



Newsletter 14 Friday 26th April 2024

To all of our families,

It is wonderful to be back at school - it feels like I have come 'home'! Being a 'His Majesty Inspector' was an interesting experience and I have learned a lot from working in so many different schools across the region. However, I missed the close contact with all the children and working every day with my colleagues. I will continue to do inspections but on an ad-hoc basis that fits in with my headteacher role.

What I have realised is just what a fantastic school Caldecote is! Everything about education is extremely challenging at the moment but the Caldecote team continue to go above and beyond. We are a jolly bunch and this happiness is felt by the children - there are always lots of smiles, positive conversations and children eager to share things with us. We also appreciate the support and friendliness of our parents - we feel like we are in partnership with you. We are all helping your children to be the best they can be and be well prepared for their move to their next stage of education.

Mrs Karen Stanton on behalf of **the Caldecote Team**

UNIFORM REMINDERS

- School shoes must be worn except when it is PE day; if shoes are 'trainer type' shoes (particularly boys) they must be black without any flashes of colour
- No hoodies to be worn in school (except Y6 leavers' hoodies); track suit tops must not have a hood attached
- No jewellery or body adornments (apart from stud earrings) should be worn; this includes items on wrists (eg friendship bracelets)
- Long hair must be tied back so pupils can see easily; hair ties must be small and sensible

We appreciate your support with this. We are preparing pupils for the very strict uniform expectations they will encounter when they go to secondary school.

Caldecote School children need a new stage! Help the PTA to fundraise....

£3913

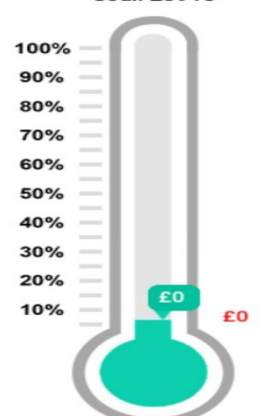


The current stage is very old and unstable. It is extremely difficult to put together. It takes up a huge amount of storage space and it needs to be replaced. School doesn't have spare money to replace the stage. If we don't help the school buy a new one, the children will have to perform without a stage.

Caldecote School PTA need your help and support. Please come and join us at our future fundraising events!! All the money raised from these events will help fund the new stage...

1. Bingo- 26 April
2. Disco- 17 May
3. Break The Rules Day-24 May
4. Sports Day- 28 June

Goal: £3913



SCHOOL & ECO COUNCIL UPDATE

Well done to all our School & Eco Council members – we had a fantastic '**Switch Off Day**' in school – all the children were working hard. We were fortunate to have a sunny day – so were able to use the natural light in most classrooms. We also have some great outdoor learning and some reading by torchlight!



We will be having another 'push' on remembering to turn off lights and computers and our Eco Team will be helping with this.

This half term we will be planting our wild flower seeds around the school and putting our '**No Mow**' signs around the wild flower garden.



Please check the school Amazon wish list – we would still love to have some of the small picket fencing for this area? Thank you.

We will also be carrying out our own '**Water Survey**' within the school – Anglia Water will be helping us with this with a view to helping the school reduce water usage. Our School and Eco Council will be helping to choose our class water monitors.

Our Playtime Ambassadors are doing a great job running the lunchtime clubs with both Key Stage One & Two.

Watch this Space for more activities during the Summer Term – as we plan our Community Clean Up day on the 20th June and prepare for the highlight of the year with the school Talent Show.

Mrs Lydon & Mrs Gibbs

PTA Update

Dates of future events run by the PTA:

Bingo night 26th April 6-8pm in school hall.

Disco on 17th May, times TBC.

We do still need some volunteers for both KS1 and KS2 disco so if anyone would like to help please email caldecoteschoolpta@gmail.com



Values award winners: 19.04.24

YR– Hobert Wu
Y1–Daniel LI
Y2–Joseph Izzard
Y3- Harry Stigwood
Y4–Rosie Cowan
Y5– Mia Burnell-Clemson
Y6– Amy Duncombe

26.04.24

Winnie Garnham
Benjamin Haste
Edward Cass
Jolie Lai
Darren Chan
Xiao Xiao Xiong
Amelie Hoban

Golden Table: Haleema Javaid, Arabella Kane-Rehman & Freya Stevens

Iris Bajaj, Elizabeth Kane-Rehman & Preston Lee

Celebration Assembly

James Y3 completed a dinosaur trail, he finished his stamp card and received a medal and Olivia Y2 received her red class swimming award. Ellen Y5 received a badge for her great Skiing skills & Nell completed her “Yeti 2” level in Skiing.



Well Done all of you !

Celebration Assemblies

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

Purple Class-3rd May

Silver Class-10th May

Red Class-17th May

Blue Class-24th May

Yellow Class-7th June

Orange Class-14th June

Care Clubs Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs



WOW!! What a noisy few weeks we have had in CareClubs (with lots of different musical instruments, the children have loved it) We have also been busy on the arts and crafts table, making lots of different junk modeling along with playing inside giant cardboard boxes on the carpet area, the children’s favourite thing! Some of the children have been playing board games like Tummy Ache, Bus Stop, Connect 4, pop up pirate, and a penguin puzzle game. Making yummy flapjacks for snack was a big hit with everyone.

