

Caen Community Primary Newsletter

Friday 8th June 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after half-term. A few parents have been to the office enquiring about classes for next year. '**Changeover day**' when the children will get some time with their new teacher will be on **Tuesday 3rd July**. We will let you and the children know which class is going to which teacher in the newsletter on Friday 29th June.

There are a number of **trips** running this half-term and many have some costs attached and **non-payment** does impact upon the school budget. The majority of the costs are usually transport related. We only charge for your child's place – we do not (and school's aren't allowed to) charge more to make up shortfalls. Schools can and do ask for a voluntary contribution for curriculum trips that take place during the school hours. The children love going out and about but unfortunately it does cost to take advantage of some of these opportunities. Where we can we ask parents to take/ collect we do (as we are doing for the Y5 and 6 trips to the Burrows) but this can be challenging for some families to organise. This is not possible for trips that take place during part of the day or further afield and we are not allowed to coordinate lifts as we then need to see licences, MOTs, insurance etc. We are now able to use the St. Brannocks and Braunton Academy minibuses but these are not always appropriate if taking a year group. Currently this year we are down £3332.40p due to non-payments. We do want to continue to offer trips that do enhance the curriculum but we will not be able to if we continue to run at a deficit. Remember, if your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium or you feel your family may qualify then the school will contribute 80% of the costs. If you have any questions about payments please see either the office or myself.

I know that **communication** came up as an issue in the parent survey and I have been told by a few parents that as they are not on Facebook they missed a note about bringing in a teddy on Monday into Y2. I am sorry for this miscommunication and we are discussing this issue at the moment. There are a number of ways that we communicate and for September we will try and make these more simple and straightforward. For now we shall add to the newsletter a calendar of dates for the forthcoming week and new items will be in bold and we shall ensure the school diary is also kept up-to date.

On Tuesday the **Tag Rugby** team that won through from the October Braunton Learning Community competition took part in the North Devon finals. They played some good passages of rugby and won all their group games and their quarterfinal but unfortunately lost in the semi-finals.



Stars of the week

Well done to:

Matilda Powell, Ava Maynard, Rosa Jagodzinska, Seth Johnson, Logan Maddison, Darcey Neate, Tyler Jenkins, Ronnie Brundle, Sammy Frost, Kayla Coats, Jasmine Nolan, Miranda Wilson, Elsa Thomson and Brooke Maynard

WANTED – chicken coop and materials for a run

Our chickens are now growing larger and bolder and soon they will be ready to live outside. Does anyone have a chicken coop that they don't need or materials for building a chicken run e.g. paving slabs, chicken wire? A parent has volunteered to help build it, if you or someone you know would have a few hours to help them on a Thursday or Friday that would be much appreciated. Please see Mr Page or the office if able to donate a coop, materials or time.

NO SMELL *
NO TASTE
CANT SEE
* IT

DANGER!

Sleepiness
Nausea (sick)
Dizziness
Fatigue
Disorientation
Headache

Carbon Monoxide

Silent Killers

* Get Out!!!

Open doors and windows.
Call 0800 111 999
GET A * CO DETECTOR

If you have all of these symptoms see the Doctor.
OR YOU MAY DIE!!!!!!



The format is changing next year from a Y5/6 tournament to a Y3/4 one but we will try and organise some local games for the Y5 and 6 children and there will still be the PETROC tournament as well.

On Wednesday and Thursday Mrs Rivenberg's and Mrs Robinson's class went to the **Burrows** for the day as part of their local study for their topic work this term. They were taken through the Burrows by a couple of rangers from Christies Estate and they learnt all about the special flora and fauna that makes it such a unique place and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Let's hope this great weather holds for the Y5s next week.

Today we started **surf lifesaving** as part of our curriculum PE for Y6. The children were in the water for part of the session both on the boards and running/swimming in and out. For the other half they were on the beach having a go at beach flags and the 1K. They will also be covering some of the curriculum for the new Bronze, Silver and Gold Nipper Lifesaver Awards. Thank you to the parents who came to assist with the water element and once again thank you to Saunton Sands Surf lifesaving Club for their support and Surf'd Out who assisted with wetsuits. All had a great time and are looking forward to the next four sessions.

Next week on Monday Y5 are going to Lynmouth to see for themselves how the geography of the area contributed to the floods they have been learning about and the Y5s have their Burrows trips on Tuesday and Wednesday; on Tuesday we have the EYFS and KS1 sports day with a picnic lunch on the field for the children and parents of KS1 children; Y6 have their Lifeskills event and then Oceanfest; and lastly, some children from KS2 are taking part in the Torrington Aquathon.

Lastly, congratulations to Rocca who, like Mia last year, has won a carbon monoxide safety poster competition – she will be going to London for a trip on the Thames and London Eye and a presentation in the Palace of Westminster. She also won £300 for the school! Well done.

Kind regards,

Mr Page



Upcoming events

11.6 – Y5 to Lynmouth. Y1 phonics screening all week.

12.6 - Mrs Lapish's to the Burrows, EYFS and KS1 sports day on the field.

13.6 – Mr Fletcher's class to the Burrows, Y6 lifeskills event

14.6 – Torrington Aquathon (selected KS2).

15.6 – Y6 to Oceanfest.

18.6 – Y3 (selected) cross country at Southmead.

19.6 – Y6 (all) volleyball in Croyde.

20.6 – Y5 to the Mix Festival. Qaud kids county finals in Plymouth (8x Y6 pupils).

25.6 – Reception 2018-19 parents meeting 6-7pm.

