Caton St Paul's C of E Primary School

Newsletter – 24 March 2023

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Reading Corner

When children hear books read aloud, they come to understand why learning to read is important. They learn that people read for different reasons – books that tell a story can be read for pleasure; books full of facts and information can be read in order to learn new things.

•Let them hold the book and turn the pages.

•Talk about different parts of the book such as the front, back, title page, first page, and last page.

•Take your time reading. Do not rush.

•Point to the words as you read. Help them to see that there are spaces between words, that you read from the top of the page to the bottom, and that you read from left to right.

•Ask them to think about the story as you read it.

•Point to the pictures and talk about them.

•Read expressively: talk the way the story's characters would talk; make sound effects and funny faces; and vary the pitch of your voice throughout the story to make it more interesting.

•Encourage them to ask questions about the story's characters and events.

•Talk about the story and relate it to their personal experiences.

Easter service

On Friday 31 March we will be holding our Easter service at St Paul's Church. This starts at 9:30am. As at the harvest service, we are inviting parents to come and watch. Please be aware that there is limited space in the Church so we recommend only one adult from each family coming. We have paid to renew our zoom subscription and this service will be 'zoomed' live for all to watch.

Private property

Please remember that school grounds are private property and no one is allowed on them out of school hours. Unfortunately, we have to enforce this as damage has been caused in the past. If you know anyone who is regularly coming onto site, please politely ask them not to.

Teacher assessment

At the end of each tern, teachers have to check and report attainment and progress for each child. This enables us to spot any gaps in children's knowledge and work to fill these. Part of doing this involves the children sitting assessments in maths, reading and GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling). The results of these assessments are used, alongside teacher assessment, to identify the level children are working at and to report to parents.

All assessments are delivered in a supportive manner, with children encouraged to do their best to show what they can do.

At the end of Y2 and Y6, children have to sit SATs (Standard assessment tests) and this is one way of gently preparing them for this. Y2/Y6 children may do more practice tests to help them prepare when necessary.

Reception and Y1 children are assessed from the work they do individually, in small groups and in class.

Please direct any questions about these assessments to Mr Gittins, assessment lead.

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Sports and arts

We were disappointed when the Y3/4/5/6 football tournament was cancelled but we would have got incredibly muddy – this event will be rescheduled in May.

Our Y3/4 korfball team did really well in the event at Moorside school last night, competing fairly and trying their very hardest.

Our Y5/6 indoor athletes take part in their last event tonight and a strong effort will see them finish 4th of all the schools in the whole district – a phenomenal effort as we are the smallest school taking part.

Our choir are today taking part in the Lancashire singing festival – they have worked incredibly hard to learn at least 12 songs and we wish them well as they perform at the Town Hall. Huge thanks to Mrs Scott, Mrs France and Mrs Wadsworth who have helped the choir to learn these songs.

Our commitment to wider opportunities continues to make school exciting for all our children.

PTA

Our PTA, led by Julie Pearson, have worked incredibly hard over the past couple of weeks to provide some exciting events for your children. The disco was attended by over 150 children and they had a great time. We had approximately 130 children at the bingo and the atmosphere was amazing. We have raised about £600 from these two events and this money will be reinvested into providing excellent opportunities for your children at our school.

The PTA have been heavily involved in creating our 'prayer square' which is an outdoor worship space next to the hall. We hope to have a grand opening and invite parents to use this space regularly.

VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPS this week.

Diamond - Aidan for his fantastic ideas in our literacy work, developing the Superworm storyline with his own imagination! A wonderful potion Aidan, well done!

Ruby – Elodie for working really hard to improve her writing and being a wonderful example of Christian value.

Topaz – Zara for settling into Topaz really well, always trying her best and being a good friend to others.

Emerald - Glen for having a superb attitude to assessments and for always being a positive presence in the classroom.

Sapphire – Roisin for settling so well into Sapphire Class!

Amethyst – Elliott for being a considerate and hardworking member of class, thank you.

Change to the lunch menu

As we will be having our Easter lunch on Friday 31 March the menu on Wednesday 29 March will change. The Wednesday menu will be fish fingers or pizza or choice of sandwich – ham, cheese or tuna.

Teacher emails

Please remember that our teachers are not expected to work in the evenings, even though they often do. When emailing teachers, please consider how urgent it is and don't expect an immediate response. We thank you for your patience.

EASTER IN CATON AND BROOKHOUSE

Caton Baptist -

Good Friday 7th April . Come and join us for a hearty breakfast and a time of fellowship and prayer as we prepare our hearts for the Easter weekend - 8am start. Come and share with us.

Easter Saturday 8th April - Caton Baptist Church invite you to join with us on our family walk. Leaving the church car park at 10am. Bring a packed lunch and suitable footwear. Arriving back in Caton mid afternoon.

St Paul's –

Maundy Thursday, April 6th - 7.30 pm: Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 8th - 3 pm A Quiet Hour at the foot of the cross in the church

Easter Day, April 9th - 10 am – Join us for a family friendly communion service with an Easter egg hunt in the church grounds afterwards.

Brookhouse Community Church –

Easter Family Fun - Easter Saturday, 8th April, from 2pm. Marquee on Fell View - The Easter story with balloons, refreshments, Easter egg hunt, crafts and activities. Come with your family and enjoy.

Join us for our Easter Service on Sunday, 9th April at 10.45am, at the Victoria Institute. The Easter message with coffee and cake.

Churches Together -

Walk of Christian Witness on Good Friday commencing at the Catholic Church at 9:45am and calling at each of the village churches along the way for a hymn and prayer, finishing at Caton St Paul's Church for a short service of reflection.
A sunrise communion service to be held at the Wind Turbines on Caton Moor. Meeting at 6:15 am for the service. If you are planning on walking up please meet at Caton St Paul's School at 5:30am.
Come and join us as we celebrate our Saviour's victory over death.