JUST A REMINDER WE WILL BE CLOSED MAY HALF TERM & THE TRAINING DAY FOR A WELL DESERVED REST :)



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



Dates for the Diary

Friday 26th April	PTA BIngo
Friday 17th May	PTA Disco
Tuesday 21st May	Y1 Colchester Zoo trip
Thursday 23rd May	Y3 & Y5 Trip to the Centre for Computing History.
Monday 27th May—Monday 3rd June	Half Term
Tuesday 6th June	Class Photos
Monday 10th June	Great British Spring Clean
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 4th July	Annual reports out
Wednesday 10 July	Appointments to meet teachers re: reports
Thursday 11th July	Class swap up day Y6 SATs results available
Thursday 18th July	Term Ends

Welcome Wednesday

Summer dates as follows:

KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6) 22nd May & 3rd July

EYFS & KS1 (Reception, Y1 & 2) 1st May, 19th June, 10th July

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

Please note: on these mornings there may be adjustments to what is happening in the classroom to accommodate parents. An example may be, if a child normally has 1:1 or group support, we will delay this until after the Welcome Wednesday so every child has the opportunity to share with parents and no child feels left out.

The JTA's are pleased to announce that they had Spike the JTA team mascot attend school in the spring term and have subsequently been featured in the 'Way to Go Road Safety Education School Newsletter Spring 2024. I am sure you will agree this is a lovely achievement. Well done JTA'S!



Wellbeing

Hooray for the sunshine! As we move into the summer term, it's the perfect time to refresh our minds and focus on our wellbeing and boost our self-esteem.

Self-esteem means the way we think and feel about ourselves. When we have good or high self-esteem, we feel good about who we are most of the time, believe in ourselves, and our qualities and strengths, believe we are worthy and deserving of all the good things in life, including love, kind friends and fun experiences. Having a good self-esteem is not about being happy all the time, or always feeling confident. We all have bad days sometimes which may include negative thoughts. But having a good self-esteem, means we're more able to move on from these feelings by being kind to ourselves and asking for support. To boost your self-esteem, you need to identify the negative beliefs you have about yourself, then challenge them. Recognise the things you are good at, build positive relationships, be kind to yourself, learn to be assertive and start saying 'NO'.



<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/tips-and-support/raise-low-self-esteem/>



<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-health-problems/self-esteem/tips-to-improve-your-self-esteem/>

Education Inclusion Officer - SAVE THE DATE!

Clare Merrington, our local Education Inclusion family advisor, is coming in to school to talk to parents on Wednesday 8th May at 8:45am for approximately 1 hour. Claire will focus on general parenting issues and other challenges faced by families. These areas include: challenging behaviour, routines, supporting emotions and wellbeing, school transitions, parenting strategies, building resilience and confidence. She will signpost parents to the different sources of support. Both Rachel and Vicky will also be available during this session for any SEP or SEND related questions.

Children's Health



Learn Together Cambridgeshire

<https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire-send/cambridgeshire-send-oap-toolkits/primary-and-secondary-send-oap-toolkit/parent-information> Visit the parent information area of the Cambridgeshire SEND Ordinarily Available Provision Toolkit, there is a selection of frequently asked questions and answers.

Don't forget to look on the Mental Health & Wellbeing area of the school website <https://www.caldecotepriaryschool.org.uk/>

SEND information



Pinpoint In-person Conference 2024 ✨ Discover a world of knowledge, support, and inspiration at the Pinpoint SEND Conference. There will be a collaborative space where parents, caregivers, and professionals unite to empower and champion children with additional needs. This will be a remarkable chance to gain knowledge and forge connections. Location: Burgess Hall, St Ives, PE27 6WU for more details visit; <https://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/event/pinpoint-in-person-conference-2024/>

There are some fantastic workshops running this term for parents, Please see the attached posters for more information.

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 kicked off the Summer Term with a new seating arrangement, a pebble jar treat and of course the new topic 'Mighty Monarchs'! In English the children are learning about playscripts with Mrs Smart and Autobiographies with Mrs Duncombe. We have enjoyed reading biographies about famous people and noting down their achievements in chronological order ready to turn them into autobiographies. In Maths the children are learning about place value and telling the time. We have started using Microsoft Publisher in Computing and reading staff notation in Music. The children are enjoying our new class book 'The Royal Rabbits of London'.

Summer term has started brilliantly in Yellow Class. The class have been very engaged with our new topic - 'The Great Fire of London'. Pupils have learnt about how the fire started, reasons for it spreading and looked at the timeline of events. This history work is supporting our English writing. Pupils are learning how to write a newspaper article and a diary entry. In maths we have continued to look at fractions. Our PSHE topic this half term explores how we stay healthy. We have explored what the word healthy means to us and the different ways we can achieve this. We have focused this week on food groups.

