



Head Teacher: Mrs. Sue Teague BSc, PGCE, NPQH

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks once again for all of your support both for your children and for us as staff, it really is appreciated. We thought that you would be pleased to know that the primary performance tables were released at the end of last week. <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=823&language=central-bedfordshire&geographic=la&for=primary>

If you click on the link you will see that Caddington is the top primary school in Central Bedfordshire (out of 126 schools!) We are thrilled by this result and feel that it reflects the wonderful community school that we have. Pupils, teachers, support staff, parents and governors work hard in the best interests of children and support each other – how wonderful that it is also evident in pupils' academic achievements too! We are looking forward to 2019 and warmly wish you a very happy holiday.

Sue Teague– Executive Headteacher

What an action-packed term of community and celebratory events! As usual, the run-up to Christmas has been extremely busy; filled with Nativity plays, celebration assemblies, the Christmas fayre, PTA discos and our new event: 'Carols on the Quad'. We have been delighted to have welcomed so many of you to these occasions and it has been wonderful to share the children's learning and talents.

Interspersed with this has been high-quality and inspirational learning right through the school. We are proud of our Year 6 pupils, who have recently completed their mock SATs. They put great effort into their tests, fuelled by Mrs Smith's legendary breakfasts, and many are very pleased with their results. We know that there is even more to come from them over the next 6 months.

We would all like to wish you an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Thursday 3rd January.

Laura Jackson– Acting Head of School

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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

A big 'well done' to all children who achieved their bronze attendance award for 100% attendance this term! Good attendance at school is vital for academic success and we work very closely with our School Attendance Officer at the Local Authority to monitor and track the attendance and punctuality of all children, following Central Bedfordshire Council's attendance guidance.

We do understand that children become ill on occasion, especially in the winter months, however we would like to remind you that our First Aiders are able to administer medication to children; so if your child has been prescribed a course of antibiotics or needs some medicine during the day, they can return to school as soon as they are well enough to do so. If you are concerned about your child's attendance, would like support to help raise their attendance, or have any questions, please contact the school reception.

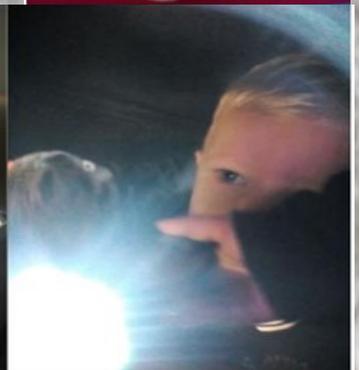
EYFS NEWS

This half-term the children in Foundation Stage have been finding out all about space and have been carrying out lots of experiments. They made rocket mice and explored how forces work, even helping Santa who was stuck in a chimney. They explored light sources and how shadows are formed and created aliens from a range of resources.

The highlight of this half-term has been the Reception Nativity performance and the Nursery Jingle and Mingle. The Reception children learned the words of many new songs and recited their lines clearly on the school stage using a microphone.

The Nursery children baked and decorated gingerbread biscuits for their families, but before they started to bake, they found out why it is important to wash their hands and how this keeps them safe.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for supporting the children with home challenges, sharing home experiences in planners and being a super audience for our Christmas performances.



KS 1 & 2 NEWS

Well done to all of the children in KS1 and 2 for working hard this term.

It was great to finish off such a busy term with the Christmas Nativities and celebration assemblies. The children performed amazingly on the main stage and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers coming along to enjoy the occasions.

The extra-curricular clubs on offer for the autumn term have been hugely popular. They provide the opportunity for our children to socialise across year groups and to build positive relationships with each other. These clubs will be continuing next term.

Please ensure that you continue to support your child by reading regularly with them at home; this consolidates learning that takes place in school through our shared and guided reading sessions. We really value your contributions to your child's reading record in their home school planner.



COMMUNITY UPDATE

This term has been busy with many events taking place.

Children In Need kept us cheerful raising £800.00. We were thoughtful for remembrance, making a wonderful poppy display to commemorate the 100 year anniversary. We also held a book fayre, raising much needed funds for books for the school. The new look Christmas Fayre was exciting being held after school on a Friday. This was a brilliant event with much fun being had.

Our community events ended with our first ever carols on the quad last Friday. This was a lovely event with the quad looking beautiful as the sun dropped.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

We recently took part in Anti-Bullying Week, with many activities being carried out across the school to raise awareness and understanding of bullying. Children from all classes, as well as the student council worked together to create a school definition of bullying, which is:

‘Bullying is choosing to hurt the body or feelings of another person over and over again.’

The children created a fantastic display (see photos) based around the concept of ‘respect’ and really impressed staff with their ability to talk about the SELF areas: self-control, self-awareness, self-esteem, self-sufficient, self-motivated and self-respect.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19.12.18	End of Term
20.12.18-01.01.19	Christmas Holiday
02.01.19	Inset Day
03.01.19	Children Return
03.01.19	Nursery Meet The Teacher
04.01.19	Nursery Return
29.01.19	SEND Coffee Morning (9.00am)
01.02.19	Interim Reports
04.02.19	Parents Evening (4.00-6.00pm)
05.02.19	Safer Internet Day
07.02.19	Parents Evening (5.00-7.30pm)
08.02.19	End Of Half Term
11.02.19-15.02.19	Half Term Holiday
18.02.19	Children Return