



Newsletter 8 Friday 12th January 2024

To all of our families,

Happy New Year to everyone. We hope you all had a happy and restful break over the holidays?

We have had a great start to 2024 in school. We have some new staff and some staff have moved to new classes and the children have taken the changes in their stride. They have settled back into their learning really quickly.

Keep an eye on the school calendar, there are LOTS of events and activities coming up. This week we had Science week and next week, some of our KS2 children are going to the O2 to sing in the Young Voices choir. Others are competing in the Public Speaking competition finals. Good luck to you all!

Have a lovely weekend,

From the Caldecote Team

PTA

The PTA are busy planning a full calendar of events over the coming terms to raise money for your children. These include, to name a few, a disco, Easter raffle and the return of a Caldecote favourite, family bingo!

So far this year, the PTA have funded new sports equipment, new maths and computing equipment and the Christmas Crackers for the children's Christmas lunch. They are planning to purchase 15 new iPads with the money raised from recent events. Thank you to all who support the PTA and their events!

Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a snack into school for break times. This must be something from our healthy snacks list below:

- * Fresh fruit & vegetables
- * Unprocessed cheese (max 20g)
- * Plain crackers or rice cakes
- * Dried & freeze dried fruit
- * Plain popcorn
- * Milk
- * Water





Values award winners: 09.01.24

YR– Delilah Wakeling

Y1– Finley Hoban

Y2– Eden Tang

Y3– Georgia Fotland

Y4– Paisley Chan

Y5– Mark Gabor

Y6– Seher Javaid

Golden Table: Eris Jones, Brihas Tangella & Zara Kane-Rehman

Celebration Assembly

We have lots of swimmers this week who all received a certificate and badge: Alyssa Y2 completed her 10m backstroke leg kick, Kai Y1 completed his 5m front crawl & 10m backstroke kick, Katy Y1 completed her 10m backstroke, Mimi Y3 completed her 5m front crawl, Lillian Y3 completed her stage 3 award and Amelia Y3 completed her yellow award. Rosie Y4 also received a medal and badge for her tackling skills in football.



Well Done all of you!

Celebration Assemblies

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

Blue Class-19th January

Yellow Class-26th January

Orange Class-2nd February

Green Class-9th February

Purple Class-16th February

Care Clubs Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs



The Christmas holiday club was fun packed and very busy, we had 37 children on Thursday! The highlights of the 2 days were a magician on Thursday and on Friday we had a circus skills workshop, both were huge hits with the children. The children even got Mrs Church to join in with the limbo to win them a prize (Luckily she managed it just ha ha).





Dates for the Diary

Thursday 18th January	Young Voices at the O2 Arena London
Tuesday 30th January	Maths open morning—session in the hall with maths lead followed by chance to see maths in action in all of the classrooms
Thursday 1st February	Y3 Wysing Art Centre trip
Wednesday 7th-Thursday 8th February	Y4 Overnight stay @ Burwell House
19th—23rd February	Half term holiday
Wednesday 6th March	Y3/4 Sharing Assembly
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 13th March	Y6 Kettle's Yard trip
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19th March 4-7pm Thursday 21st March 8-11am	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20th March	Diversity Day
Tuesday 26th March	Y5 Astronomy Trip
Friday 29th March—12th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 27th May—Monday 3rd June	Half Term
Tuesday 6th June	Class Photos
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

Welcome Wednesdays

Due to the open morning on 30th January, there won't be any Welcome Wednesdays in Spring 1.

Spring 2 dates as follows:

KS2 (Years 3,4,5&6)

28th February

EYFS & KS1 (Reception, Y1 & 2)

13th March

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

Maths Open Morning

You are invited to our maths open morning on Tuesday 30th January.

8:50—9:30am : An introduction with the maths lead

9:30—10am: See maths lessons in action in the classrooms

Wellbeing

Happy 2024!

Why not kick-start the New Year by taking some time for you!



For many, finding time for yourself can be tricky managing a family and relationships, your home and work life. This is definitely the case if you are supporting a child or young person with their mental health.

It is easy to forget to look after your own wellbeing needs, as well as those around you, and can therefore lead to feelings of stress or being overwhelmed.

