

Caen Community Primary Newsletter

Friday 9th March 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, our **Parent's Evening** is coming up and will be held on the week beginning the 19th March. Teacher's have sign up sheets on their doors or if you are not able to drop off or collect please email the school office (admin@braunton-caen-primary.devon.sch.uk) and they will be able to allocate you a time. If you have more than one child in the school then try and leave at least a ten minute gap to get from class-to-class and to accommodate any possible overrunning. The meetings are for a catch up on progress since September and next steps over the rest of this year. Your child's books and work will be out for you to look at before and after. If you feel you would like a longer meeting please speak to your child's teacher or the office to arrange this. As I've said before, we have an open door policy here at Caen and teachers are always happy to discuss progress and next steps and please don't wait until these scheduled meetings if you have something that you feels needs discussing or addressing.

Word may have reached you that we have had a safety notice about our **school hall**. Since taking over I have been trying to find out about what is and isn't permitted building wise at Caen and costing works for the hall, library block and toilets and other areas. When the hall was inspected we were informed that we cannot have more than 100 people in there until further notice due to the size and number of the exits. We are working with the council and council contractors on this and I hope it will result in, at the very least, some significant improvements to the existing structure. As this moves forward we will keep you informed.

Attached to the newsletter are the recent minutes and notes from the **PTA meeting** last week. They have dates in the diary for the Easter Fair (Thursday 29th March), school discos in May (Friday 18th May) and Summer Fair (Saturday 14th July). They are looking for help for the different events. I would like to say a big thank you to the PTA and the parents and community for supporting them as the monies raised really do help. This term classes have put their £100 donations towards visits to and from Exmoor Zoo, the recent Greek Day visitor and some outdoor xylophones which are coming for reception. We are also ordering some outdoor instruments for the front playground.

On Monday some governors as well as our School Improvement Partner undertook a **learning walk** across the school looking at writing and presentation and feedback in particular. It was a useful morning and sessions like this are key to keeping governors informed so they have an accurate picture of how the school is doing for our children.

Yesterday we held a delayed **World Book Day** and we were all hugely impressed by the outfits on show. There were some amazingly creative outfits and the children and teachers looked great.



Stars of the week

Well done to:

Leah Van Rensburg, Effie Dean, Ava Herbert, Eden Maynard, Lucas Mitchell, Abbie Durrant, Charlie Lemon, Barney Potter, Ruben Norcott, Cortez Murray, Rosie Wright, Alicia Orchard, Eve Tamlyn.

Apologies for the lack of certificates this week! They will be given out on Monday.



Water/ drinks

Please note that the policy has not changed in school: **just water in drinks bottles.**

This morning **Mrs Lapish** and **Mrs Braund's class** held their class assembly on **International Women's Day** which was yesterday. The children chose their own inspirational women to research and there was a great diversity of individuals from Margaret Thatcher, to singers like Pink and Taylor Swift, athletes like Jessica Ennis-Hill and even Cleopatra. We also learnt about the first woman to swim the channel who was called Gertrude Ederle who was inspired because people said a woman couldn't swim the English channel. Not only did she prove the doubters wrong, she smashed the existing record by 2hrs! The group said they were inspired by her resilience and determination and I wholeheartedly agree. The class also sang beautifully to open and close the assembly. Well done.

Next week is **British Science Week** and classes will be doing various STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) activities in class. On Thursday it is (weather permitting) the football and netball tournament which is run by Devon and Cornwall Police. Then on Friday our local parliamentary representative, **Peter Heaton Jones MP**, will be visiting and as well seeing the school he'll meet Y6 to talk to them about the role of an MP. The following week, the same as parent's evening, is **Sport Relief**. We will be doing various activities across the school and children may come in dressed up in sports clothes on the Friday for a donation. KS2 will be going to Tarka Tennis to have a go at either wheelchair basketball or tennis on the Monday or Tuesday and classes will also be having a go at sitting volleyball and goal ball (3v3 football for visually impaired people and the ball has a bell in it). If you or your children have any particular things they would like to do in or out of school to fundraise please let me know.

Kind regards,

Mr Page

