

Caen Community Primary Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2017



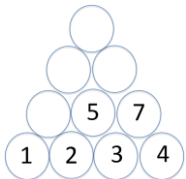
We are recruiting

Would you or do you know someone who would like to join an experienced, positive and proactive governing body that has just supported the school through a successful Ofsted? We are looking for a/ some community governors to join our governing board. Should you be interested please see either Mr Page or arrange through the office to have a chat with one of our joint Chairs, Claire Thomson and Mark Woosey. These positions are open to people in the community who do not currently have children at Caen Primary.



This week's one is an 'open' problem from nrich (nrich.org), a great website for all sorts of mathematical problems. There are a number of solutions and an extension. Please send in answers if you find any!

Build it Up - Make 15



Start with any four single digit numbers. Add up the neighbours and put the answer above (like the start of the example). Do you finish with 15?

- 1) How many different solutions can you find?
- 2) Can you do it when you use a different digit in each bottom circle?
- 3) What's the smallest and greatest number you can make?
- 4) What if you used 1, 2, 4, 16, 32 and 64. What different totals can you make? What is the largest and smallest total possible?

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly welcome back to all our returning families and a very big welcome to Caen Primary School to all of our new families – those who have joined Reception this week and those who have joined other classes through the school.

Welcome to both Mrs Symcox and Miss Read. Many already know Mrs Symcox from her time working in the school and as a student teacher last year in YR but she is now teaching in Y1, congratulations. Miss Read is also a new teacher and she is teaching one of our Y3 classes having had a placement at Caen last year in Mrs Robinson's class, well done as well. Lastly, congratulations to Miss Goulding who got married over the summer and is now Mrs Rivenberg.

There has been a lovely feeling through the school this week from the moment that children and families arrive throughout the whole day. It feels positive, purposeful yet also fun and enthusiastic. There has even been a daily spontaneous dance circle at lunchtime with children jumping in and others whooping in support!

Stars of the week



Well done to :

Martha Hudson, Max Gibb, Ronnie Clifton, Ronnie Millar,

Betsy Sparke, George Moy, Harry Cohen, Stevie Wayne, Josh Mitchell, Makenzi McLoughlin, Indi Roome-Goodwin, Grace Willcocks.

The themes that ran through the certificates were readiness to learn, great attitudes and super listening. Well done.

Playground Award

Ronnie Milthorpe



As you may have seen we have had some building work take place over the summer outside YR and Y1. It was due to be completed by the time the children started but unfortunately the company did not deliver on their promise! They have promised to complete the work next weekend and I know that the children will love the new resources when finished. Bigger children (and parents of bigger children!) don't worry you are not forgotten! We have also ordered monkey bars, parallel bars and some other equipment for the front playground which was also scheduled to put in and this is coming.

Y6 have been having a superb time on their weeklong residential at Heatree Activity Centre on Dartmoor and Mrs Robinson and Mrs Rivenberg are posting updates on our 'School News' section on the website.

We have a couple of days coming up this half-term which we would like the children (and you) to partake in: Jeans for Genes on Friday 22nd September and Harvest Assembly with Rev. Anne on Thursday 28th September. For Jeans for Genes day we are asking for donations for children wearing their jeans and jean shorts to raise money for research and support for children who have genetic disorders. For Harvest we would like to support the local foodbanks and Rev. Anne from St. Brannocks has asked for tinned food. You are welcome to donate in advance of the harvest assembly.

Service Families: We understand that a number of families are having a parent deployed at very short notice to help the relief effort in the Carribean. Please let us know if the school can be of any help to your family. The next Service Family Coffee Morning will be in the school hall next Thursday, 14th Septmember, 9-10am with Mrs Arnold and Mrs Latham.

Reading and times tables: Please read with your child regularly and practise times tables with them as well – please see your child's teacher if you have any questions about what tables or if you have other learning questions. Little and often works best and once routines are set it does get easier and 'normal'.

The photos are from Heatree and also when an ambulance made an impromptu visit to Yr and the nursery. Keep an eye on the 'school news' section on the website for regular updates. Should you have any questions please see your child's class teacher. I am normally on the playground before and after-school should you wish to catch me.

I wish you a good weekend,

Mr Page



Notes and notices

Dinner money: Please ensure all monies are paid in advance to clear your account by Wednesday 19th July.

Clubs:

Lost property: Please check by the office if your child has lost a coat, jumper etc. However, I am really pleased to say that we have had a super week and we only have one coat (a green duffle coat aged 7-8) here. Everything seems to be named and labelled which makes a huge difference. Thank you!