



# The Caton Chronicle

Autumn Term Newsletter: 15th September 2023

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## Hair Colour

Please can we politely remind families that the school uniform policy states that children's hair should be of a natural hair colour and tied back if it touches the shoulders.

## RAAC

As you will have gathered by now, we are pleased to confirm that there are no issues with RAAC in our school building.

## Attendance

Please could we remind parents to call school by 8.45 if their child is not able to attend due to illness. If you would like more information about our attendance policy it can be found on our school website

## Ukulele Club

Lancashire Music is running a Ukulele club open to children of any age on Thursday evenings at Lancaster Music Centre. It is run by Nick Reay who has been teaching class 3 to play the Ukulele in school.



## Goodbye and Thankyou

On Thursday, we said a very sad farewell to Mrs Smith. Suzanne has had a very long association with our school for over 21 years as a parent, a governor, welfare assistant, after school club leader and volunteer; her contribution has been immense. She has touched the hearts of so many in our school community with her patience, kindness and care and she will be sorely missed. We wish her all the very best in her retirement.



## Open Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who attended our open afternoon today and a huge well done to our Head Prefects, Isla and Lucy who conducted tours brilliantly throughout the afternoon. We hope that you enjoyed seeing your children in action and had the chance to chat with their class teacher. For new families who didn't manage to make it but would like to look around, private tours can be booked by calling the school office. Please spread the word!

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## 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/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

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/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

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/>

## Pupil Council

This week, we held elections for the Pupil Council. Well done to our successful candidates. Here they are, proudly donning their new badges.



## Reading update

The children have had a fantastic start to the year and it is wonderful to see that they are as enthused by reading as ever before. To allow the pupils to make the most of our excellent library, it will now be 'staffed' every lunchtime by our superb librarians. Please encourage your child to visit the library so that they can spend time picking their next exciting book. A reminder that children should be bringing their reading books, along with a signed reading record, into school every day.

## Multi-sports club

Mike from MS Sports is continuing to run a multi-sports club on a Tuesday after-school. The club runs from 3.15-4.15 pm and we still have a few spaces available. So, please take advantage of an enjoyable and free after-school club by signing your child up on ParentPay.

## PTA Whatsapp Group

The PTA has a whatsapp group which all parents of children at our school are welcome to join. They use it for information about meet-ups and events and for sharing general information about school life. If anyone would like to join the group, contact Gil on 07793543527.



## YOUTH CLUB

Brookhouse Community Church are continuing to run a youth club for children in school Years 2 – 6 on Thursday (term time only) from 6pm – 7pm. Please note the change of venue – we are now meeting in the sports hall at Caton Primary. For further details please email [brookhousecommunitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:brookhousecommunitychurch@gmail.com)

## SATURDAY SOCCER AND NETBALL

The local churches are continuing to run Saturday Soccer and Netball at Caton Primary School Field/Sports Hall on Saturday mornings, 10.00am to 11.45am. Football is open to children aged 7 to 14 and will run weekly starting on Saturday 16 September. Netball runs fortnightly, again starting on 16 September and is open to children aged 9 to 13. £2 per person, per session. Sessions will include coaching, games, juice, biscuits and a short Bible message. For further details please contact Amelia Preece on 01524 771682

## Tallest Sunflower Competition

Well done to all of you who nurtured and grew your sunflowers over the last few months!

It was a close competition and we are pleased to announce the winners are Harris and Innes! Their sunflower measured a ginormous 3.3m!

And a big well done to the runners up too:

2. Robin (2.82m)
3. Jesse (2.78m)

Harris and Innes have received a £20 gift voucher for Bay Garden Centre.



## DIARY OF EVENTS - 2023/2024

Date	Event	Action	Who
19/09/23 - 23/09/23	Year 6 France trip	Follow our adventures on Facebook	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
20/12/23	Reception and KS1 Nativity - 1:30pm and 6pm		All
15/1/24	Closing date for Reception applications for September 2024		Pre school



