

Caen Community Primary Newsletter

Friday 20th April 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and I hope that you had a good Easter whether you stayed here or went away. It is lovely to have some warm weather but please make sure you **apply suncream to your children before they start school and if sending in with a hat please make sure it's labelled.**

Thank you for your thoughts and understanding with regards to Nicola Williamson's funeral next week. The family have said it is an open funeral so members of the school community are able to attend should they wish. It is at St. Brannocks at 11am on Tuesday. As said in the letter which went out yesterday school is open as normal. Joseph from Mrs McAuley's class and his mum are going to be doing the upcoming race for life in memory of Mrs Williamson as she gave him such confidence when he started. If you would like to donate to his efforts please follow the link: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/josephs-race-for-life-43> .

As you may be aware, especially parents of Y6 and Y2 children, **SATs** are coming up in the next few weeks. These assessments are for the government to check how the school is doing and the overall progress that the children are making whilst they are here at Caen. Whilst they are important for the school and we want the children to try their hardest (as we do in all lessons in all year groups) the aim and hope is that these assessments do not cause any anxiety and we haven't seen any in any of the classes.

On Tuesday the **RNLI Beach Lifeguards** from Croyde came to talk to Y1-Y6 about **keeping safe by the sea** this summer They spoke about dangers and hazards and how to stay safe and get help.

Thank you for your replies to the **Parent Survey** so far. We have had 64 fully completed and 32 partially completed. It has been a really useful experience and one we shall repeat annually. Overall the responses are very positive and there are some lovely comments such as: "Pupils are at the centre of the school's effort." There are a few key issues that are coming through like school dinners and we had already begun to think about this and shall keep you updated with our progress in this area. Other things which come up concern communication, homework/ helping at home, family groups/ mixing across ages, clubs (including the booking system), trips and residentials and the school environment. We shall be looking at the surveys at our next governor meeting and then will report back to parents fully on the results and our next steps. We shall be taking into account the responses when we write the development plan for next year later this term. It's not too late to complete the survey; should you wish to have your voice heard go to: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CaenParentSatisfactionSurveySpring2018/>

One thing which was mentioned concerned progress and information about your child's learning and their respective curriculum. Teachers are always happy to meet to **discuss your child's learning and progress.** Please don't feel you have to wait



Stars of the week

Well done to:

Nora Egan-Russell, Dylan Hampson, Leilani Marvelly, Milo Martin, Grace Joslin, Ava Butler, Katie Ong, Oscar Anderson, Rosie Creely, Lizzie Foster, Evie Arrowsmith, Freddie Derbyshire, Ben Phillips, Jasmine Gordon-Oke

Water/ drinks

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

SAFEGUARDING

If you are worried about the safety of a child you can call 0345 155 1071 and out of hours 0845 6000 388. The **Devon Children and Families Partnership** website (www.devonchildrenandfamiliespartnership.org.uk) has lots of really helpful information for parents and carers and children about keeping safe.

www.nspcc.org also has lots of really good resources.

for either parent evenings or to be caught by your child's respective teacher. You are welcome to make an appointment to see your child's teacher with them directly or through the office. In the mornings it can be tricky for a teacher to meet and in the afternoons, especially Y4 and below, to have an ad-hoc meeting/ discussion with the teacher again can be tricky as their primary role then is to ensure all children are dismissed to the correct person.

Thank you to all who came and supported the Easter Fair. There was a great turnout and it worked really well in the Parish Hall. Thank you also to Tyspanne Care Home who donated a number of gifts to the raffle. With regards to our hall, I am awaiting to hear from the county council about where we are with regards to their priority as the costs to make the it 'fire safe' and fit for purpose are too great for our budget alone.

Helen Venn, a parent, is a dance teacher who works with *Many Directions* which is a North Devon creative arts charity for people with learning difficulties. They are part of the 'People Projects' which is an ITV competition and are hoping to secure funding for more drama and dance activities. Please see the flyer below and you can vote for the project here: <https://www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk/projects/view/reach> . More information about *Many Directions* can be found here: <http://www.manydirections.co.uk/>

Good luck to Mr Harvey and those children heading up for the Pi Wars event, enjoy the tennis if you are going to Tarka (flyers went out to YR-5 as it is aimed upto 10yr olds) and I hope you have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Page

Morning routines

If bringing your child to school **please wait outside** rather than in cloakrooms until 8.45am. We have a number of entrances and it is fine to wait by your child's classroom. Children (and adults) are welcome to join in wake-up shake-up with Miss Fogarty Tues-Thursday or play small games on the front playground but I'm afraid we're too busy for games of 'it'.

