



Easter is almost here and we've all had a fantastic Spring Term!

It's no wonder the time has flown by quickly as we've all been having fun learning, working hard, discovering our talents, building our knowledge and getting back to some of the amazing activities and experiences built into our curriculum this year, whilst still keeping everyone safe during this ongoing Pandemic.

We've had; a Science Day, World Book Day, a visit and workshop activities from Karl Nova a Rap poet, visits to the Castle, reading trips, a visit to Wroxham Barns and Food Discovery are back working with Year 4 as part of their Farming topic.

Parts of the school are transforming behind the scenes with the relocation of the EAL room and the

creation of a new 'Chill Out and Talk about it' room, with a throne.... Yes! that's right a **'Throne'**



for our very important children to voice their ideas, opinions, talents and learning in video clips for the rest of the children to see and hear. The secret garden area is having a makeover to transform it into a Japanese style well-being garden for children and staff to enjoy, in the memory of Mrs Sam Longshaw (previous SENCO).

The School Council have said they would like us all to fundraise to get money to improve the markings on the playground so we've said yes to one creative idea-for the children to 'Dress up as a member of staff day' Staff are very nervous to see what 'we' look like in the eyes of our children, me included! Lol The uniqueness of Catton Grove is thriving!

It is also the time to say a sad goodbye to Miss Jones, our Year 6 Leader and Maths Champion, who has been with the school for 8 years. We will definitely miss her but we are so proud of her promotion as new Deputy headteacher in a school in Basingstoke, where she will be living closer to her family. A true Grover herself, we send all the love, best wishes and thanks from her Catton Grove School family and wish her success and happiness for her next chapter.

We also say a huge thank you to Mrs Topley who has worked in the kitchen for Norse for over 13 years. She is leaving and although we don't employ her, at Catton Grove, we appreciate everyone who works with us as part of the whole school package for our fantastic children.

So, with two new chapters opening for Miss Jones and Mrs Topley, we look forward to a lovely Easter break so that we all return on **Wednesday 20th April**, refreshed and raring to go for the chapter that is the Summer term at Catton Grove Primary and all that that entails in our own school adventure story!

Happy Easter everyone!
Mrs Lorne



MENU for Spring/Summer

Copies of new menus can be found on the school website, classdojo and have been sent home via pupils. Norse have some new meal choices and some old favourites. The food standards are very high and cooked to perfection by Norse's catering staff. Mrs Lorne is negotiating the price with Norse to aim to keep it at £1.60; which it has been for past 3 years. We will let you know if there are any changes as soon as meetings have been completed. Just to remind parents/carers to pay in advance for their children's meals.

We encourage you to look on Norse's website for tips, information and recipes:

www.norsecatering.co.uk



CHILDREN ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

It is your responsibility to contact the school on: 01603-426728.
Select Option 1 to leave a message on the absence line or via email to:
admin@cattongrove.norfolk.sch.uk or
office@cattongrove.norfolk.sch.uk

When leaving a message or emailing please give:

****Child's name *Class *Reason for Absence.***

When your child/ren are not in school, whether this is due to illness, medical appointments etc.

- ☛ *It is **your** responsibility to contact the school on the first day of your child's absence*
- ☛ *We aim to contact you on the first day of absence depending on staff availability*
- ☛ *Inform us of any changes in address, contact details and medical conditions that arise for your children in order for us to take the best of care of them whilst they are at school, or if we need to contact you in an emergency. Please ensure we have at least 2 family or friend contact details for your children.*

The school's website has a lot of information and can now be found at:

<http://cattongrove.norfolk.sch.uk>



After School Clubs

After school clubs will be advertised after the Easter holidays. Information will be sent home via the children. We will be trialling after school clubs in bubbles. Places will be limited and a text message will be sent out to remind you when letters are sent home.

NUT ALLERGIES can be life threatening to anyone who has it. We have an increasing number of pupils who have been diagnosed with a nut allergy. So, we have decided not to allow anyone to bring nut products for lunch or break time snacks. We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.



SCHOOL SITE



Whilst on our school site we expect smokers not to smoke or vape.

Any bad language or disputes amongst parents/friends will not be tolerated and may result in them being banned from premises.

When parking your vehicle you must be considerate to others. You all have the same goal - to collect your child/ren - and should use the parking spaces available and not block each other in. This causes unnecessary friction and is unfair on other parents and staff.

Easter holiday

School closed on Monday 4th April 2022

School re-opens on Wednesday 20th April 2022

Bank holiday—Monday 2nd May—Closed for one day

Half term

School closed on Monday 30th May 2022

School re-opens on Monday 6th June 2022

Bank holiday—Monday 20th June—Queen's Platinum Jubilee—Closed for one day

End of the academic Year for 2022

School closed on Monday 25th July 2022

School re-opens Tuesday 6th September 2022 (TBC)

We have one Inset day remaining for this academic year—

2 *Inset days remaining for 2021 to 2022 are:

***19th April & Monday 25th July**

We will continue to communicate with parents/carers and pupils via ClassDojo and text messaging. We, as a staff are always here to support your children and listen so if you need, please call us on 01603 426728.

Anguish's Educational Foundation

Are you struggling to pay for school uniform, or need help to pay for your child's residential school trip?

If so, financial help may be available from Anguish's Educational Foundation.

This charity supports Norwich families on a low income, whether you are working or receiving benefits.

You can contact Anguish's Educational Foundation by emailing:

info@norwichcharitabletrusts.org.uk

Or leave a message on: **01603 621023**

A Grants Officer will contact you to discuss whether we can help you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM GRANTS

From 2022 we will have an 'application window' for parents to apply to us for school uniform grants as follows:

- If a parent wants to apply for the forthcoming Autumn term, applications complete with income evidence, will need to be received at our office between:
 - **1st March 2022 and 31st July 2022** to ensure that the application is processed before the beginning of the new school year. They will be processed on a 'first come, first served' basis.
- Applications for school uniform that are received after the 'window of application' has closed may be considered **but it is unlikely that they would receive their grant (if eligible) before the beginning of the school year in September 2022.**
- School uniform grants are now mainly being awarded by making a BACS payment to the parent after the grant has been approved. However, parents can still opt for the school uniform vouchers if they prefer.



Your raised **£489.76** for **Red Nose** day last week, many thanks to everyone.

Also, thanks to all the parents and staff who have brought items in for the Ukraine appeal.

We are always very humbled by your generosity.



Newsletters can be viewed on our Catton Grove Primary School website and via classdojo. We will have some copies in the main office but will no longer send them home.