

Caen Community Primary Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2018



A message from the Governors regarding Headteacher interviews

As many of you are probably aware, the school's governing body is in the process of appointing a permanent headteacher. The closing date for applications was last week and we were delighted with the high calibre of applicants, both local and from across the country.

We have now drawn up a shortlist to interview over a two-day process next week. As part of the assessment, the candidates will be in school teaching and talking to the pupils, as well as giving a presentation to staff about their vision.

It is an exciting time for Caen - and an important one - and we appreciate your patience and support throughout.

A decision should be announced to the school on Monday 22nd January.
Mark Woosey & Darran Chadwick
Co-Chair of Governors



Stars of the week

Well done to:

Freya Foard, Neve Mulligan,
Rueben Anderson, Bella
Heaton, Noah Leach, Maisie
Cooper, Taye Friend, Seb
Page, Imogen Jones, Bella
Broad, Astrid Denby, Corey
Griffin, Harvey Handley,
Ellie Joyce

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you are well and had a good Christmas and New Year – though that does feel a distant memory!

Firstly, just in case you wished to know, I have applied and shall be interviewed next week with the other candidates.

After a long break and very short week last week the children and staff are back in the swing of things. I want to extend a **'Welcome to Caen'** for those families who have just joined us and also to Miss Heather Mobbs who has started in Y4, covering Mrs Smith's upcoming maternity leave.

Last week there was a report by the Children's Commissioner about **social media** and the pressures that children and teenagers face with this, especially as they move from 8-10yrs old to 11+. The report found that many feel under an immense amount of pressure to 'friend' people and attain likes etc. We talk lots about staying safe online and helping the children with relationships. This week in assembly to Y4-6 we watched two short videos about staying safe online. This one (<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/facebook-fraud-risk-personal-information-like-page-data-to-go-short-film-a7120061.html>) was very eye-opening for staff and children. It is about how much information people have online is public and traceable. (*It was shown without the advert which plays before on the link*). It really is worth watching. The other was a CBBC One Direction pastiche video about staying safe online. These videos were also shared in class with Y3.



There has also been much talk about **plastics** recently. We have signed up to the Surfer's Against Sewage Plastic Free School's initiative and Mr Holker is going to lead on this. The local SAS chapter run a regular beach clean at Saunton and we will publicise them when they come up. There was a tremendous turnout last Sunday and the volunteers managed to make a real difference. Also this week Mrs Robinson met with Nicola Corrigan about the pollution levels on Caen Street and the school is going to be working with her and the local Green Councillor, Brad Bunyard, to collect some up to date information on just how polluted the air is in Caen Street.

Tips and activities and funding – Through the year different trips and activities take place and we do ask for a contribution for these which covers just your child as contributions are not allowed to subsidise. As a school we do subsidise costs through gifts from the PTA (as they have done this term of £100/ class), the PE fund and other ways such as grants from Rosemoor. We have chosen to charge £15 for the block of swimming but the sessions actually cost £24 per child for the block and the £9 is difference is taken from the PE grant. Please see the office if you struggle to make the contributions. For us to continue to offer activities it does require families to make the contributions.

The photos this week are from YR and their lovely work based on Elmer, Miss Reed's Y3 class practising the trumpet and the new displays in the office area showing off some lovely work from Y2, Y4 and Y6.

Kind regards,

Mr Page

