



Newsletter - December 2023

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Note from Mrs Lorne

Another Autumn Term completed, packed full of great teaching, fantastic learning and lots of fun events!

Lesson observations have shown that teaching is consistently good across the curriculum and that children are working hard and learning lots, enthusiastic and eager to share their knowledge right across the whole school-fantastic!

Not only is there excellent work going on in class but much more work being completed at home, where children themselves have wanted to learn more about something started in class, or practice skills like handwriting or times tables or create something new to come in and show us. The focus for the Home Learning Treasure Chest Award is the QUALITY OF WRITING this year, as we are working really hard on all types of writing across the school and that weekly certificate is getting very competitive! I am lucky enough to read all the writing and have been sooooo impressed with the quality, accuracy and imagination of our children, such talent is emerging with some children producing mini booklets of fiction and non-fiction. You never know, we might have a future best-selling author in our school!

We have also had four children BEAT Mr Grimadell and/or Mr Greenall for the title of current 'Champions' with the fastest recall of times tables 2 to 12. Well done children- pupil power! I know Mr Grimadell and Mr Greenall will be seeking rematches and practicing over the holidays to regain their crowns. Don't forget, any pupils who achieve their Gold Star for times tables are now at this challenge level so practice random times tables and when you think you are fast enough....go for it!

The School Council has been elected from our Class Councillors and they are already looking at ways to improve the very busy lunchtime we have in the hall to make it even better. They will be making suggestions and sharing ideas so all children and staff can be involved.

We now have some pupil Learning Ambassadors who have been working with Mr Grimadell to get a subject questionnaire sent out to all classes. They will be analysing the results to see which subjects are the most popular and then doing learning walks across the school to capture all the secret ingredients that make up good lessons and sharing these with all staff and pupils. Each teacher leads a subject so it could get very competitive as everyone would like their subject to be the most popular-healthy competition is just what we want!

Because the children are really appreciating our new curriculum that we've worked so hard on (as recognised by Ofsted in May this year) more and more children are entering competitions in school and Nationally. A HUGE congratulations to Scarlett in Year 2 and Tyler in Year 6 who have made it through to the next stage of the NATIONAL BBC WRITING COMPETITION! What an achievement and good luck for the next round from all the children and staff in our school family. You're already winners in our eyes!!!!

And finally, for now, as 2023 soon comes to an end, thank you to all staff who have given their own extra time on top of all your normal hard work day to day, to put on the Bedtime Cafes, Movie Night, the Christmas Disco and the fantastic Christmas productions from Nursery to Year 6. The children have clearly enjoyed them, shown off their talents and represented the school brilliantly with their good behaviour and professional approach. In the month of Gratitude, thank you to all families for continuing to support these events and working with us to give the best school experiences we can for your amazing children.

When we get there, have a fun filled, safe, healthy (ish lol) fantastic Christmas Break and see you all back, on Thursday 4th January ready for an even better start to 2024!

Merry Christmas from Mrs Lorne!

NHS website: NHS MEDICINE

Check the NHS website for information regarding any health issues for tips and advice:

justonenorfolk.nhs.uk

🕒 All pupils are required to stay home 48 hours after the last signs of sickness and diarrhoea and until they have eaten a good meal with no side effects.

🕒 'Once a week, take a Peek' - Check your child/ren for signs of head lice. If you receive a letter or text informing you that your child has head lice please treat the infection.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school's website can now be found at:

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

You can view this newsletter, library information, school prospectus and other relevant information on the website. You can also view the school's policies along with what what's been happening at school on a regular basis.

CCTV

On site CCTV is here to protect and keep children safe. We have noticed some erratic driving and poor parking in- the main car park off Weston road, Hunter road entrance and Middleton close, including parents who have been parking on the path along Weston road. This is dangerous for our parents and children who walk to and from school as it creates unnecessary hazards and makes it difficult for both drivers and pedestrians to see properly.

We appreciate it is a very busy time for you all but ask that you respect all users of the car-park and park with consideration to others. WE DON'T WANT AN ACCIDENT! If you double park please let the office staff know in case we need you to move your car.



CHILDREN ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

It is your responsibility to contact the school on: 01603-426728. Please leave a message on the absence line or email:

*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.***

*Please remember It is **your** responsibility to contact the school on the 1st day of your child's absence
We aim to contact you on the first day of absence wherever possible. Our DSL's will visit you at home if we have not heard from you.*

IMPORTANT- *Please 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 also ensure we have at least 3 family or friend contact details for your children.*

School Website - <http://cattongrove.norfolk.sch.uk>

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Reminder:

If you normally pay for meals for your child/ren in Years 3 to 6 their lunch accounts must be in credit. Food like every other establishment **MUST** be paid in advance as many of our parents do. Please ensure your child is in credit before booking meals at school.

Free School Meal Entitlement

If you think your child could be entitled to a free school meal please apply online:

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk>

The website is named: Synergy Enquire

- 🕒 Once you have accessed the website's homepage you will need to click on: Parent and Carer Zone.
- 🕒 Then click on 'apply for free school meals' to complete the form.

Check Norse's website for tips, info and recipes:

www.norsecatering.co.uk



THANK YOU



A BIG THANK YOU!

A very Big Thank to The Salvation Army, Soul Church, The Big Local for the donations of food and gifts for some of our families. We also did lots of fund raising from the movie night, Disco and raffles and bought food to add to the hampers. Thanks to Miss Miller and Mrs Rider for all their hard work organising this mammoth task.



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ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to Oak Grove Chapel for all the fiction and non-fiction books they supply us with on a weekly basis. We have also been overwhelmed by your generosity during our recent charity events! Many thanks to parents, pupils & staff for:

The Poppy appeal which raised £698.25

Children in Need which raised £317.00

100 bags of sugar have been collected and given to BEFA for the Christmas shelter for homeless people.

Before & After School Provision

Breakfast club

Starts from 7:30am

Food provided from 7:30am to 8:00am

8:00am to 8:45am supervised play with staff in the Sports Hall

Suitable for pupils in Reception to Year 6

£1.50 per session, per child



Grover's

Starts from 3:30pm

Healthy snacks and drinks provided

Suitable for pupils in Reception to Year 6

Available from Monday to Thursday

3.30pm to 4:15pm – cost £3.00 per child/per session

3:30pm to 5:00pm – cost £6.00 per child/per session

Payment to be made in advance by bank transfer or cash



Class Dojo—it's Important to Communicate!!

Class Dojo is the perfect way to communicate with you and for you to communicate with us! It is a good way to keep in touch with us and for us to pass on messages to you. Please tell your child's class teacher or Teaching Assistant if you are experiencing any difficulties accessing the site and we will try to help you access it.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

2024

Letters will be sent home via children in Year 6 on Thursday 4th January at the end of the school day. Once you have completed the deposit form; you are welcome to visit Maggie in the office up to 4pm in order to book a place for your child on the trip.



To parents and staff who have recently donated; school uniform which their children have grown out of, games, and books and toys etc, Breakfast Club and the school library staff are very grateful. Thank you as we really appreciate your kindness and how you all think of the children and ways to help others as a community.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2023

Many thanks to the Norse Kitchen staff who cooked a superb Christmas lunch for no less than 576 pupils and staff and to Mrs Cleaver for organising the event. All the pupils and staff send thanks to Angie and her team for such a delicious meal. Christmas lunch next year will be on Wednesday 4th December 2024.

DATES FOR 2024

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