



CASTON NEWS



THE REPORT IS IN...
AND WE'RE DELIGHTED!

Thank you for your support

Celebrating Ofsted

We are thrilled to be able to share with you all the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. This was our first, which may seem odd to many of you but when Caston became an Academy and joined DNEAT in 2020 we effectively started afresh so, as a new school we have been anticipating this inaugural inspection.

Our visit was the earliest possible in this academic year, just five days in. Children were settling into their classes, new staff were getting to know everyone, exercise books were barely opened and display boards empty, refreshed and ready to receive work. Some of the team had seen inspections before and for others it was a new experience, just days into a new career. All the more reason why I am so very proud that we have been judged 'GOOD' in all areas.

The inspectors recognised our *'high ambitions for pupils' academic and social development'* and gave credit for how *'inclusive'* we are. They praised the curriculum as *'ambitious'* and the children for *'welcom[ing] new pupils to the school warmly'*.

Hard copy of the report will come home with children this afternoon and it is available to read on our website now. My thanks to everyone across the school community – staff, children, families, governors, volunteers and other supporters – for your ongoing support. It really is valued and makes all the difference.

Best wishes,

Mrs Disney



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Weekly Attendance

Fry Class	-	76%
Nelson Class	-	96.3%
Carter Class	-	93.64%
Cavell Class	-	89.41%

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

Please remember to call the office if your child is unwell - you can leave a message anytime.

Open Day

Our next Open Day for prospective parents will be on Monday 9th October 9.30-10.30am.

We have places available in all year groups.

Road Closure

With the ongoing road closure and diversion around Caston village, thank you to parents for driving with consideration for local residents. There is anxiety locally about the Northacre Road in particular being used as a 'rat run', so your care is appreciated.

Dates for your Diary

9th October – 9.30-10.30am Open Morning (for prospective pupils in all year groups)

16th October – 4.00-5.00pm Open Afternoon (for prospective pupils in all year groups)

23rd -27th October – Half Term

7th November – School Photographs

8th November - Flu Immunisations taking place

13th November – 1.30-2.30pm - Open Afternoon (for prospective pupils in all year groups)

17th November – Children in Need

19th December – Christmas Church Service – All welcome

20th December – End of Term

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCO)

Mr Halmshaw is the SENDCO for both Caston and Parker's. It is his role to support staff in identifying those pupils who may have a special educational need or disability, to coordinate the provision and support provided for pupils on the SEND register and liaise with parents/carers and outside agencies. If you would like to speak to Mr Halmshaw about your child/dren please make an appointment through the school office. Alternatively he tries to be on the playground at both schools during the week.

Toys, Valuables, Jewellery and Hairbands

Parents are reminded that toys and valuables should not be brought into school - they cause very real distractions and upset should they become lost or damaged.

The only jewellery pupils are permitted to wear are watches and small stud earrings. Particularly on PE and swimming days, please be mindful that things are easily missed in changing rooms and jewellery should not be worn on those days, where possible. This is reflected in our uniform policy, on the website.



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Caretaker Vacancy

We have an ongoing vacancy for a caretaker, details of which are on DNEAT's website. In the meantime, if you have a trade and would be willing to lend your expertise for an hour or two, please let Mrs Jeffries know!

Stay & Play

Our stay and play sessions for babies to pre-schoolers have now started at the school on Monday afternoons from 1.50-2.50 during term time.

There is no charge for these sessions but a donation towards drinks on offer is appreciated

Children In Need

Friday 17th November. For a cash donation, children can come to school wearing something SPOTTY!

There will be a collection bucket at the gate on the day.

PE

For PE and most games children should wear shorts, a team colour or white T-shirt and gym shoes are needed. For indoor activities they should go bare-footed or wear clean trainers. During winter months children will be allowed to wear track suits and trainers outside.

For activities such as swimming and any PE session, it is expected that children will have their earrings or studs removed before coming to school so that they can participate safely.

A Call for more Volunteers

We currently have the fewest number of volunteers we have ever had. This makes it incredibly tricky to organise school trips including swimming as we are always unsure if we will have enough adults for the trips to go ahead. If you would like to volunteer to help or know someone who would please speak to the school office.