



Caddington Village School Newsletter

March 2015



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had much to celebrate this short half term and it was wonderful to see so many of you at the Celebration Assemblies –thank you for your support.

This half term the children have enjoyed participating in World Book Day, their costumes were amazing, thank you for all the effort in helping the children become so involved in the day.

We welcomed the new nursery children at the beginning of March, they have all made new friends and have settled well.

The Friends of Caddington School have been extremely busy this half term, organising and wrapping the gifts for Mother's Day, planning and hosting the Disco, which was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. The Easter raffle will take place today—thank you for your chocolate contributions. Thanks also to Rev. Rob O'Neill for his Easter assembly at the school yesterday.

Year 4 had great fun building an amazing Viking boat in the school hall. We set up a camera to take photos at regular intervals of the day, please take some time to look at the website which shows a speedy build of the construction!



The children really embraced the Comic Relief fund raising, wearing something red with their funny moustaches and various red noses was a sight to behold. The cheering and support shown to fellow teams completing their turn in the sponsorship challenge was so lovely to hear. This event has raised over a thousand pounds—a massive thank you goes to Mrs Wykes for organising and coordinating the event.



Many pupils contributed to the development of the neighbourhood plan by completing a questionnaire, which will influence future planning in the local area, following an assembly by Cllr Ken Crossett..

We wish Miss Mallows very best wishes as she goes on maternity leave next term. Also we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Codling who has secured a non-teaching job in the city—this has happened very quickly and we wish her every success. We welcome Mrs Drane back from maternity leave shortly after Easter.

We look forward to seeing you all in the summer term. As ever, thank you for your support, it is much appreciated by us all.

Have a very happy Easter!

Sue Teague



KS1 NEWS

This half term, KS1 have been busy making Pirate Ships and Emergency Vehicles in their D.T. lessons. We have all been working hard and showing lots of 'Pink for Progress' in all of our other lessons too. We had fun on Red Nose Day with some water relays and lots of comic moustaches, raising lots of money for charity. A big congratulations to Kaelan Burgess for winning the funniest moustache in the Key Stage. The day ended with 1P's brilliantly entertaining assembly – well done 1P, you were fab!



Near the end of the term, the children in KS1 enjoyed the partial Solar Eclipse, perfect conditions for us to see this memorable event safely. Many of the children then enjoyed the after school discos organised by the Friends of Caddington.

Ball skills club will be continuing next term on Wednesdays with a 4.15pm finish. We hope to hold the club outside and so please ensure appropriate P.E. kit is supplied.

Many thanks once again for all your support this term. We hope you have a restful holiday.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a fantastic World Book Day. The children came in some wonderful costumes celebrating their favourite book characters. Children dropped everything and read; during the last lesson, classes moved around to read to one another.



Children guessed the teacher reading, and made models of scenes from books for others to guess the title. We had some fantastic entries, thank you for taking part. Thank you to parents for organising costumes, to teachers for supporting the activities during the day and Mrs Godfrey for organising the day.

A big thank you to all who supported the Travelling Book Fair. The fair raised £590 to spend on new books for the libraries!

VIKING DAY

Year 4 had a fantastic day when the Vikings came to visit. The children were able to take part in Viking activities, including building a boat. The video of the day is on the school website. A big thank you to Year 4 teachers who organised this day.



PARTIAL SOLAR ECLIPSE



All the children were given an opportunity to watch the solar eclipse at 9.42am. Bowls of water and puddles were used to view the sun, which played hide and seek behind the clouds. Some of the images are on the school website showing the progression of the eclipse.

FRIENDS OF CADDINGTON NEWS

There was a fabulous turnout at the recent discos and it was great to see everybody strutting their stuff (including a few staff!). As usual the behaviour was excellent with everyone waiting patiently and politely for their drinks and snacks before the final round of the conga!

The younger children enjoyed an entertainer, which also went down well. Thanks to the organisers and to the many helpers.

I am sure that many of you lucky mummies enjoyed a surprise gift the other Sunday (again, thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who come into school on a lunch time to help the children choose and wrap the presents). Watch out for notification of the Father's Day present scheme via Parent Mail soon after Easter.

