

Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school fortnightly newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of engaging with both our class newsletter, which is posted on Dojo every fortnight, and our parents' newsletter. These communications, developed in collaboration with our Parent Consultation Group, aim to foster effective communication and keep you informed about upcoming events whilst also providing a glimpse into your child's school life.

The class newsletters highlight the specific activities and learning taking place in your child's class, thereby supporting their learning journey and promoting a strong partnership between home and school. Offering suggestions as to how to approach maths key facts learning and wider reading skills. We make every effort to ensure that you have the majority of necessary information at your fingertips within these publications; however, we acknowledge that occasional changes may necessitate additional updates. We aim to keep these to a minimum.

You can expect these communications every Friday, providing a helpful touchpoint to ensure you feel connected to your child's education. Both communications should reduce your need to seek information.

Just a little reminder about the importance of clearly labelling uniform items with your child's name. Recently, we have received numerous requests to check lost property; however, items remain unclaimed as we cannot identify their rightful owners. Even simple biro on labels would suffice, as long as it is refreshed after washing. Alternatively, a laundry marker can withstand multiple washes and ensure your child's belongings are easily identifiable. Our aim is to return uniform, water bottles, and other items to you promptly, understanding the significant investment they often represent. Thank you for helping us in this effort to reunite lost property with its owners.

Kind regards,

Bridgette Gough
Headteacher

Harvest Festival Celebration and Foodbank Collection

As we approach our Harvest Festival Celebration next week, we invite all members of our community to contribute to a worthwhile cause. This year, we are supporting the Braintree Area Foodbank, which relies on the generosity of local residents and businesses to provide essential supplies to those in need. We will be holding our Harvest celebration in school collective worship with all the food gifts displayed by the children on Thursday 9th October.

We have researched the latest requests from our local foodbanks and would ask you to consider donating any of the following items: biscuits, cereal, conditioner, Cup-A-Soup, jam, long-life milk, pasta sauce, rice, microwavable rice sachets, shampoo, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned vegetables, and toothbrushes. However, please note that the foodbank currently has sufficient stocks of baked beans, tinned potatoes, and tinned soup.

Thank you for your continued support; together, we can make a meaningful difference this Harvest Festival.

Please can the children take any donations to their classrooms and not the School Office.

We will share pictures of our collection in our next newsletter.

Headteacher's Cup

Joey Class: W1- Myles

W2- Alexandra

Aardvark Class: W1- Ezra

W2- Franky

Giraffe Class: W1-Jason

W2- Bella

Capybara Class: W1-Isabella

W2- Logan

Koala Class: W1- Alex

W2- Gracie-Mai

Jellyfish Class: W1-Esme

W2- Ava

Falcon Class: W1-Hero

W2- Sofia



Birthdays in October

Talia

Chloe

Juliette

Danniella

Jaxon

Harley S-B

Jace

Layla

Monty

Agnes

Willow

Florence

Myles



Going For Green

Daisy & Mabel G

Sports Cup

Lybbie & Matthew D

Reflections Area - Trust

Children are being asked to select qualities to stick on to the mountain and focus on those qualities in the weeks ahead with the following question and task.

How trustworthy are you?

Look at the qualities of a trusted climbing partner recorded here, can you pick one you think would be critical in a partner and stick it onto our mountain.

Over the coming week have this quality in mind as an aim. Think about your relationships in school with friends, class members and the staff who support you. Demonstrate your chosen quality towards all those within our community and reach your trust goal!!

In addition to quotes about trust, from both scripture and other sources pictures of our very own Year 6 feature from their PGL trip, showing teamwork and trust in both their peers and the instructors at Caythorpe Court.



Extra-Curricular Club Capacity

We would like to inform parents that there are still a few places available in some of the clubs we are offering this term. Most of our clubs operate during lunchtimes, as we are mindful that many children have other commitments after school. Additionally, a significant number of staff are engaged in running intervention support, either before or after school, extending their working hours alongside scheduled staff meetings.

Currently, we have spaces available in the following clubs: Comic, Junk Modelling, Arts and Crafts, Choir. We encourage you to follow the link below to secure these final spots for your child.

<https://forms.office.com/e/fm4YyJmmQM>

Collective Worship Themes Explored Last Week and This Week

As outlined in the information shared about our Reflection Space, our theme this week in worship has centred around trust and made significant links with faith. Cultivating trust is essential, especially in our community, where we encourage and support one another in our daily lives.

Last week, we focused on the "Learning for Life" behaviour of "Don't Give Up." We particularly emphasised the importance of self-belief and maintaining faith in ourselves and others. Drawing inspiration from the "No Outsiders" materials, we reflected on the works of Van Gogh, who, despite never seeing himself as a great artist, created pieces that are now instantly recognisable across the globe. His art serves as a powerful reminder of the value of believing in oneself.

We reminded our students, "Believe in yourself; you never know what the future holds." During challenging moments, it is crucial to remember that no feeling lasts forever. By fostering a culture of trust and resilience, we aim to empower our students to thrive both now and in the future. I have included 2 of the images we included within the assembly that many of our pupils were instantly able to name, but can they remember the estimated value? We hope the information here promotes wider discussion.



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