



# Newsletter 11 Friday 1st March 2024

## To all of our families,

Another wet week but we've had a great start back after half term. We had visitors from another school in this week and it was lovely to hear them say how calm and hardworking all of the classrooms felt and how brilliantly behaved our Caldecote children are. We are very proud of them!

We wanted to let you know that Mrs Whitehead is going to be off school until after Easter while she recovers from an operation. We know you will join us in wishing her all the best for a speedy recovery. Mrs Church is doing a sterling job in the office in her absence and we have some additional help from Mrs Dodd, our clerk to governors. Please do bear with us if responses from the office aren't as quick as normal. Have a lovely weekend.

**From the Caldecote Team**

**Thank you** to the PTA and to everyone who supports events like today's non-uniform Easter raffle collection. This fundraising enables us to buy new equipment and resources for the children, such as our new iPad trolley.



## Walk To School Week

Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> March is 'walk and wheel to school week' we will be encouraging children coming to school focusing on their wheels where possible, this could be a scooter, a bike, or if you come from a distance the car and walk. We will be letting all the pupils know on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March during assembly about this week and announcing a design your own helmet competition. If children would like to take part in designing a helmet they need to ask their class teacher for a template, remembering to put their name and class on the design and handing back to their teacher. There will be a prize for the best designed helmet for both key stages. Deadline is 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

During this week of the 11<sup>th</sup> March we will be inspecting the wheels in the bike shed and any that the JTA's deem to be looking safe will be given a tag, if they receive a tag they need to redeem their prize from a JTA the following day. We will be issuing one tag per day. We hope the children have fun participating.

Many thanks, Mrs Gibbs and the JTA'S

## School & Eco Council Update

As we start the new half term our School & Eco Council members are all very busy with planning activities.

The litter picking continues with our Eco team and the weekly class rota – helping to keep our school clean and tidy.

Some of the dates to remember for this term –

**Waste Free Lunch Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Switch Off Day Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**Spring Seed Planting – Date to be confirmed** when warm weather starts!

As our school currently has a GREEN ENERGY rating – our Eco team are working very hard to keep it – switching off lights & computers, turning off dripping taps and making sure all our recycling bins are being used. Well done to all our Eco Team.

### Playtime Ambassadors

Our Playtime Ambassadors have started wearing the 'High-Vis' jackets at playtime – so all the children can see them and find them. They are doing a fantastic job of running lunchtime activities and clubs along with our 'Silver Stars Team' from Year 6. The lunchtime clubs rota/timetable is up on the wall in school for the children to see.

Watch this space for more news on the ***Great British Spring Clean*** and the ***Anglian Water Survey*** – which will be run by our School & Eco Team.

Wishing all a happy & healthy Spring term,  
Mrs Lydon & Mrs Gibbs



### **Reminder: Smart Watches**

Ideally, smart watches are not worn in school as they could get damaged or lost and can be a distraction.

For older children, if they wear one because they are walking home alone, it **must be in school mode with all messaging, calling, photo and gaming capabilities turned off.**

**Parents must sign an agreement** that the watch will be in school mode before your child wears it in school. Agreements can be obtained from the office.



**Values award winners: 16.02.24**

YR– Rivan Sharma  
Y1– Malakai Alderton  
Y2– Chloe Duncombe  
Y3– James Townsley  
Y4– Freya Stevens  
Y5– Adelina Georgieva  
Y6– Mya Smith

**01.03.24**

Naksh Nankani  
Amber Newell-Pearce  
Elizabeth Kane-Rehman  
Lois Webster  
Xin Rui Wu  
Zoha Asif  
Max Ayetan

**Golden Table: Helena Marx, Freddie Ashmore & Delilah Wakeling**

**James Roberts, George Drayton & Holly Turner**

**Celebration Assembly**

Emilia Y4 & Nell Y4 both received a Chinese new year dragon badge from Brownies, Amilia YR received her 25m back crawl certificate & Maria-Christina Y3 received her 10m front crawl & 25m backstroke award. Olivia Y3 received a certificate for completing a Minecraft code & Cyrus Y6 received his British Gymnastics Trampoline Proficiency award level 7.



