

# The Caton Chronicle



## Wonderful worker

**Class 1:** Dexter

**Class 2:** Owen

## Super Citizen

**Class 1:** Bithiah

**Class 2:** Ava

Well done children! Certificates will be presented in next week's celebration assembly.

## MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Please note the following if your child needs medication whilst in school. The medicine must comply with the following:-

- Pupil's name.
- Name of medication.
- Dosage.
- Frequency of dosage.
- Date of dispensing.
- Storage requirements (if important).
- Expiry date.

## SPORTS HALL

We are very lucky to have our amazing sports hall, the envy of many other schools. It's the perfect venue for parties, social and community events. Please help us to promote this wonderful facility.

## UNAVOIDABLE SCHOOL CLOSURE

*Sincere apologies for the inconvenience caused by us having to close school today. We could not risk having the children in school with the smell of electrical burning. The issue has been resolved and school will be open as normal on Monday.*

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*A very happy new year and welcome back to all our families. We are looking forward to a very exciting term ahead.*

## PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The closing date for applying for primary school places across Lancashire is 15th January. If you know anyone who has a child who will turn four before the end of August 2019 please remind them!

[APPLY ONLINE HERE](#)

## PTA NEWS

At the beginning of the new year, it's a good time to reflect on the successes of our hardworking PTA who have not only provided us with lots of entertainment but have also raised a very significant amount of money to pay for a whole range of things. Here is what our children have benefited from as a result of the PTA's work:

- Outdoor play equipment
- Art supplies
- The 'Bird Man' visit
- School jumpers and bookbags for new starters
- School treats and supplies for discos and parties
- Christmas decorations
- Easter eggs for all children
- Leavers' presents
- Coach travel to the panto and interval treats

With just a handful of people on the committee, this means a lot of work and with families and jobs of their own it's not always easy. The more parents that can help, the easier it is for everyone so please let us know if you can help. Everything is appreciated, no matter how small and it can be great fun too! The PTA does need a new Chair - if you would like information on this role please get in touch.

## Upcoming Events

- **Psychic Night** - Tuesday 5th February 7pm at The Station, Caton. £5 per person on the door. Raffle prizes welcome please
- **Annual Jumble Sale** - Saturday 30th March 12 -2pm
- **Easter Bingo** - Thursday 4th April 5.30pm - eyes down at 6pm .

## COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

### Class 1

The launch of the Castle topic has caused great excitement this week. The purposefully planned activities around the classroom have inspired the children to extend their own thinking with the result that we now have a dungeon for our castle and a magic beanstalk. Thank you to those children who have brought in photographs or their own books or props (please label all items clearly).

**Class Novel** - Sir Gadabout goes to Knight School by Martyn Beardsley

**Maths** - Working with numbers up to 20 in addition and subtraction problems to improve our pace and fluency.

**English** - traditional tales - investigating and performing different versions of Little Red Riding Hood.

**Topic** - learning the vocabulary for labelling a castle, investigating further what castles looked like in mediaeval times and who would have lived and worked there.

**RE** - We are continuing our discussion on our beautiful world and how we have to look after it.

**Music** - In addition to putting our maths and English to music we will be working on our rhythm.

**Outdoor play** - the outdoor castle will be open from next week.

#### Homework

The learning log is on the website and has been sent home today. This has some suggestions for activities at home to support our Castles topics. I can't wait for the children to share and there will be prizes for going the extra mile!

**READING FOR JUST 10 MINUTES CAN REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A CHILD'S LEARNING AND CONFIDENCE.** (If you are having any problems with this, please do come and see me).

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Keen

### Class 2

**Class novel:** Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

**Maths:** Fractions - equivalent fractions, fractions of amounts, problems and puzzles; Properties of 2D and 3D shapes

**English:** We will be starting to plan our own adventure stories

**Science:** This week, we have learnt 'What makes a plant a plant' and why plants are important. Next week, we will be learning about reproduction in plants

**French:** This week, we have learnt all about where in the world French is spoken. Next week, we will be learning how to greet people in various situations and how to say how we are feeling.

**Geography:** This week we have learnt all about the countries in South America and the size of the Amazon Basin. Next week we will be looking at the physical geography of the Rainforest.

**RE:** We will be starting our topic 'How and why have some people served God?'

**Computing:** This week we looked at using search engines reliably.

**Art:** This week we looked at the line and shape of trees. Next week we will be translating these into drawings.

**Music:** We are very lucky to have secured the expertise of our very own music maestro, Mr Hewitt! The children are learning a variety of songs, developing their understanding of rhythm and pulse and improving their diction.

#### Homework

Spelling lists have gone home with the whole half term's weekly spellings. Please support your children in learning these in preparation for their weekly Friday test.

Times tables should be practised regularly. **The national curriculum expects all children to know their times tables to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4.**

We would be thrilled if lots of children would have a go at an activity or two from the learning log. A hard copy of this has gone home and it is also on the class 2 page of the website. Work will be celebrated and handsomely rewarded. Who will be the first to bring something in???

***Please keep up the reading at home and just a quick reminder to sign the record books!***

## DIARY OF EVENTS - AUTUMN TERM 2018

Date	Event	Action	Who
14/01/19	All After School Clubs start this week		All
15/01/19	Closing date for Reception places in Sept 2019	Apply online	
16/01/19	KS1 multi skills competition at school	Letters have gone out	Some KS1
21/01/19	Deadline for nominations for parent governors	Return by noon	All
25/01/19	Multi skills competition at Carnforth High 1.40pm - 3.15pm	Letters out shortly	R/1/ 2
05/02/19	Safer internet day		All
05/02/19	PTA psychic night at The Station Hotel	Tickets on the door. Raffle prizes welcome	All
06/02/19	Football at Arkholme - 9.30am	Letters will go out shortly	Some KS2
12/02/19	Parents' evening, 3:15pm onwards	Save the date	All
13/02/19	Year 6 parents' meeting re SATs - 6pm	Save the date	Y6
07/03/19	World Book Day	Come dressed as a character from a Roald Dahl book	All
08/03/19	Life Education Bus in school	Details to follow	All
15/03/19	Lune Valley cluster choir day	Details to follow	Some KS2
21/03/19	World Poetry Day		All
30/03/19	PTA jumble sale 12-2pm	Save the date	All
04/04/19	Family Easter Bingo, eyes down at 6pm	Save the date	All
05/04/19	Egg rolling competition	Bring a named, decorated, hard-boiled egg	All
05/04/19	Progress reports out		All