

# Caen Community Primary Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been the last full week of term and back at the start of September this seemed like the distant future but as ever it has come around quickly. We held the **Nursery and Reception Nativity** performance this week and it was wonderful. They have learnt so many songs and actions and were an absolute delight to watch. I think the performance showed just how hard Mrs Sim and all of her team have worked this past term and how much the children have come on since September; it is no mean feat to organise roughly 70 under fives into a chorus line.

Throughout this week we've had **Y1 Balanceability** and **Y3 L1 Bikeability** taking place. The Y1s had a great time in the hall on the balance bikes and luckily the weather held and Y3 were outside for all of their sessions on the front playground.

This week we have continued on our path to deepen the links and **partnership work** between Caen and the other local schools. On Tuesday morning Mr Pittman came to watch Mrs Rivenberg and her class' maths lesson on fractions and they had a good discussion about some of the cross-over or not with the Academy's curriculum and language used when teaching. On Thursday afternoon Mrs McAuley (who as well as Assistant Head and KS1 leader is also our English coordinator) and Mrs Robinson (Y6) went to Braunton Academy to look at English across KS2 and 3 and we hope that a similar working relationship will form in this area.

On a similar note the **Y5/6 Transition Choir** performed on Wednesday night at St. Brannocks Church along with KS3 pupils from Braunton Academy and Y5/6 pupils from Georgeham, Southmead, Kingsacre and Marwood. They all sounded wonderful, especially so when they sang 'Hallelujah' together and it was made all the more special by being in St. Brannocks. Well done to those that sang.

We have continued to show round prospective parents for next year's reception intake and it is lovely taking them through the school and seeing the different classes in action. One remarked today on the Y6's confidence to talk about their writing which was lovely to hear.



## Stars of the week

Well done to:

Harvey Bransbry, Matilda Powell, Ben Grew, George Lemon, Eden Carter, Logan Maddison, Morgan Stokeley, Taye Friend, Angelina Brooks, Caelen Carter, Iris Egan-Russell, Nel Gradalska, Lily Davies, Poppy Fiddes



We will be sending out our new clubs list just after we return. If any parent would like to run a club please let the office know and they can discuss the feasibility and organise the DBS checks etc. Similarly if there are any parents who are able to offer some time to hear children read in either their own child's year group or another that is always appreciated and welcome.

We will be having our Christingle services next Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup> December) at St. Brannocks. KS2 will go in the morning and will be there for 10am. KS1 will go in the afternoon and will be there for 2pm. KS1 will also be holding their carol concert then as well. If you are able to help with walking please see your child's teacher. Reception and nursery are arranging for Rev. Anne to come here and do a small Christingle session with our youngest in school. Seeing as we had such a successful drive for the North Devon Food Bank for Harvest we are asking for donations to be brought for the Christingle service – in date dried and canned goods please. It is Christmas Dinner day next Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup> December) and children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers should they wish. Please let the office know asap if your child(ren) would like a dinner. On Thursday children are welcome to bring in games from home should they wish but no electronic games or devices please.

The photos are from the Nativity, St. Brannock's and the Transition Choir and some lovely Y1 local study homeworks.

Kind regards,

Mr Page



### Help Wanted

We know we have some expert builders of all trades out in our school community and I'm looking for your help. We would love some outdoor instruments but they are incredibly expensive (c.£1500 for a set of the drum picture right). Would you be able to help make some or a outdoor xylophone? Any thoughts ideas gratefully received!

