



Newsletter 4

23rd October

Dear Parents & Families

What an extraordinary half-term! Well done to everyone for getting through and thank you for trusting us in these very unsettling times. When we think back to this time last year we had no idea what 'furloughing' was and didn't realise that 'tiers' and 'isolation periods' would become such a routine part of our everyday language.

Sadly, we think that things are going to stay uncertain for a while yet and it is going to be really important that we all keep adhering to the guidance and following the new procedures. We mustn't become complacent and we thank you for your understanding and support with all the restrictions we are having to impose.

Your children have been fantastic at adapting to the new routines and our staff have also been amazing - school wouldn't be operating so successfully without their dedication and commitment. Everyone has taken on additional responsibilities, all helping cover additional breaks and lunches and doing extra cleaning. Everyone is exhausted - adapting to change takes its toll.

We hope you all have a lovely half-term and stay safe and well. The children have worked really hard and we are sure all families are ready for some well-earned R&R.

Mrs Karen Stanton & Miss Becky Snelling
Co-Headteachers

REPORTING A POSITIVE COVID CASE DURING HALF-TERM

If your child tests positive for Covid during half-term please let the school know by email to office@caldecote.cambs.sch.uk and put COVID in the subject line. The emails will be monitored regularly throughout the week and we will take the necessary actions if there is a positive case. We will not be responding to any other emails during the half-term break.

PTA & PARENT FORUM

Well done to both the PTA and Parent Forum who have both organized their meetings virtually. Our Remote Learning Policy was discussed at **Parent Forum** and hopefully you should have received the minutes. The Policy is on the website if you are interested.

The **PTA** have been busy thinking about things to do in lieu of the **Christmas Fair**. Hopefully you have had a Parentmail about a **Non-uniform** day on **Friday 13th November**. (Please remember that there will still be lots of ventilation in school so please make sure your child is dressed warmly) Each child should bring in an item for **Rainbow Raffle Hampers** the colour of their class. We hope you will support your PTA who are working hard on your behalf.



Is money tight at the moment? With so much uncertainty about the Parish Council and The Church have joined forces to offer help to any families who would appreciate it during half-term and the Christmas holidays. Please contact

Email: CaldecoteCovidHelp@gmail.com

Call: **07394 946499**

Or contact your area sub-coordinator



Dates for the Diary

2020/2021 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING	
Monday 26th—Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Training Day
Friday 13 November	PTA non-uniform 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

Newsletter dates for this term: 13 & 27 November, 18 December

JSS HALF TERM SPORTS CAMPS

Don't forget that Mr Segrave is running sports camps at Haslingfield School throughout half-term. If you are interested get in touch via email jssports-education.co.uk

VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

Children MUST use the pathway and not run across the car park. There have been a couple of 'near misses' when cars have been reversing in/out of spaces and small children (who cannot be seen) are riding or walking in the car park. Please use the path and keep everyone safe.

Do not send your child to school if they have:

- **a high temperature** – this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

The whole household must self-isolate. Your child will need to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms; the rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.

You should book a test for your child on NHS online or by phoning 119. Please note - only the person with symptoms should be tested and there is no need for others in the household to have a test, unless they also have any of the symptoms mentioned.

Make sure you tell us immediately about any symptoms and when you receive the result of the test.

Parent Consultations - they were different this year but overall we feel they were quite successful. Thanks for your co-operation with the new system and for your understanding when there were technical issues. Teachers were really pleased they were able to have meet with you and share how your child(ren) had settled back into school.

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 has been a busy week for Orange class! We have finished our mystery writing with Miss Anker and our stories about making friends with someone different with Mrs Lione. There has been some amazing pieces of writing! We have come to the end of our Tribal Tales topic and we had an exciting art lesson on Tuesday where we made rock art with clay, inspired by Stone Age rock art from Northumberland. We discussed the difference between abstract and representative symbols and then we copied examples of Stone Age abstract symbols. Although it was very messy, the class worked precisely and artistically and the results are great. We completed our Machines dance sequences this week and performed these too, providing each other with useful evaluative feedback. It's been a brilliant half term and an exciting start to Year 3.

It seems remarkable that we are already at the end of our first half term. The children have been a credit to all of you as they have maintained hand hygiene and an understanding of the new 'normal' showing incredible resilience. It was great catching up with all of you on our virtual parent consultations. Thank you for all the positive feedback. To ensure a restful half term, we have now completed this term's spellings. From November, there will be a weekly 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' spelling sheet put on See-saw on a Monday to be tested the following week. Thank you for all your continued support. Have a lovely holiday. Yellow class team.

