Wednesdays are returning. These are an opportunity to come and see your child's classroom, look at some of their books, read with them and see what activities they are busy doing in morning sessions. We look forward to seeing you all.

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

**Key Stage 2 (Y3,4,5 & 6) : 27th September, 18th October, 15th November, 6th December**

**Key Stage 1 (YR, 1 & 2): 4th October, 1st November, 22nd November, 13th December**

Please park safely and considerately outside school. The village hall carpark is for your use at drop off and pick up times. Please do not park in the layby or block driveways.

Thank you



### Lunchtime Clubs

Our Y6 and our Playtime Ambassadors run lots of exciting lunchtime clubs for all age groups. These are run by the children, for the children. Once these are organised, we will let parents know what is on offer so you can encourage your children to sign up.



#### **Values award winners:**

**Y1– Owen Smith**

**Y2– Evalyn Joyce**

**Y3–Ollie Stigwood**

**Y4– Benjamin Rickard**

**Y5– Max Lanckriet**

**Y6–Matilda Marx**

**Y1 - Finley Hoban**

**Y2 - Lewis Fofie**

**Y3 - James Robinson**

**Y4 - Tristan Bird**

**Y5 - Molly Davis**

**Y6 - Viktoria Echiadi**

**Golden Table: Wai Wai Fong, Evalyn Ellis-Allegretto & Katy Latham. Tvarita Patel, Clayton Winter-Robinson & Iman Matovu**

#### **Celebration Assembly**

**Molly Y5 & Elspeth Y4 both received a medal for completing in the “Cambourne Town Football Club” football tournament and Alyssa Y2 Received her “Red Award” in swimming. Chloe & Elizabeth Y2 and Zara Y4 all had “Class Awards” from Royal Academy of Dance. Mya Y6 & Zachary Y2 both had swimming certificates, Mya 1 mile and Zachary 10m front crawl & 25m backstroke. Well done everyone!**



#### **Celebration Assemblies**

**Friday at 2:45pm in the hall—please come in through the front office**

**Yellow Class—15th September**

**Orange Class-22nd September**

**Green Class-29th September**

**Purple Class-6th October**

**Silver Class-13th October**

**Blue Class-20th October**

***Red Class will join assemblies after October half term***

#### **Care Clubs Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs**



Wow what a very busy and enjoyable summer holiday club we had (our busiest day was 47 children!) although it did go very quickly! We spend the majority of the time outside on the playground and on the field as the children loved playing outside building dens etc. We had our lunch outside under the trees and had a picnic most days which the children loved. We had water fights and the children made their own lemonade and as well as doing lots of baking. They loved making friendship bracelets, necklaces and hama beads as well as doing other various craft activities. We were also lucky as we had use of the Hawkins swimming pool for a week and the children had a fab time splashing about. We have been very lucky and were donated some bikes and a scooter from the Martingale family, baby pushchairs and various other toys from the Turner family which the children have had great fun using and we were also given a playhouse from the Kane-Rehman family, the children have been changing it from a house with their babies to making it a Mc Donalds; trying to sell burgers, chips, milkshakes and ice creams to each other. Thank you to all families and donations are always welcome. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Red class children next week.



# Dates for the Diary

Monday 18th -Thursday 21st September	Y5 Bikeability
Monday 25th September	Individual School Photos
Thursday 5th October	Y2 Cambridge Trip
Tuesday 17th Oct 8-11am Thursday 19th Oct 4-7pm	Parent Consultations
Monday 23rd-Friday 27th October	Half Term
Monday 30th October	Training Day
Tuesday 31st October	Back to School
Tuesday 7th November	Y6 Trip to Cambridge Museum
Friday 17th November	Y4 Trip to Harry Potter World
Thursday 23rd November	Flu Vaccinations
Saturday 2nd December	School Christmas Fair 2-4pm
Thursday 8th December	Pantomime Trip "Mother Goose"
Thursday 18th January	Young Voices at the O2 Arena London
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd July	Year 5 & 6 production

## Wellbeing

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

The weather and seasons can affect many of us. Autumn and winter can cause a sense of loss as the summer begins to fade, nights become colder and darker and days are shorter can all affect our self-esteem and cause apprehension. Winter may even cause Seasonal Affective Disorder, a Feeling of sadness, loss of energy, an increase in anxiety and difficulty in concentrating and sleeping.



H.A.Y.! How Are You? Based in South Cambs provide a service to bring together everything in South Cambridgeshire that is good for wellbeing.

Connecting with others, getting active, learning a new skill, being creative, seeking professional support, exploring the outdoors, volunteering – all of these things (and more) can improve our wellbeing. However, it isn't always easy to know what is out there locally or to feel comfortable trying something new.

H.A.Y. is all about helping you look after you. Their website provides not just listings of local activities, groups and services but also video introductions to group organisers and taster clips of what to expect.

H.A.Y. aims to support you both finding out what you might like to get involved in and in taking those first steps.