**Well Done all of you !**



**Celebration Assemblies**

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

**Red Class-8th March  
Blue Class-15th March  
Yellow Class-22nd March  
Orange Class- 19th April  
Green Class-26th April  
Purple Class-3rd May  
Silver Class-10th May**

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



**Booking forms for the Easter holiday club will be sent out next week.**

**The Careclubs Team**

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



## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 6th March	Y3/4 Sharing Assembly
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 13th March	Y6 Kettle Yard trip
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19th March 4-7pm Thursday 21st March 8-11am	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 19th March	Y1 Space Centre Trip
Wednesday 20th March	Diversity Day
Tuesday 26th March	Y5 Astronomy Trip
Wednesday 27th March	YR Standalone Farm 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
Thursday 11th July	Class swap up day

### Welcome Wednesdays

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.*



# Wellbeing

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

## *But why is it important to promote children's mental health and wellbeing?*

Good mental health is important for helping children and young people to develop and thrive. (Public Health England) Children's emotional well-being is just as important as their physical health. Good mental health helps children develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and grow into well-rounded, healthy adults. (Mental Health Foundation)

Things that can help keep children and young people mentally include:

Good physical health, enough sleep, a balanced diet, regular exercise, freedom to play, being part of a family that gets along well most of the time, attending a school that looks after the wellbeing of all its pupils, taking part in local activities

Other factors that are also important, include feeling loved, trusted, understood and safe. Children who are optimistic, and resilient, have some control over their lives and feel like they belong are more likely to have good mental well-being.

Being a parent or carer isn't always easy, it can be really hard at times. Although, more often than not can be extremely rewarding. Things can feel especially tricky if your child is struggling with their mental health. It is not always easy knowing what you can do to help. YOU are not alone. There is lots of practical advice to help support you and your child – from encouraging them to open up, to navigating mental health services and finding the right help. No matter what you're going through, things can get better.



### **Parent Helpline**

Young Minds have a helpline that provides information and advice to parents/carers who are worried about a child or young person's wellbeing/mental health.

The service is available 9.30am–4.00pm, Monday to Friday. Call: 0808 802 5544

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline/>

You can also find more on the Mental Health & Wellbeing area of the school website <https://www.caldecoteprimaryschool.org.uk/>

## *SEND information*

**Don't forget our termly SEND/SEP meeting (ADHD and child Mental Health) will take place on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 8:45 – 9:45am**

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



Orange class finished last half term on a high with Chinese New Year celebrations, completion of a class book of Viking Tales and a 'mini' Viking Activity Day. We are looking forward to the Y3/4 assembly next week where we will have the opportunity to share some of our fantastic learning with you. We were excited to start our new topic of Frozen Planet this week and have learnt where the Arctic and Antarctic regions are located. We have begun our new class reader The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and have been reading lots of poems in preparation for our new English unit.

We have had a busy first week back. In art, we looked at work by Vincent Van Gogh and explored mark making using different media. In computing we started our new topic about data collecting. We used a programme on the laptops to make pictograms. In geography, we learnt names of the continents and listened to a very catchy song. Maybe the children remember some of this to sing to you! We hope you all had a lovely half

Purple Class have enjoyed their first week back after the half term break. We have started learning about our new topic, Earth and Space, in Science by learning about the Earth's rotation and how this affects our shadows throughout the day. We have started our new class book, The Many Worlds of Albie Bright, in which the main character is hoping to investigate parallel universes! In maths, we have continued learning about decimals and finding equivalent fractions from decimals. Purple Class particularly enjoyed art this week when we arranged and photographed still life using fruit and vegetables. Next art lesson, we will use our photographs and initial sketches to create still life paintings.

Red Class have had a great start to their new topic. They have enjoyed listening to the story of Cinderella and re-telling it. They have sequenced the story into beginning, middle and end.

In Maths, they have been learning to recognise coins and have been making amounts up to 10p in different ways. They have enjoyed decorating an outfit for a ball and have drawn portraits of themselves as a king or queen. They have also created castle pictures using 2D shapes.

This week in Blue Class we have been thinking about How we can catch a Star based on the story How to Catch a Star. We have had lots of great imaginative ideas. We have started to design our own planets for our art work which we will use fabric for elements of our planet.

Green Class have started the new half term by thinking about our Year 3 and 4 assembly that we are going to share with parents next week! We are very much looking forward to sharing some of the learning we were putting together before half term - it really is lovely putting together such a variety of delights that we have worked so hard on. In preparation for World Book Day which is also happening next week, we have been writing our own picture books about the importance of making mistakes when we learn so that we can learn more from having made them. The important thing is not to ignore them which is what our main characters have been finding out. World Book Day is going to be the perfect opportunity to become authors and illustrators for the day and produce our very own picture books!

Welcome back! Silver class have started their topic Crime and Punishment, a topic that promises to captivate their imaginations and spark thought-provoking discussions. Linking to this, they've began immersing themselves in a world of classic fiction, preparing to craft their own Twist Tale inspired by the timeless narrative of Oliver Twist. In maths, have embarked on a journey of measurement conversions, reminding themselves about multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. Meanwhile, in science, our scientists have explored the diversity of the animal kingdom and finding ways to classify these. On the dance floor, Year 6 has embraced the rhythms and movements of Zumba. They will be creating their own fitness routine in no time at all. Democracy has been our focus in PSHE and lastly, in music they are understanding the importance of music in film and the different emotions it can evoke.