Purple class have had a fantastic end to the half term making igloos out of sugar cubes and presenting lots of lovely home learning. The children are working very hard and we are looking forward to our new topic: Stargazers!
Have a great half term everyone.

Red Class enjoyed listening to the story of The Tiger who came to Tea by Judith Kerr and imagining what they would do if a tiger came for tea. They thought of some great ideas for their own shopping lists! Carrying on with the theme of food, they had fun preparing and making their fruit kebabs and also writing instructions for imaginary pumpkin soup. In maths, they have been comparing items by size, mass, length and capacity and using related mathematical vocabulary. They have also mixed primary colours to make orange, printed pumpkins and created their own tiger faces!
We have started to join in with the school celebration assembly now, so look out for Star Awards from this week.

Wow! What a busy half term! The children in Blue class have been amazing and hopefully have been sharing lots of their learning and experiences at school with you. They have all worked so hard and we are extremely proud of them! Thank you for all your support especially with the home learning – lots of which has been out of this world! You will have received an e mail about our topic next half term which we are already excited about. If you could collect any small plastic bottles or tubs with lids and send them into school for making mixtures and potions we would be very grateful! We do hope you enjoy a well-earned break and look forward to seeing you after the holiday! The Year One team

Green Class have finished off our Flow topic by creating podcasts to show what we have learnt. We did some lovely art work inspired by Monet's Water Lilies using oil pastels. We have also been measuring length and converting units of length, for example, kilometres into metres. It was fun to measure and compare our heights in metres and centimetres too.
Next half term our topic is I am Warrior - remember Roman (dress up) Day on Tuesday 3rd November!

Wow! What a half term! Silver Class have had a fantastic start to the term and settled back into school life well. They have worked hard to complete their balanced argument this week explaining whether the Victorian era was a Golden Age of tremendous change or a Dark Age of human suffering. They also challenged their brains during Maths when solving order of operation calculations and squared and cubed numbers. Not only have they written about the Victorian era, they have also designed and created their own Victorian model! Check out our Twitter page for the final result. Alongside getting creative in Art, they have also used their knowledge of electricity to design, create and evaluate a loop game. Silver Class are looking forward to a well deserved rest after a very busy half term! Have a lovely holiday everyone!



Let's Celebrate

16/10/20

Star awards:

YR-
Y1– Emilia Meintjes
Y2- Penny Davies
Y3- Omar Farid
Y4– Yanyi Xiong
Y5- Alfie Cox
Y6- Kitty Joseph

Golden Book: Liam Place
Jasper Blake

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Lillian Catlin
George Drayton
Preston Lee
James Martin
Erjeta Burnell-Clemson
Abi Wade
George Sugden Chevallier

Yousuf Hussain
Moaz Faiad

Well Done Everyone!

Care Clubs

We would like to wish all our families a lovely Half-Term break.



Online Safety

Tik Tok is a very popular social media app where users can watch and create video content, it has an age rating of 12+ for setting up an account.

Parental Guides about Tik Tok including information about its privacy settings and potential risks can be accessed here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app>

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

HALLOWEEN ADVICE FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Halloween 2020 will be different to previous years as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the usual messages around safety and behaviour stay the same but our key messages have changed to ensure everyone keeps to the COVID guidance and helps to keep our communities safe. This letter aims to help clarify advice for the public on what Halloween 2020 should look like without breaching COVID-19 legislation; we would be happy for you to share this letter with parents in the run up to October half term. In line with the 'Rule of Six' legislation, people will not be able to hold Halloween parties and trick-or-treating is unadvisable in the current climate. Our advice for parents is to steer your family away from taking part in the traditional form of trick-or-treating such as door knocking. It is vital that people from different households mix as little as possible in order to stop the spread of coronavirus.



For many children, dressing up and going out with friends and family trick ortreating is a highlight of their year and we understand not being able to do this will be upsetting for them, especially when they've already had such a tough 2020. There are safe ways to dress up, decorate your home and enjoy

Some of the ideas we will be sharing are:

- An alternative approach suggested for parents draws on the NHS 'rainbow challenge' which proved so popular in the spring. People who want to be involved in Halloween can display pumpkins (unlit), or pictures in their windows in the run-up to 31 October. Then parents/guardians can go out with their dressed-up children and try to find them
- Children and parents/guardians will be encouraged to bake spooky treats, get creative and carve pumpkins, or have a trick-or-treat hunt at home
- Hold a Virtual Spooky Halloween Party with your friends. We urge parents of older children to talk to them about why it's advised they don't take part in trick-or-treating this year and to respect people's decision not to take part.