



Calstock CP School Newsletter

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Spring Term - Number 4 - 15th March 2024

Diary Dates

- Weds 20th March - Federation Relationships & Behaviour Event 6:30pm - 8pm at Stoke Climsland
- Thurs 28th March 2pm - Easter Fun Day
- Thurs 28th March - Last Day of Term
- Fri 19th April & Fri 26th April - Year 6 Bikeability
- Fri 26th April - Swimming Lessons begin (8 weeks)

Class One 'Meet The Teacher'

Mrs Jade Morgan will be visiting the school on Monday 18th March at 3:15pm to meet with parents and to give a short presentation. If you would like to meet your child's new teacher, please do pop along to say hello. Mrs Morgan will be joining us after Easter and we look forward to welcoming her to our school and its lovely community.

Class One News

Class 1 have been learning all about instructions in their English lessons. We have first practiced following instructions to make a gruffalo crumble before trying to write our own using 'bossy words'. In art we have been practicing painting and learning all about colour. We have found out all about primary colours and how to use them to make secondary colours. In our most recent lesson we learned about hues and how we can change how light or dark a colour is. We practiced this by using blue and yellow to make different hues of green. From next Friday, we will be selling our outdoor planters that we have made in outdoor learning, so please come along and buy one - any donations welcome.



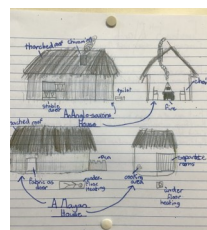
Class Two News

Class 2 have had another busy week. We have done a lot more great work about the Anglo-Saxons and we have been time detectives to find out all about ancient artifacts that were discovered at Sutton Hoo. In English we have been looking at journalistic writing and we are going to tie this in with our class book by writing stories for the Narnia Times. In maths we have done a lot of work on time-telling and as part of Science Week we have done a special experiment on the dunkability of biscuits. We have continued to learn about animal vocabulary in Spanish and we have used our knowledge of colours to draw and label our own special pets. Our DT textiles project is going very well and our pencil cases are starting to take shape. Everyone really enjoyed World Book Day - as well as dressing up, we did lots of activities around our favourite authors and genres, and it was great to spend some time thinking about why books are so important to us.



Class Three News

Class 3 have been busy learning about the Maya - they have looked at similarities and differences between Maya and Anglo-Saxon houses and how important gods and goddesses were in this ancient civilisation. Our class book, Curse of the Maya is also inspiring the writing in class and pupils have written some powerful setting descriptions in English. World Book Day was a great success and there were some brilliant costumes - we had fun with a book quiz in class. Year 6 pupils have visited Chyvarhas Care Home recently and the whole class will be reading to the older generation in the village at the coffee morning in the last week of term.



Gardening Club News

Gardening clubbers have been very busy so far this term. They have cleared out lots of rubbish from the gardening shed and have dug out the weeds preparing beds for planting. This week they managed to plant their first plants!! Strawberry plants and black-currant bushes. We can't wait to taste the results!



CROSS COUNTRY

And they've finished the season!! Yet again, our cross country runners put in amazing performances for the fifth and final event of the season, this time at Liskeard. Despite the Cornwall drizzle and cold winds, our participants battled through providing some great results., with the majority earning themselves overall series qualifier, having competed in 4 or more races. Congratulations to all our cross country runners - you are all troopers! Thank you once again to parents who have kindly transported children to these events and stood around in the in the rain and freezing cold!! You are also troopers!





Winner | Calstock Community Primary School

We are very proud to announce that Calstock School have been awarded the prestigious PTI Primary Impact Award for our work in geography. This was presented at an awards ceremony held in London this week. The PTI Primary Impact Award promotes and celebrates excellence in primary leadership, recognising primary schools that put quality subject teaching at the heart of the classroom.

The PTI congratulated Mr Ben Towe who leads geography across the federation, for the innovative way in which the teaching of geography has been developed through an emphasis on fieldwork, use of the local environment, critical thinking and global learning.



To find out more, visit the following website:

<https://www.ptieducation.org/pia-award/>

Attendance for the last fortnight has been a concern. Although we recognise that there are justifiable reasons for many of these absences, if your child has a cough or a cold, we still expect your child to be attending school. Please be assured, staff will look after your child and will contact parents if they are concerned in any way.

Annual attendance target: 96%+	
Attendance so far this year: 93.69%	
Year	Attendance for last 2 weeks
Class 1	96.92%
Class 2	93.43%
Class 3	93.50%
Whole School	94.45%



We have a piano tutor offering lessons on a Wednesday morning in school. If your child is interested in having lessons please contact the school office.

CALSTOCK SCHOOL

EASTER FUN DAY

2PM MARCH 28TH

MAKE AN EASTER HAT DECORATE AN EGG EGG SPORT CHALLENGE

PRIZES TO BE WON!!

CAKE STALL & DRINKS FROM THE PTFA

**£1 TO ENTER
BRING YOUR HAT & EGG
ON THE DAY FOR JUDGING**

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EASTER 2024

- Activities including multi sports, forest schools, circus skills, water sports and lots more - for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Easter holidays, from April 2nd - 12th

Scan here to book!

www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/
Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk
 01872 324287

Funded by Department for Education

There are children in our school who have severe life threatening nut & sesame seed allergies and we would like to ask for your continued support in keeping them safe.

NO cereal bars for snack time or in packed lunches

NO peanut butter or nutella sandwiches in packed lunches

NO nuts in cakes donated for cake stalls at fundraising events

Thank you for your support

Celebrating Achievements

Each week teachers choose pupils in their class who have demonstrated a key value which we encourage and celebrate in school.

Values Certificates were presented to:

Inspiration
 Angelina, Erin, Freddie, Lev, Grayson, Leo, Maisie & Rowan

Integrity
 Esme, Emile, Lorenzo & Corin

Perseverance
 Well done to all!

Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term 4th September 2023 - 19th Dec 2023

Half-term 23rd October 2023 - 27th October 2023

Spring Term 4th January 2024 - 28th March 2024

Half-term 12th February 2024 - 16th February 2024

Summer Term 15th April 2024 - 24th July 2024

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024

Half-term 27th May 2024 - 31st May 2024

Training day closures are: **4th & 5th September 2023, 18th & 19th December 2024, 15th April 2024**

Federation Relationships & Behaviour Event



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Wednesday 20th March

6.30 – 8.00pm

Stoke Climsland School

Monday 26th February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

As a Federation we recognise that relationships have a direct bearing on children's capacity to succeed both academically and emotionally. Relationships and a sense of belonging are key to good mental health for all. We aim to promote a school ethos that generates strong relationships between staff, pupils and parents/carers. It relies on creating a positive school culture and climate that fosters connection, inclusion, respect and value for all members of the school community.

We'd like to invite you to an informal event in which we can share and discuss our federation approach to relationships and behaviour.

A range of staff with key roles in our schools will provide contributions and explain a little bit more about what they do and why it is so important.

We'd also like to offer some dedicated time for round table input, discussion and contributions from parents and carers. This will be facilitated by a member of staff. Your voice is valued greatly and is critical in ensuring our approach is 'owned' and understood by us all. Please also be aware that we won't be able to discuss any individual children or specific incidents, due to confidentiality. Thank you.

We will be providing some refreshments. Therefore, if you are able to attend the event, please either email the school office or complete the slip below and return to the school office in person.

Best wishes,

Ben Towe

Executive headteacher

Name(s):

I/we will be able to attend the relationships and behaviour event on 20th March 2024