



Newsletter 6 Friday 1st December 2023

To all of our families,

We hope to see you all at the **CHRISTMAS FAIR TOMORROW!**

This is always a highlight thanks to the Fabb family and the small band of superb helpers who make this happen.

Parking is causing parents a lot of stress. If you live in the village, please can you walk to school as there are so few parking spaces and these are needed for families who live outside the village and have to drive. If you must use the car, please always park safely and do not obstruct others or block pathways.

Wednesday was **Diversity Day** when children focused on our senses and the different sensory challenges people face.

The Caldecote Team

PS Please remember we are a nut free school - always check snacks and lunch boxes so we keep everyone safe.

**Well Done to our FANTASTIC cross country team
(and the parent helpers!)**



The bitter cold didn't deter our enthusiastic runners who represented the school at this event. Boys and girls competed against teams from local schools by running a mile across the fields at Wimpole Hall.

There are over 130 runners in each race and we were super

impressed by all the children who showed excellent resilience and determination to complete the course. A special mention must go to our Year 5 team of girls who all gained top 10 places: Freya Chilton (2nd) Molly Davis (3rd) Emilia Mikula (7th) & Holly Turner (8th) and also to Y3 girls Lily Malig (5th) and Eva Simon (10th). Thanks also to the parents who volunteered to help. Team Caldecote are the BEST!!!!

STOP PRESS

OUR YEAR 5 GIRLS TEAM CAME 1st & Y6 GIRLS CAME 4th (Vincci Ng 15th, Sophie Place 19th, Sabrina Chan 32nd & Molly Snell 33rd)



Values award winners: 24.11.23

YR– Iris Bajaj
Y1– Juan Jubin
Y2– Finn Lankriet
Y3– Lily Malig
Y4– Elspeth Stevens
Y5– Harvey Stewart
Y6– Molly Snell

Golden Table: Evalyn Joyce, Kai Wilson & Fara Eshofonie

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YR– James Roberts
Y1– Louis Choi
Y2– Zachary Smith
Y3 – Lillian Catlin
Y4 – Bonnie Woollard
Y5 – Nia Rees
Y6 – James Massey
Ollie Stigwood & Harvey Stewart

Celebration Assembly

Beatrice Denton-Cowell-Tebbatt Y1 achieved her “Gymfinity” proficiency award level 1



Well done !

Celebration Assemblies

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

Purple & Yellow Class– 8th December

Silver Class- 15th December

*****We do apologise we have just realized we have missed out yellow class! You are welcome to join purple class on 8th December if you wish*****

MONDAY 4th DECEMBER IS SWITCH OFF DAY

**We won't be using computers, lights, whiteboards, photocopiers
or any other device that uses energy.**

WE WANT TO KEEP OUR ENERGY RATING GREEN



Care Clubs Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs



The children have been getting in the Christmas spirit this week, yesterday they put up and decorated the Christmas trees and had fun decorating the home corner with tinsel. If you would still like to make a booking for the Christmas holiday club please do by no later than Friday 8th December, we only have a few places left.



Dates for the Diary

Saturday 2nd December	School Christmas Fair 2-4pm
Monday 4th December	Switch off day
Tuesday 5th December	KS1 Nativity@1.45pm
Wednesday 6th December	KS1 Nativity ' 1.45pm
Tuesday 12th December	PTA Break the rules day
Thursday 14th December	Pantomime Trip "Mother Goose"
Monday 18th December	Playground Christmas concert@3.00pm
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 20th December	Term Ends
Thursday 4th January	Term begins
Thursday 18th January	Young Voices at the O2 Arena London
Wednesday 7th-Thursday 8th February	Y4 Overnight stay @ Burwell House
Wednesday 6th March	Y3/4 Sharing Assembly
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd July	Year 5 & 6 production

Welcome Wednesdays

Here are the dates for this term. 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) : 6th December

Key Stage 1 (YR, 1 & 2): 13th December

CROSS COUNTRY 2023



Wellbeing *Save the Date*

Meet the SENDCO and Pastoral Lead
Wednesday 6th December 2023
8:45-9:45am

An informal opportunity to meet and chat with us, we will give a brief insight into our roles and SEND Services. Why not drop in to find out how we support our school community

There are many ways you can support your child with their mental health.

The link below has advice on how to help your child with their feelings and behaviour, as well as mental health conditions and life events. They also show you where you can get help.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/>



Money and mental health

A guide for parents and carers

Information on the links between money and mental health, how to support your child's wellbeing and look after yourself in the cost-of-living crisis, and where to find practical and financial support for your family.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/money-and-mental-health/>

SEND information

For further information on Cambridgeshire Special Need and Disabilities support, see the SEND OAP toolkits where you can find a wealth of useful information.

