



Newsletter 1

11th September 2020

Dear Parents & Families

We have had a wonderful first week. There has been such a happy and positive buzz in school and on the whole children have settled really well. Thank you for trusting us and for co-operating with the new systems. We are sorry if sometimes it feels like we are being pedantic with our rules but we are doing it to try and make sure we all stay safe and well and we do not have to close any of our bubbles.

We are especially excited to welcome our new Red class children who have all been delightful and some new families to other classes across the school. We are pleased some routines such as 'Meet the Teacher' are still able to happen, albeit virtually. If you aren't able to attend the Zoom meetings please look at the website where the presentation will be posted.

"I'm shattered" is a phrase I've heard a lot this week from both children and staff. Getting back into the routines is tiring both physically and emotionally. Please all try and take time to rest and relax at the weekend and above all stay safe and well.

Mrs Karen Stanton, & Ms Becky Snelling
Co-Headteachers

Some reminders please

- ⇒ Parents must social distance whilst on the school site and outside school (including in the village hall area)
- ⇒ When speaking to a member of staff, please social distance
- ⇒ Staff should not take any items from a parent; please leave anything on the bench outside the main office or paperwork in the postboxes
- ⇒ Parents of children in Y4, 5 & 6 are not allowed on school site
- ⇒ If your Y3 child is confident, please allow them to come into school independently
- ⇒ Only 1 adult per family
- ⇒ Please collect your children and leave the school site as quickly as possible

Information from Public Health has shown that parents clustering and lingering on the school site and outside increases risk to both staff and the community. Please work with us in trying to keep everyone safe and well. Thank you.

Donations : as you can image we are getting through hand sanitizer, surface wipes, tissues, etc at an alarming rate! We would really welcome donations of those plus washing up liquid, dishwasher tablets, clothes & sponges. We are being very vigilant about cleaning in all areas of the school and anything you can do to help would be appreciated.



Dates for the Diary

2020/2021 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING	
Tuesday 15th September	Yellow class meet the Teacher @3.45pm
Thursday 17th September	Orange class meet the Teacher @3.45pm
Wednesday 23rd September	Red class meet the teacher @3.45pm
Monday 28th September	Individual school photos (no siblings)
Tuesday 13th October	*Parents Consultations 8-11am
Thursday 15th October	*Parents Consultations 4-7pm
Monday 26th—Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Training Day
Thursday 19th November	Flu Immunisations-All years
Friday 18th December	End of term
Monday 4th January	Training Day
Tuesday 5th January	Spring term begins
<i>*More details to follow about how we will do parent consultations</i>	

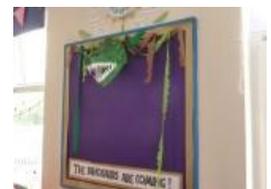
Newsletter dates for this term: 25 September, 9 & 23 October, 13 & 27 November, 18 December

Care Clubs

We are thrilled to be able to resume our before and after-school care. We know how vital this is for some of our parents who work. Well done to Nichola and her team who have worked very hard over the summer to get to grips with the guidance and put the routines in place. So far it is working really well with the children staying in their 'bubbles' that they have in school. Well done Care Clubs Team - we love having you back with us!!!!



We thought you might like to see how great school is looking. I wonder if your child can identify which area of the school the photos are from?



Celebration Assembly

We will continue to have our Celebration Assemblies on Friday afternoon but these will be via Zoom within school.
We are sad that we can't share this wonderful time with you all but hopefully your children will let you know all about it.

This week we have spent time getting to know each other better by playing games involving our names and hobbies. The pupils also created FactFiles about themselves, which are now on display in the corridor outside our classroom. We have started our topic of Tribal Tales, making cave art of our hand prints to decorate our reading corner, and considering timelines, both in our own lives and throughout history. We have started our class books, Stone Age Boy and Stig of the Dump, which we are enjoying and learning lots of new vocabulary from. On Thursday, the pupils imagined themselves as a character from Stone Age Boy and came up with thoughts and questions from this character. We're looking forward to getting more stuck into our topic next week.

We want to say a big heartfelt thank you to all the children in Yellow class. They have all come back to school with a smile on their faces and a hardworking attitude. All the children have settled well into the Y2 routines. We have endeavoured to ensure everyone has a reading book. Some have already changed their books a few times which means some excellent reading is going on at home. We hope to see parents on Zoom on Tuesday after school to offer more information about the year ahead.

It has been so lovely to welcome the children into Purple Class this week and to see them so enthusiastic about being back at school. We have been getting used to new routines and learning about the Arctic and Antarctic, linking with our Frozen Kingdom topic. In Art, we are going to be making Papier Mache bowls and it would be fantastic if each child could bring in a small, flexible, plastic bowl to use as a mould. We have also been talking about structures in design and technology and are preparing to construct small igloos using sugar cubes! We are all looking forward to a fun term ahead!

It has been lovely to meet all of our new Red Class children this week and they have made a really enthusiastic start to their time at Caldecote. They have been busy exploring their classroom and trying out all of the learning activities on offer. We are really looking forward to getting to know them all better over the next few weeks.

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. We have been amazed at how quickly they have settled and adapted to a new classroom and new routines. They must be very tired so don't be surprised if they need more rest or snacks!! We hope that you found the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting helpful. As we said there, please do ask if you have any questions or concerns at any time. Do remember that the topic web and home learning plan are on the website if you want to have a look at them. We send a reading book home with the children next week. Please make sure it is brought to school every day and the children can change their reading books in the morning if they wish. Please could you also ensure that your child has a coat, wellies and a change of clothes in school. Thank you so much!

Green Class have had a great first week at school. We have started our Flow topic by building rivers and doing river artwork. We have also learnt the meaning of different river vocabulary and enjoyed reading and creating our own river poems. Green Class have worked hard to settle into class routines and have showed many of our 5-star qualities such as kindness and resilience. I think we are all ready for a well-earned rest this weekend!

Silver Class have settled back into school fantastically. It is like they never left! It has been particularly reassuring for them to be back with their friends and the discovery that Year 6 isn't so scary. We have been discussing our feelings this week and learning to take a deep breath before reacting to a situation. We have also been practising some mindfulness and developing our art skills. Their self-portraits look very effective which can be found on our Twitter page.



Let's Celebrate

Star awards: YR-

- Y1- Nell Lankriet**
- Y2- Eli Chisnall Waddy**
- Y3- Amy Duncombe**
- Y4- Alfred Rolfe**
- Y5- Serena Lu**
- Y6- Betual Ozturk**

**Golden Book: Ramiz Y6
Clayton Y1**

Well Done Everyone!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ

We will be delivering the 'start of term' documentation (or posting if you don't live in Caldecote). Enclosed will be:

- ⇒ Data collection: please check carefully and let us know any changes**
- ⇒ Permission form: please read, sign and return (image permission has already been sent)**
- ⇒ Home / School Agreement: please read, sign and return**
- ⇒ SeeSaw: new codes for homelearning**
- ⇒ Accelerated Reader (KS2 children only): how to logon at home to check progress**

When returning forms, please use the black postbox by the main vehicle gate or the post box by the front office. Thank you.