

2023

Cawston Primary Academy

January News



Diary Dates

Start of Spring Term
Wednesday 4th January

Wednesday 1st February
Friends meeting
The Bell 7pm

Friday 3rd February
NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 7th February
Keeping Children Safe
Evening Day
Information workshops

February Half-term
13th—17th February

Easter Holiday
Monday 3rd April—
Tuesday 14th April

Happy New Year

We are thinking this term about everyone's well-being as the new calendar year begins. January marks a time of New Year Resolutions as we all undertake to be healthier, kinder or more active.

Before Christmas we had the Aviva Workforce in the school garden doing some clearing and tidying which was very much needed. Thank you to Susie for coordinating with Tash and the Aviva team to make this happen. They were very busy clearing and filling the raised beds, raking A LOT of leaves, weeding and tidying. It was a beautiful bright winter's day and the team soon got warm, moving and laughing. A great opportunity for team building and a chance to enjoy valuable time outside.

As a school we are so lucky to have this amazing space and we would like to take this opportunity to share it with our community. Susie would love to welcome more volunteers and is creating a community gardening club twice a month. We are all aware of the isolating effects of the past few years and that many people's mental health is at an all-time low. It's scientifically proven that spending time outside with nature helps to improve people's mental health and so we're excited to start using our school wildlife garden in this more inclusive way. The garden will be open on the 9th January, 23rd January and 6th February this half-term. Come along to get involved in any way you feel able to, even if it's just for a chat and a bit of light weeding! We look forward to seeing you there.



Collective Worship

The value this half-term is Justice. This is the O of Cawston, as our character trait acronym. The justice revealed in the Bible is always seen in the context of love. It includes the call to take responsibility (Own it!) for one another, especially the poor and oppressed, and to see that no-one is excluded from the essentials of life.

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Curriculum

Our learning this half term allows the children to be historians and find out what happened in the past as follows:

<u>Classes</u>	Spring T2A (5 weeks 3 days) History
Year 1	What toys did children have in the past?
Year 2	What toys did children have in the past?
Year 3/4	How would you have fared as a child in Victorian Britain?
Year 4/5	How would you have fared as a child in Victorian Britain?
Year 6	What was it like to be a child in WW2?

Each class has access to high quality texts that underpins their topic and enriches the curriculum.

Reading for pleasure is an important concept at Cawston Primary and we encourage all children to read at home, sharing books with yourselves and siblings. Children are working together in class to produce reading scrapbooks that will be shared at some point. A visit to a library is a free activity that can open up children to escape to other worlds. We are developing our library and would welcome more volunteers to continue the good work being done here.

Friends of Cawston CE Academy

Thank you to our very active Friends group for all they have done in 2022. December was an incredibly busy month for them with making Christmas gifts, the Christmas event featuring a visit from Santa. We decorated biscuits and delivered them around the community. Their support is invaluable. All the children benefitted from a World Cup Dance Day paid for by their fundraising. Thank you to you all and I look forward to working with you this year. The next meeting is at The Bell 7pm for 7.30pm start.

ALL WELCOME

Absence

Attendance last term was good. We had 23 pupils with 100% attendance and 70 pupils with above 96%.

There are still many cases of Covid, Flu and Scarlet Fever in the community. Government advice is that children with a fever should not attend school. If your child is ill enough to require paracetamol to attend school we would advise that they stay at home until recovered. If your child is sick or has a stomach upset please keep them at home for 48 hours after the last incident. If a child develops a fever or is otherwise unwell at school we will telephone and ask you to collect them.

If your child is too unwell to attend school it is important to let us know as soon as possible - either leave a message on the MyEd App or telephone the school. Please do not use Dojo for absence messages as this information does not always get to the office and could result in us calling you.