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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

I cannot let January pass without some reflection on our recent Festivities. Although we had to re-think how we organised Christmas 2020 I am sure you'll agree that the Infant Nativity was indeed a celebration of Christmas, and that the Year 6 Nativity readers and actors all did very well.

The children enjoyed their class Christmas Lunches with many thanks to the kitchen crew!

The School Council judged the videos of the classes **CAWSTON'S GOT TALENT**. All children who took part did really well.

Thank you to everyone for making a positive contribution to our celebrations at school

Autumn Term ATTENDANCE

Despite the current, confusing situation we were pleased to be able to be open for every class for every day last term!

We were delighted that 46% of our pupils [70 pupils] achieved 100% attendance.

Also 80% of our pupils [123] achieved the school target of 96% attendance.

Our overall school attendance was 97%.

We know that we all have Covid-19 concerns so we will follow guidance and keep you all informed. Our New Year's Resolution is to keep safe, healthy and energised as we hope for a good term of learning at Cawston Primary, whether in classes or at home!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, healthy, peaceful and successful 2021. Our School Calendars are still available ☺ As we begin our new term, we are hoping for a healthy term for everyone in our school community! Tier 4 will certainly have an impact on our lives but we look with new hope to the vaccine on the horizon.....

Website

Please check our website for further information and updates -

www.cawstonprimary.dneat.org

Also there is a link to the Ofsted **Parent View** website which is where parents can give their views about how the school is doing. This needs to be updated every academic year on the 2020-21 tab. Thank you.

Fundraising

The Christmas Jumper appeal raised £118 for 'Save the Children' and the Christingle candles raised money for 'The Children's Society'. Thank you for supporting these worthwhile charities.

WINTER

At this time of year we hope for the best but prepare for the worst!

We will, of course, aim to keep the school open whenever possible.

In the event of school closure due to exceptional circumstances we will inform Radio Norfolk, Broadland Radio and County Hall who publish it on their website:

www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk

We will also send a text message if we have electricity for the Internet.

FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES

May I remind you that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals? The government's Pupil Premium aims to give extra support by giving schools funding for every child who is eligible for free school meals. In order to ensure that our school makes the most of the 2021 fund parents are urged to register their child for free school meals before Jan 13th. Even if you have an infant or do not want the meal you need to sign up to make sure the school gets the essential fund to help your child. Please check at the office if you are unsure. Our school lunches provide varied healthy, balanced meals. School lunches and PACKED LUNCHES must be NUT FREE. This includes peanut butter & choc/hazelnut spread because of extreme allergic reaction to nuts for some of our school members.

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

All classes will be learning new topics this half term. Please encourage your child to ask questions and find out information from books, the library or BBC websites for their topics. **Please see details on Class Dojo.**

Sycamore	When I grow up...
Poplar	When I grow up...
Oak	Through the Ages: Bronze, Iron
Hazel	Saxons and Vikings
Beech	The Mayans
Alder	Arctic to Antarctic Pole to Pole

Our Collective Worship theme is
Peace

Each week we have a different focus:

Week 1: Epiphany / Peace

Week 2: Making Peace

Week 3: Prince of Peace

Week 4: Living at Peace

Week 5: Being a Peacemaker

Week 6: Peaceful Places

SMILES

Smiles will not be open in the first weeks of this term. We are very grateful for the excellent care and fun activities provided by Moya and Janet each day. They have adapted how and where they work in a flexible and efficient way, keeping to Covid safety measures. SMILES is usually available for **key worker childcare** every school day 7.30-8.45 and 3.15 –6pm. Please contact Moya Latham 07747 021967.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our December congratulations included:

Stars of the Week: Felix, Lily W, Isabella, Harvey, Freddie B and Patience.

Citizens of the Week: James C, Lilly-Mai. Sofia A, Kaitlin F, Ava-Mirella and Ivy.

Kindness Cup: Pearl B

Health & Fitness Cup: Fred D

Sportasaurus: Courtney, Cody and Leo.

Talent Show: Well done to all the entrants and to the School Council Y5 and Y6 judges!

Class Finalists

Sycamore: Elsie & Jessica-singing

Poplar: Pearl & Evie-song; Freya M & Kaitlin-ballet

Oak: Charlie, Felix & Joe-dance group

Sylvie, Josh, Talia, Amelia, Oscar, Megan-dance

Hazel: Sophie- poem, Audrey- cello

Beech: Fred D- martial arts, Samuel- comedy

Alder: Patience, Sophia, Edward, Austin H, Jack, Alfie- dance group; Orla -piano

The top winning acts were:

1st Sophie's poem

2nd Y6 Dance group

Super efforts everyone!

The variety of acts was A-Ma-Zing!

We are keeping an open mind for our usual events so will be able to make plans as soon as restrictions allow. We will let you know.....

DIARY	DATES
<u>JANUARY 2021</u>	Spring Term
Mon 6 th	Term starts
Fri 10 th entries for	Christmas Quiz due in
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th	HALF TERM
Tues 16 th Shrove	Pancake day
<u>MARCH</u>	
Thurs 4 th	World Book Day
Sunday 14 th	Mothering Sunday
15 -25 March tbc <i>depending on Covid</i>	Parent Telephone Appointments
Fri 19 th	Red Nose Day – 'Funny is Power'
Fri 26 th 3.15pm	End of Term
<u>APRIL</u> Sunday 4 th	Easter Sunday
Mon 12th	Summer Term
<u>MAY</u>	
Mon 3 rd	Bank Holiday
Mon 11 – Fri 14	Y6 SATs
31 st May- 4 th June	HALF TERM
<u>JUNE</u> Mon 7 th	School Opens
<u>JULY</u>	
Weds 21 st 3.15pm	End of Year
Mon 6th Sept 2021	New School Year