Purple Class have had a good return to class after the Easter break. One of the new experiences of this term, is the time to go swimming each week. Purple Class have been taking a coach to swimming lessons each week where they will continue to develop their swimming skills for the rest of the half term. We have started our new book, Cogheart, and begun learning about our new history topic: the Industrial Revolution. In English, we are learning how to write film scripts. We have learnt about scene headings and how to set out the dialogue and action lines for a script. In maths, we have been solving multi-step problems using all our operations. This has really challenged us to work systematically and read the questions carefully. Well done for your hard work this week Purple Class.

Red Class have made a great start to their new topic! They have been listening to stories set on the farm and enjoyed retelling the story of Farmer Duck and describing how the characters behaved and felt. In maths, the focus has been on subtracting and the children have been using a number line and explaining their workings. They have also been out in the school grounds looking for changes with the passing seasons. They have made mixed media pictures of trees and taken a photo using the iPad.

Blue Class have been very enthusiastic about their new topic 'Africa'. In English, we are learning the features of a non-chronological report ready to write our own about a lion. In maths, we have been practicing numbers to 100 as well as exploring what halves and quarters are. In computing, we have used the laptops to type sentences and learn about word processing. In PSHE, we have been thinking about where money comes from.

Green class have been getting into their new topic of 'Nibbler's and Nashers' by finding out how the digestive system works. We have just embarked upon reading David Walliam's book 'The Demon Dentist' and hope that visits to the dentist are not really like Walliam's has portrayed! It is that TIME of year where we think about the clock and interestingly, everyone is very confident about what time break and lunchtime are! We are very much looking forward to making our own healthy, seasonal pizzas in design technology so watch out Dominoes pizza!

Some very usual animals that were 'sighted' this week in Silver Class. Newspapers explained the details of this sighting and, at times, I feared for my life that such a dangerous creature could be roaming our land! The class should be exceptionally proud of the progress they have made; it was a pleasure to read all of their writing. The class are looking forward to writing stories about the adventures their animal will get up to. 'Painting with scissors' produced some fantastic work this week; we focused on positive and negative shapes and used these in our collage. In R.E, the Humanism was introduced and PSHE is focusing on transitions ready for secondary school. We have had our residential schedule through this week and the class are excited to hear about the activities they will be doing such as raft building and high ropes. We've also had our mock SATs this week and the class feel confident and at ease with the 'set up' of each day. Some even said that were excited for it!



Education Inclusion Family Advisor County Wide Online Workshops

The Education Inclusion Family Advisor team offers a range of countywide online workshops. We welcome any parent/carer with a child/ren in primary schools. The transition workshops are facilitated by the EIFA team and a member of staff from the Child and Family Centre.

Transition from Early Years to Primary school

Tuesday 7th May 2024 - 18:00-19:15

Wednesday 15th May 2024 - 12:30-13:45

The workshop will cover strategies for encouraging children's independence and self-care skills, instruction following skills, social skills in school, helping children to understand emotions and how to talk about them, helping children to problem solve, separation and leaving you and importance of sleep.

Transition from Primary to Secondary school

Thursday 9th May 2024 - 12:30 - 13:45

Tuesday 14th May 2024 - 18:00 - 19:15

The workshop will explore feelings your child might have before starting secondary schools, friendships, what to expect in secondary school, ideas for being organised and time management, travelling to school, ideas for emotional support for your child, importance of sleep/screen time and further signposting.

Please use the link below or scan the QR code to book your place.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ce65VGXsQt>



For more information speak to your school office or contact us directly on:
earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



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Getting it right for the Children Session 1- Tuesday 23 April, 12:13:30; session 2 Tuesday 30 April, 12:00-13:30

The workshop is for parents who are separated or in the process of separating from their child's other parent and who are finding it difficult to communicate with one another. It is designed to help parents to manage separation in ways that will be less harmful to their children. Parents will learn ways to improve their communication and negotiation skills to work better with their child's other parent. Parents should attend both sessions.

Sibling Rivalry – Tuesday 7 May, 12:00-13:00

During the workshop we will be exploring the range of feelings that exist between siblings and the needs a child has from its parents and carers in relation to his/her siblings; learning about the factors that can affect sibling relationships and lead to rivalries developing. We will consider the range of behaviours that can be observed between siblings who are not getting on and the role of parents and carers in managing these behaviours. We will spend time covering strategies and think about techniques that will work with all ages but also share those that might be targeted at certain age groups.

What to do when kids push your buttons – Tuesday 14 May, 12:00 – 13:00

During the workshop we will be exploring strategies for parents to remain calm during challenging situations, understand what happens when children get angry and how to help the children develop self-regulation of emotions.

Managing challenging behaviour – Tuesday 21 May, 12:00-13:00

During the workshop we will be exploring what the reasons behind challenging behaviour and supporting parent to understand the reasons behind the behaviour as well as offering strategies for managing situations in a positive way.

To book a place, please click on the link below or scan the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Dw6tzZ5332>



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