On the subject of Easter, we are most grateful for all the yummy chocolate that was donated on Chocolate Mufti day last week. This will be used as prizes for the great Easter raffle which will be drawn during the final assembly on the last day of term.

With so many wonderful events to arrange in our quest to entertain and raise funds to help the school in all sorts of ways, we are always looking for new members, so don't be shy - it can be very rewarding and sociable as well! Our contact details are available via the school office.

The next big date in the diary is the Summer Fete on Saturday 27th June, which requires volunteers to cover all sorts of jobs, both in advance and on the day itself. For those who are new to Caddington, this is a great day out for all the family with wall to wall entertainment and refreshments, and incorporating a football tournament.

Have a lovely Easter.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

It was recently mentioned by a parent that they had not realised what a wealth of information was available on the School Website and how convenient it was for quickly accessing information about school events, dates etc. We therefore thought we should highlight its usefulness to you.



Our School Website www.caddingtonschool.net is updated at least weekly so contains most recent information. Here are just some of the items you will find on the pages:

Practical information e.g. prospectus, admissions
Ofsted report, school data and school improvement
Inclusion e.g. Special Educational Needs, Pupil Premium,
Gifted and Talented and English as an Additional
Language

Policies, Forms and Leaflets	Calendar
Parent workshop PowerPoint slides	Pupil pages
PE and Sport Grant information	Parentview
Staff lists	Friends of Caddington
Twitter	Governor page
Curriculum information	Newsletters
Behaviour	Homework
School Canteen	

Please take the time to view and familiarise yourself with our website; you really will be amazed what you find!

SUPPLIES REQUIRED

If anyone has any buttons, thread, material or any other haberdashery items that you could donate to the school, we would really appreciate it. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2014-2015

30th March—10th April	Easter Holidays
13th April	Teacher Training Day
14th April	Children Return to School
14th—15th April	Nursery Home Visits
16th April	Nursery Opens
16th April	Yr1 Trip to HMS Belfast
22nd April	German Visitors Arrive
23rd April	St. George's Day—Uniforms may be worn
24th April	3:00pm 1C Class Assembly
24th April	German Visitors Depart
28th April	2:50pm 5M Class Assembly
4th May	Bank Holiday
11th—15th May	Yr6 SATs
15th May	3:00pm 1T Class Assembly
18th—21st May	Yr 8 SATs
25th -29th May	Half Term
1st June	Children Return To School
1st—5th June	KS3 Trip to Blue Peris
3rd—5th June	Yr6 Trip to Kingswood

Please see your child's home school book for more detailed dates. The school website 'events' tab also has details of forthcoming events.

ST GEORGE'S FUN DAY

This inaugural event to celebrate England's Patron Saint will be a fun event for the whole family. There are entertainments to suit all tastes, lots of stalls selling handmade and interesting items for you to buy, and a display of vintage motorcycles to see. More things are being added daily, so there will be lots to keep you all entertained. For the children there will be a Bouncy Castle, face & nail painting, puzzles & games to test their skill, and 2 - 4pm a Fire Engine to explore. They can even paint an item of pottery to take home. If your child has entered the competitions run by the School, come along and see their entry, & vote for the best one! We are hoping that you will all enjoy a delicious snack or homemade cake & a drink while enjoying a host of talented entertainers on Heathfield's stage. Best of all - it's FREE to come in! Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday April 26th from 11am to 4pm at Heathfield Centre.

If you need any more information, or can offer to help in any way, please contact us on stgeorgefunday@gmail.com

RED NOSE DAY

Children were invited to come into school in mufti, with red noses, and sporting amazing moustaches for a competition—the best moustache won a prize. There was also a water competition where teams had to collect water, run and drop it into a tube that held a ball. The first to get their ball to the top of the tube won. The children really enjoyed the day and the school raised a wonderful £1,459.55. Many thanks to Mrs Wykes for organising the whole event.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Netball/High 5s club for years 3-6 is starting on Wednesdays after school. Please let Miss Field know if you are interested by returning the slip from the relevant letter.