



Diocese of Norwich
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Caston Church of England Primary Academy

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30th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Dates for your Diary

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|---|---|--|
| 21 st October | - | Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer |
| 24 th – 28 th October | - | Half Term |
| 8 th November | - | School Photos |
| 8 th & 10 th November | - | Parents Evening |
| 16 th November | - | Flu Immunisations |
| 14 th December | - | Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (More details to follow) |
| 16 th December | - | Last day of Term |

Weekly Attendance Figures 23rd September – 29th September 2022

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|--------------|---|--------|
| Fry Class | - | 96.67% |
| Nelson Class | - | 94.09% |
| Carter Class | - | 100% |
| Cavell Class | - | 92.17% |

Congratulations to Carter Class for having the best attendance figures this week.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to the Friends for arranging the coffee morning today raising money for Macmillan. Thank you to all our parents for donating such wonderful cakes and for attending today. You helped raise £157.50 plus all donations made by QR code. The raffle made £48, which helped subsidise cakes for those who forgot to bring money in and purchase cakes for those with dietary requirements as The Friends like to ensure inclusion for all. If you donated cakes, your boxes can be collected from the table in the hallway by the office. Congratulations to Mrs Prideaux who won the raffle prize.

The Friends of Caston

We have an active Friends group, which fundraise for the school. If you would be interested in joining the Friends, please speak to the school office.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Helen Jeffries, who will be our new School Business Manager working at both Caston and Parker's Primaries.



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Thank You

Thank you to all the parents that helped with walking the children to and from the church on Wednesday for our Harvest Festival service.

Attendance

Since we returned back to school, there has been a worrying number of families taking their children out of school for term time holidays. As a school we are unable to authorise, term time holidays unless there is an exceptional circumstance. Unauthorised absences could lead to further action being taken by the local authority. Where the school becomes aware that a child has, been on holiday when we have been led to believe that they were poorly this will also be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Does your child have a chance of being successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

| If your child misses.... | That equals.... | Which is..... | and over 13 years of schooling that's... | Which means the best your child might perform is ... |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 1 day per fortnight | 20 Days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1.5 years | Equal to finishing in grade 11 |
| 1 day per week | 40 Days | 8 weeks | Over 2.5 years | Equal to finishing in grade 10 |
| 2 days per week | 80 Days | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years | Equal to finishing in grade 7 |
| 3 days per week | 120 Days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years | Equal to finishing at grade 4 |

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

*"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts.
Use them well to serve one another." 1 Peter 4:10*



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Fetch to Stretch

At Caston, we have a Fetch to Stretch initiative. This is where we help children to remember what they have been learning through developing their retrieval skills. This then helps to develop the pupils working memory skills. At home, you can help your child by asking them about their learning including about the key vocabulary that they have been learning about.

Celebrating Pupil Success

We want to celebrate some of the work our pupils have created. This week we have:
Words made from the letters in the word Harvest from Abbie in Nelson class.
Well done Abbie! You have created some amazing Work.

Breakfast Club / Tax Free Childcare

Our breakfast club is becoming increasingly popular. It is open to all pupils at a cost of £3.00 per session, which includes breakfast (cereal or toast). To book your child a place, log on to School Money and you can book in advance or even the night before if necessary.

If you are receiving Universal Credit and you are in work you can claim back a portion of the amount you spend on childcare. If you still receive Tax Credits, you can get also get help with the childcare costs. Just ask at the office for the code that you will need to give when speaking to either of the above.

If you do not receive either of the two options above then you may be able to use the Government-backed Tax-Free Childcare scheme it is designed so that for every 80p you put into your Tax-Free Childcare account, the state will add 20p. It essentially gives you basic-rate tax back on your bill – hence the scheme's name.

For more information on Tax Free Childcare, please look at

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sarah Disney