



The Caton Chronicle

Autumn Term Newsletter: 8th September 2023

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Team points

1st Place: Red & Blue (71)

3rd Place: Yellow (66)

4th Place: Green (61)

Enrichment opportunities

We have an exciting term ahead with many clubs taking place, both after school and at lunchtimes.

Monday lunch - KS1 Lego club

Tuesday lunch - KS2 Choir

Tuesday after school - Multi sports

Wednesday lunch - Eco Club and Chess Club

Wednesday after school - Forest School Club

Thursday lunch - Girls STEM

Thursday after school - School band

Friday lunch - Pupil Council

Friday after school - Parkour

Break time snacks

Free fruit is provided for all KS1 children should they want it. If your child is in KS2, they are welcome to bring their own fruit to eat at breaktime. Toast is also provided at a cost of 20p.

Welcome back!

Welcome back everyone! Thank you for bringing the children back to school looking so smart and with all the correct equipment. A special welcome to Luiz and Bobbie who have joined us this week, as well as our fourteen wonderful new Reception children. Our youngest children have managed to come into school independently from Day 1 and have left each day with big smiles on their faces. They are especially enjoying the newly-refurbished early years outdoor area. Well done children!



Early Years Meeting - Thursday 14th September at 6pm

Parents of Reception children are invited to join us for an early learning evening when we will share important information about how communication and language, phonics and maths are taught. Please try to attend this very important session.

Open Afternoon

We are holding an open afternoon on **Friday, 15th September** from 1:30 pm until 3pm. Parents of children already in school are welcome to visit their child's classroom and to informally chat with the class teacher about how they have settled in. Regular tours, led by our prefects, will be available throughout the afternoon for new visitors who are also very welcome to join us for our family **Adventure Quest** and barbecue. If you know of anyone who has a child of pre-school age, please tell them about the open afternoon and encourage them to come along and look at our wonderful children in action.

School admissions now open

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery* you can now apply for their primary school place at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/school

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It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 15 January 2024.

If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/school

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It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 31 October 2023.

For guidance on school transport see:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/>

PTA NEWS

You are all invited to come and join our "Adventure Quest" treasure hunt after school on Friday 15th September followed by a BBQ at 4pm. Please come along and support this event, it is an excellent opportunity for our new families to get to know our friendly school community.

Caton Primary School PTA

Adventure Quest

Follow the clues and join us to explore Caton, returning to school for a BBQ and refreshments.

Will your team be our quest champions?

Friday 15th September

3.15pm adventure begins at Caton Primary School

4pm BBQ available (cash and card accepted)

£2.50 entry per team (max 5 people)

Our AGM will take place next Thursday, 28th September at 8pm in The Station Hotel. Everyone is very welcome to come along and find out more about the work of the PTA. We are a very friendly bunch and it would be wonderful to have some new faces there!

FOND FAREWELL

Next Thursday, we will be saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Smith on her last day in school. After being with our school for many years Mrs Smith is now working as a carer and we will miss her very much.

Tallest Sunflower Competition!

In April, lots of you bought some sunflower seeds. We hope that your sunflowers have grown really tall? When you get a flower:

1. Measure how tall your sunflower is
2. Take a picture of you and the sunflower!

3. Send the measurement, picture and your contact details to sunflowers4france@gmail.com

The closing date for entries will now be Wednesday, 13th September.

The winner will be announced on Friday 15th September and will receive a £20 voucher for Bay View Garden Centre.



DIARY OF EVENTS - 2023/2024

Date	Event	Action	Who
14/9/23	Reception parents' early learning evening - 6pm	Please try to attend this important meeting	Reception parents
15/9/23	Open afternoon - 1:30pm - 3pm For existing and new families	Come along and see school in action	All
15/9/23	PTA Adventure Quest around the village and barbecue - 3:15pm until 5:30pm	Please support our first event of the year. Families of children not attending the school are very welcome.	All
19/09/23 - 23/09/23	Year 6 France trip		Y6
22/09/23 25/09/23	Year 5 Bikeability	Letters sent out. Please return asap and advise if your child needs a bike or cannot ride a bike.	Y5
26/9/23	European Day of Languages	Information to follow	All
28/9/23	PTA AGM - 8pm Station Hotel	Please join us	All
31/10/23	Closing date for secondary school applications		Y6
08/11/23	Reception, Year 1 and 2 trip to Eureka Children's Museum	Information to follow	R/KS1
15/1/24	Closing date for Reception applications for September 2024		Pre school

