



The Caton Chronicle

Autumn Term Newsletter: 1st December 2023

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Wonderful worker

- Class 1: Livia
- Class 2: Henley
- Class 3: Thomas C
- Class 4: Lucie

Super citizen

- Class 1: Gaja
- Class 2: Thomas
- Class 3: Aoifie
- Class 4: Penny

Golden pen

- Class 2: Adie
- Class 3: Polly
- Class 4: Ollie

Team points

- 1st Place: Red (59)
- 2nd Place: Green (57)
- 3rd Place: Yellow (52)
- 4th Place: Blue (48)

Job Vacancies

We are recruiting for two positions to join our hardworking and friendly staff team:

1. Welfare Assistant. The role involves supervising our wonderful children at lunchtime, Monday to Friday, in the playground and in the dining hall. 6.25 hours per week and we will consider a job share. For more information, please contact the school office on 01524 770104
2. Permanent Level 2 Teaching Assistant. Follow the link below for further details.
https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=62691

Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre

Class 4 visited the Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre this week as part of their RE unit on Buddhism. We learnt all about the story of Buddha and enjoyed participating in some meditation.



Lateness

There are a number of children arriving late to school each day. If your child does not line up at 8:45am and come into school with everyone else, they are likely to be missing out on learning which commences as soon as children enter the classroom. We all have things that crop up that make us late from time to time and we understand that. However if your child is arriving after the bell regularly, please try to make an extra special effort to get to school on time. We are recording all lateness and will be reporting lost learning time to parents in due course.

Live Nativity

The live nativity is drawing nearer. It is on Saturday 9th December at 2pm at Caton Baptist Church. Our choir has been working really hard to prepare for this so it would be lovely if you could support them, even if you don't have a child in the choir.

NISCU visit

A big thank you to NISCU (Northern Interschools Christian Union) for coming into school on Monday to share with Nursery, Reception and Year 1 the Christmas story. The children really enjoyed the puppets, songs and surprises that the team from NISCU brought with them



Portraits

Class 4 finished their self-portraits as their final piece of our art unit this week. They used grids to map out their features and produced some excellent pieces!



Super STEM Club

In the STEM club this week, the children were challenged to build a bridge capable of supporting the weight of multiple books. They had to meet a set of criteria whilst building and were given only 50 minutes to complete the task. By the end of the time, there were several different designs, many of which successfully held a number of hefty dictionaries. Well done to everyone involved for their ingenuity, determination and teamwork.



Raffle tickets

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets! There are some amazing prizes to be won and the draw will be at the Christmas Fair on Thursday 7th December. Please send in your money and ticket stubs for those sent home with your child to sell.

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 6th December will be our annual Christmas jumper day. All Children can come in non-uniform and we would love you to come in your Christmas jumper.

Class 1 and 2 Nativity Play

Our youngest children are working really hard to produce another brilliant Caton Primary Performance. Tickets go on sale on Monday for the Nativity play which takes place at 1.30pm and 6pm on Wednesday 21st December. Please support this event whatever class your children are in, as our little ones always love to perform to a good audience.



It's the most wonderful time of the year!



The elves never let us down! Last night, they decorated the school ready for the festive season and the children enjoyed coming into a Christmas wonderland this morning.

Thanks to everyone who brought in decorations for the tree. It looks truly wonderful!

Well done to our choir for their beautiful singing at the Quernmore Christmas Tree Festival today! It was a privilege to sing together with the Quernmore School choir in front of a packed church. Thank you to all those parents who came along to support the children.



Christmas Fair

We'd love to see you all at our Christmas Fair this coming Thursday - 7th December! It is always one of the biggest social events in the school calendar and we think this year it will be amazing. There will be fantastic games, handcrafted by class 4 and showcasing their outstanding woodwork skills. There is a 'presents room' for the children to choose and wrap a gift for someone special. Our raffle will be drawn with the chance to win some brilliant prizes including: a Chill Factore voucher, a 3 course meal at the Highwayman Pub, £100 cash prize and a family pass to South Lakes Safari Zoo. And of course Father Christmas will be there to meet your children.

All children will be making something for parents to buy, so please do come along and support this wonderful community event

Elf Run - Wed 6th December

Don't forget the elf run this coming Wednesday at 2.45pm. The children will be running round the track to festive music, wearing jingly elf hats to raise money for St John's Hospice. Please come along and show your support. If you can donate or encourage friends and family to donate, the link to the donation page is <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sjhelpfrun2023>. If you need a paper sponsorship form, ask in the office.

DIARY OF EVENTS - 2022/2023

Date	Event	Action	Who
05/12/23	Choir singing at St Paul's Church	Please give permission on Parentpay	Choir
06/12/23	Elf Run and Christmas jumper day	Get your sponsorship and jumpers ready	All
07/12/23	PTA Christmas Fair 5pm-7pm	Join us for the PTA event of the year!	All
09/12/23	Live Nativity at Caton Baptist Church	Choir to be there at 2pm. Collected at 3:45pm.	Choir
11/12/23	Christmas music concert 9:30am	Please join us and bring family and friends. Coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards.	All
13/12/23	Whole School Theatre trip to Shrek at Blackpool Winter Gardens	Please make payment on Parentpay asap	All
15/12/23	Whole school Christmas lunch		All
20/12/23	Reception and KS1 Nativity - 1:30pm and 6pm	Save the date	All
21/12/23	Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Christmas parties	Information to follow	All
22/12/23	School closes at 1:30pm		All
15/1/24	Closing date for Reception applications for September 2024		Pre school
08/01/24	School reopens		All
16/01/24	PTA New Year Disco 3:30-4:30 R/KS1; 5:30 - 7 KS2		All
16/01/24	Online safety information evening for parents - 5:30-6:30pm	Please save the date - A parent from EVERY family is strongly encouraged to attend this very important session	All
23/01/24	KS1 multi-skills event - Carnforth High	Information to follow	KS1
01/02/2024	Class 2 and 3 Water Workshops	N/A - conducted in school time	Class 2 and 3
08/02/24	PTA Pancake fun - straight after school	Information to follow	All
08/03/24	PTA Parents' breakfast from 8.30	Information to follow	All
09/02/24	School closes at 3:15pm		All
19/02/24	School reopens		All
15/03/23	PTA bags to school	Save donations of clothes, bedding, bags etc. please	All
15/03/24	Red Nose Day - Caton's Got Talent	Information to follow	All
28/03/24	School closes		All
15/04/24	School reopens		All
15/04/24 - 16/04/24	Class 3 residential to Borwick Hall	Letter has gone out	Years 3 and 4
23/04/24	Whole school first aid training		All
07/06/24	PTA Outdoor Family film night		All
06/07/24	PTA Summer Fair		All