From yoga to singing, sports clubs to arts groups, or perhaps somewhere to talk or get a cup of tea, H.A.Y. brings you ideas of local things to do to get a wellbeing boost. Plus a wide range of local professional support.

Visit their website to find out more; <https://haysouthcambs.co.uk/about/>

Don't forget Junior parkruns. A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). The event takes place every Sunday at 9am in Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre Playing Fields, Back Lane, Great Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6FY. Milton Country Park, Milton, Cambridge, Cambs, CB24 6AZ every Sunday at 9am. Wimpole Estate, Arrington, Royston, SG8 0BW. As well as other areas, for more details visit; <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/cambridge-juniors/>

Orange Class have had a great start to the year. We have really enjoyed starting our new topic, Prehistoric People, where we are currently learning about the Stone Age. Next week we have a visitor coming to our class to tell us a bit more about prehistory and to share some prehistoric artefacts. In English, we have been reading explanation texts and beginning to identify the features in these texts. We have also started our class book, Stig of the Dump. In maths, we are learning about place value and 3-digit numbers. We have also started using the Accelerated Reader scheme and the children are getting used to logging in and completing the tests themselves. Orange Class have shown lots of enthusiasm in their learning and they are all putting in lots of effort.

A super start for all the Yellow Class children! We have been really impressed with how quickly the children have settled into year 2. Last week they enjoyed picking wild fruit and then making and eating a delicious fruit crumble. They have started learning about Cambridge in the past and enjoyed looking at old photos in this weeks lesson. They have wowed us with their maths skills and shown us some fabulous writing. We are looking forward to a busy and fun year in Yellow Class.

We have been really impressed with how well the children have settled into Purple class and have enjoyed hearing about all the exciting things that they have been doing over the holiday. In English we have started to look at Instructional writing and will be combining this with our History learning about WWII in the coming weeks. In Maths we have been looking at place value and started to think about pattern seeking and how this helps us. In Computing we have been looking at e-safety and the children impressed us with their very sensible and mature thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe online. The children are also really looking forward to their Bikeability training next week (Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> ). Thank you to all of you for all your support and we look forward to a happy and successful year together.

Red Class have made a brilliant start to their school life. Over the last couple of weeks they have sung number songs, drawn pictures of their family, listened to and joined in with familiar stories and made delicious mud cakes! We are so proud of how well they have taken to being at school. Thank you for your support.

Please remember to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September in Red Class @ 3.30pm.

Blue class are settling into routines in their new class. We have enjoyed reading The Gruffalo and have written some great sentences about the characters. We have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. In science we have started to learn about and the different parts of a tree.

What an amazing start to the new academic year! The children all returned with enthusiasm and excitement for the year ahead. We have discussed some of the events that we have planned but it seems that Burwell House is going to be one of the highlights. Mrs Middleton has introduced them to Growth Mind-set which has already influenced positive learning choices. We have settled in to the new rewards systems and loving the importance that house points are having this year. Thank you for the offers of help for the Harry Potter trip. On this occasion we won't be requiring any parental help. It was lovely seeing you all at the Parent Information evening. Thank you for coming. If you missed it, the PowerPoint is available on the website.

What a fabulous start to the term Silver Class!! They've been carrying out their Year 6 roles sensibly and we are looking forward to the Silver Stars lunchtime club and Timestable Tuesdays to start soon too. We have started our new class reader book called Wild Boy. It's a mystery, detective story which will support us writing our own. We've been particularly inspired by the use of description and figurative language in the text. In maths, we have been focusing on place value and rounding numbers. Mathematics home learning will start this week so don't forget to check the set assignments. In geography, we have started our fieldwork unit, in art we've experimented with painting tints and shades and in science we have started our unit on the circulatory system. Lots of the class are already looking forward to dissecting a heart – others not so much!



## School & Eco Council Update

Our new representatives for School & Eco Council have now been chosen for each class (voted on by their peers) myself and Mrs Gibbs are looking forward to working together with them all over this new school year. Our School Council are already busy planning ideas for the Christmas Fair and talking to their classmates about any issues and ideas for fundraising.

Our Eco Team have a new rota for checking on all the switch off points, lights, computers, taps as well as paper recycling. They will also be organizing the weekly litter pick around school. They are also busy planning activities for the coming months – more to follow...

### Our School and Eco Councilors



**NEWSFLASH!** Our school have just received the news that our **ENERGY** rating has gone up into the **GREEN** for the first time! Well done to all our Eco Team.

## Playtime Ambassadors

Our new Playtime Ambassadors have had their first meeting today – they will be presenting their new ***Playtime Games Rota*** in assembly on Monday – which will start next week.

They will also be on the look-out for our school values being displayed at morning break and lunchtime – for their Playtime Ambassador certificate each week.



## Junior Travel Ambassadors

We are pleased to reveal our Junior Travel Ambassadors for this year. They are very excited to take on this role and have been looking out this week for those children travelling to and from school safely. They are looking forward to their first introduction with Maree Richards, our local road safety officer who will visit later next month. We wish the 5 of them the best of luck in their important role, I am sure they will be super.