<https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire-send/cambridgeshire-send-oap-toolkits>

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 completed writing their fantastic fables last week. We focused on writing in the past tense and including similes and adverbs. They were very interesting to read and all had a moral message about kindness. This week, during Diversity Day, we learnt more about our senses and considered how people's sensory experiences may differ. We also considered the sensory experiences that overwhelm us and the things we like to do to calm down. In Geography, we have learnt about the United Kingdom and which countries are part of this. We are going to continue to learn the differences between the UK, Great Britain and the British Isles. In maths, Orange class have been focusing on unit and non-unit fractions. We can use a fraction to find the whole and we can compare unit fractions. Well done for your hard work Orange Class!

Red Class have been listening to poems and rhymes. They wrote about their favourite Nursery Rhyme and completed rhyming strings. In maths, they have been writing number sentences to make 6 and 7 and telling the time to o'clock. They had fun mixing primary colours to make secondary colours and drawing shapes and patterns using coloured pastels. They have also been thinking about feelings and naming different emotions. They drew facial expressions to go with different feelings. Thank you for sending in costumes for next week's Nativity Play, Red Class are excited to perform it to you and have been busy learning songs and dances!

This week Blue Class have been writing instructions and focusing on learning what a verb is. They have designed their gingerbread house ready for making later in the term. We have had lots of rehearsals of our dances for the Christmas performance and they are coming together.

We had a brilliant topic day last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and showed great levels of enthusiasm for the different activities we did. They were very excited to show each other their costumes, outfits and accessories. Thank you for your support with this! In the morning, we learnt some Samba dance moves and the pupils had a chance to choreograph their own. We also chopped fruit and vegetables and tried salsa and a smoothie. In the afternoon, we made carnival masks and learnt a Spanish song. We have also been very busy getting ready for our Christmas production. The children are very excited to perform this next week.

Last Friday, Year 4 had their epic trip to Hogwarts! Well, The Harry Potter Tour in Watford which was almost as good as going to Hogwarts! The children had an amazing time and were a credit to the school with enthusiasm, delight and great behaviour in bucket loads! The children were obviously inspired by so much of what they saw and we are sure that those that have not fully engaged with the reading matter that is Harry Potter so far will have gone home wanting to start. We have certainly enjoyed writing character descriptions of Hagrid which was thoroughly brought to life by our visit. There has been more fun this week with some fantastic running efforts in cross country at Wimpole Hall and a visit from a man from Anglian Water in response to the children's persuasive letters last half term to Anglian Water about cleaning up our rivers from pollution. There has certainly been a lot going on which is sure to continue as we move swiftly into the Christmas festivities!

The children in Purple class have been working really hard in their English to combine their knowledge of World War Two into a narrative poem, we have been most impressed by the level of maturity shown in these poems as well as being able to write in the correct poetic style. In PE we have moved on to playing our in-class football matches and we are part way through the mini tournament. The children have used the skills that they have learnt in a competitive environment whilst also demonstrating excellent sportsperson-like behaviour. In maths we have been looking at perimeter and area and the children have worked hard to identify errors in calculations and what could have been the mistake that was made. On Wednesday it was Diversity Day and the children took part in a range of activities to recognise and celebrate diversity around and amongst us. The children also learnt some British Sign Language for emotions.

In Science, Silver Class carried out an experiment to see whether a shadow will get bigger or smaller if the light source is closer. Next week, they will compare their results and make further predictions based on these. They have designed their websites in computing and are looking forward to creating these electronically soon. Diversity Day was on Wednesday; Silver Class learnt about sensory overload and how this can impact different people. We discussed the different senses and their synonyms before creating a poem – some shared these in the KS2 assembly. Fractions is still our focus in maths. They are getting experts at it now and are starting to solve problems using fractions, including BIDMAS! Don't forget to look at PinPoint Learning for additional questions and on our home learning page where you can download the arithmetic excel document.

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BREAK the RULES DAY



Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. No cuddly toy/elves in school
3. No crazy hairstyles
4. No nail varnish
5. No temporary tattoos
6. Wear school shoes only
7. No squash or juice in water bottle
8. Healthy snack for breaktime

Here's how it works:

When?

12 Dec 2023

Parentkind
Member Association

Pay £1 for every rule you break or £3 to break all the rules. Money raised will go towards resources for the children...

School & Eco Council Update

School and Eco Council members have been very busy around school this half term – helping to organize our *Waste Free Lunch*, planning for our Christmas Fair this weekend and getting ready for our *Switch Off Day* on Monday.

Our School and Eco Council will be helping at the Christmas Fair – this Saturday 2nd December 2-4pm – come and find them to search for some gold and win a prize!

They are also busy conducting a survey on 'how we serve cheese' in school – with a target to reduce waste – we will report back on their findings.

Playtime theAmbassadors & Silver Stars

This half terms Playtime Ambassadors and Silver Stars have also been very busy running clubs and activities at lunchtime – they have done a great job despite the weather! Lots of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children have been enjoying playing games and sports together.

They are always on the look-out for our school values at morning break and lunchtime – for their Playtime Ambassador certificate each week.



SWITCH OFF DAY

Monday 4th December

Help the school to keep the Energy Rating at GREEN

No Lights! No Smartboard!

No Computers! No Printers!