Anna Freud is a world-leading mental health charity for children and families.

Their website is packed full of fantastic resources.

For information on specific strategies which you could try; Mindfulness, Yoga or lots more either on your own or as a family, please view the [self-care resource for On My Mind](#).

Don't forget to look on the mental health and wellbeing area of our website: [https://](https://www.caldecoteprimaryschool.org.uk/)

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SEND information

As promised the first of our termly SEND/SEP meetings will take place on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 8:45 – 9:45am

This will be a session focusing on two areas: ADHD and child Mental Health. As before, the beginning and later part of the hour will run as a drop-in session and will overlap with Key Stage 1's Welcome Wednesday. Tea & Coffee will be available throughout.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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 had a great start to the new year and have welcomed two new teachers - Mrs Smart and Mrs Duncombe. We were excited to start our new topic, The Vikings, and have learnt who the Vikings were and what they were like. In English we have been reading a Viking saga called Freya and the Goblins. We have had fun learning about the characters from Viking mythology through drama activities. We have been reading about the adventures of a young Viking boy in our new class book, 'How to Train Your Dragon.' In maths we have started a unit on multiplication and division. We are looking forward to our upcoming trip to Wysing Arts.

Red Class have come back to school enthusiastic and excited to learn about their new Toys topic! They have been listening to stories about toys and writing about their favourites. They have also practised reading and writing the tricky words. In maths, they have learnt the number bonds for 7. They have also been finding the number 1 less than a number up to 10 and relating this to taking away 1. They all really enjoyed Science Day, the theme was time and Red Class find out how we change from baby to child to adult. They also thought about what they could do to stay healthy including how they could exercise and what to eat as part of a healthy diet.

In Blue class this week we have done an exciting science experiment about green house gases. In maths we have been working on learning about tens and ones. We have also been looking at a story board about a tree and how it changes through the seasons.

Yellow Class have had an excellent start to the new year! They thoroughly enjoyed bringing their favourite toy into class to share. They asked each other some very interesting questions to discover more and we will use this to help us when we compare toys from years ago to those which are popular today. On Thursday, for science day we learnt all about Kitty Wilkinson. They were really engaged in discovering facts about her and sharing these with the rest of the school. In PSHE, we have discussed how we keep safe in different situations, the rules we have and we have looked at picture scenarios to identify hazards.

The Spring term has had an 'explosive' start as we begin exploring our new topic on Volcanoes! The children have been enjoying a little drama activity to start thinking about the narrative 'Escape from Pompeii' in preparation for writing about what happened when Mount Vesuvius erupted as news reporters. The children have been finding out about renewable and non-renewable energy as part of science day and thinking about how the use of electricity and how it is produced has changed over the last few years. They were very keen to talk about electric cars! A very important conversation around 'Net Zero' by 2050 was had and we are all keen to do our bit to reduce CO₂ emissions!

Purple Class have had a great start to the term and it has been lovely to teach them all again. We have started our new topic, Anglo-Saxons and Scots, by learning about the legend Beowulf. We are discovering the main themes and features of legends and have practiced describing characters in the style of a legend. We will continue to study this text and develop our narrative writing over the rest of the half term. In maths, we have been practicing rounding numbers to the nearest 10,000 or 100,000 and using this method to estimate and check answers. We enjoyed Science Day this week where we learnt about the discoveries of Caroline Herschel and considered why and how humans first started exploring space. We have lots more exciting learning to look forward to this half term!

Welcome back! Silver Class have approached the Spring term with positivity and readiness for new learning. . The pupils have embraced the Spring term with enthusiasm, diving into the topic of Globalisation. In geography, they were interested to find out how globalisation can have an impact in our everyday life. Our class text, "No Ballet Shoes in Syria," has begun, and we'll delve into types of settlement in Geography. In English, the students explored "The Arrival" and are gearing up to write a flashback story. Decimal operations are our focus in Maths, multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100, and 1,000 proved tricky to begin with. Practicing these skills at home would be beneficial. In PSHE, we've delved into discussions about spending and the varied emotions money can evoke in the same person.