



# Caedmon Primary School

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## Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2017.

It has been an extremely busy term, and we are all ready for a break! I am sure you will agree that the pupils have been given a variety of opportunities; it has been particularly pleasing to see the number of trips that have taken place.

When I consulted with you recently, I received some wonderful feedback about the school. It is pleasing to read that you appreciate the passion and dedication the staff have to improving the life chances of all our pupils. The only suggestion to improve the school

was to allow pupils to have holidays in term time. I do not agree with this. As you will appreciate, pupils have 175 days off a year. This is more than ample time to book a holiday.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with the Behaviour Policy and Uniform Policy. As you will know, I expect the highest standards of behaviour and dress in school and I will not compromise on this.

Thank you all for your support at the Christmas Fayre. We raised a staggering amount of money (over £2,300). The pupils have asked the school to spend the money on PE tracksuits, so we are currently looking in to this.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers who attended the Parents' Meetings. During the meetings, we look at what we can do as a school to improve, and we have made a number of changes as a result. For example, parents suggested that we hold a Halloween Disco, which was a huge success.

Miss. Simpson is leaving us to take up a new teaching position. We would like to thank her for her commitment to our children over the past two and a half years and wish her every success for her future. We will welcome a new teacher, Mrs. Clark, into our Early Years team in January 2018.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas.  
Mr. McLean

## Governors

I would like to congratulate Mr McLean and his team on another successful term in school. As well as visiting the school on a regular basis, I am an avid follower of the school on Twitter. It has been a delight to see the range of activities, from STEM work at the Stadium of Light to a LEGO day, the children have done.

I am pleased that everyone is supporting Mr McLean's approach to uniform and behaviour. I, and the Governing Board, fully support the high standards expected of all of our pupils.

I was fortunate enough to attend the Early Years Nativity, which was a magical experience at this time of year. I know that the other performances have been just as wonderful as the one I attended.

### Academy Update

Recently, we have reviewed the date of conversion. We now plan to convert to an academy on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 (this is subject to change).

If you would like further information on this, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, and your family, a very merry Christmas.

Steve Goldswain, Chair of Governors

**Children finish for the Christmas holidays on Friday 22nd December 2017 at 3.00pm**  
**Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2018**

## Autumn Term - Important Dates

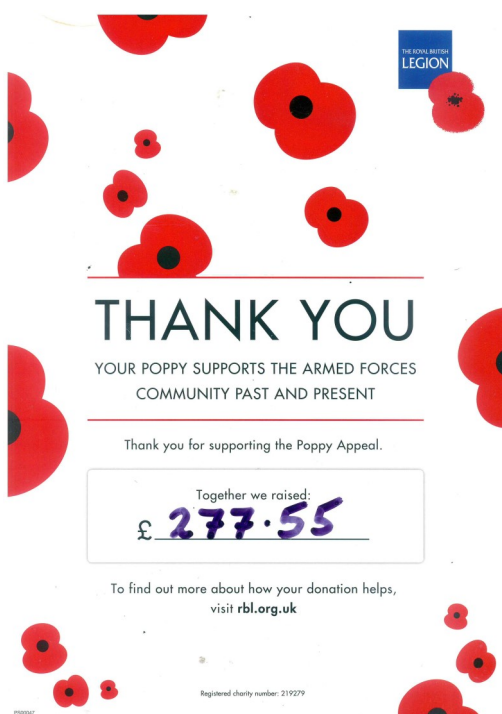
Date	Event
<b>Monday 8th January 2018</b>	<b>Professional Development Day (no children in school)</b>
Tuesday 9th January 2018	Children return to school
Thursday 25th January 2018	Year 1—Jay's Animal Encounters (more information to follow)
Tuesday 30th January 2018	Year 3—Scrapheap Challenge (more information to follow)
Thursday 8th February 2018	Year 2—James Cook Museum (more information to follow)
Friday 9th February 2018	3.00pm—Children finish for half-term
<b>February Half-Term—Monday 12th February 2018 to Friday 16th February 2018</b>	
Monday 19th February 2018	Children return to school
Wednesday 21st February 2018	Y4—Life Centre (more information to follow)
Wednesday 28th February 2018	Y5—Whitby (more information to follow)
Thursday 8th March 2018	Y3—Scrapheap Challenge (more information to follow)
Wednesday 14th March 2018	Nursery—Farm Animals (more information to follow)
Wednesday 21st March 2018	Reception—Monk Park Farm (more information to follow)
	Y5—Aspirations Event (more information to follow)
Monday 26th March 2018	Reception—St. Hilda's Church (more information to follow)
Thursday 29th March 2018	9.00am—10.00am—Families in School
	3.00pm—Children finish for the Easter holiday
<b>Easter Holiday—Friday 30th March 2018 to Friday 13th April 2018</b>	
Monday 16th April 2018	Children return to school

## Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Christmas fundraising events. We raised over £2300 throughout the festive period. Your continued support of our fundraising activities is much appreciated. All funds raised will continue to be used to support your children.

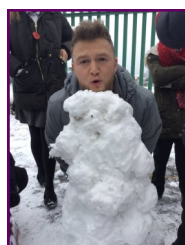
Our non-uniform day on Friday 17th November 2017 raised £241. This will be split between Children in Need and the British Red Cross.

Our choir performance on Redcar High Street on Saturday 9th December was very well attended. We raised over £90 for the British Red Cross.



## Snow

The snow at the end of November brought lots of excitement to Caedmon. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play together in the snow.



## Parent Survey

The school received 44 responses

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My child feels safe at this school.	87%	13%	0%	0%
My child is making good progress at this school.	93%	7%	0%	0%
This school meets my child's particular needs.	86%	14%	0%	0%
This school ensures my child is well looked after.	93%	7%	0%	0%
My child is taught well at this school.	93%	7%	0%	0%
This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.	98%	2%	0%	0%
There is a good standard of behaviour at this school.	86%	14%	0%	0%
My child's lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour.	86%	14%	0%	0%
This school deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).	82%	16%	2%	0%
This school helps me to support my child's learning.	93%	7%	0%	0%
This school responds well to my concerns.	80%	20%	0%	0%
This school keeps me well informed.	82%	18%	0%	0%
Question	Yes	Yes	No	No
I would recommend this school to another parent	100%	0%	0%	0%

### Comments (a selection)

- Brilliant school.
- Thank you for stretching and challenging my child to help him in his development at school. The disruption is just because the child will have disrupted the flow of the lesson, but the teacher quickly acts upon it.
- I would like to thank all of the staff for their continued hard work and always supporting the children. My boys recently attended the Halloween disco and loved it – that wouldn't have happened without the dedication from your staff. You are all amazing.
- Thank you for your support.
- Keep up the good work.
- I think it is a great school.
- I am extremely happy with my child's progress in Y1. He enjoys school.

### What could we do to improve further?

Comment	Response
Please allow term time holidays. Some schools allow 10 days, which isn't a lot to ask.	Pupils are in school for 190 days each year; they get 175 days off a year. All research, and our own evidence in school, shows that pupils who attend school every day make better progress than those who do not.
Schools should allow some leeway when it comes to taking term time holidays. It is too expensive to take children during the holidays and they deserve quality family time too.	I appreciate that pupils need family time; they get 175 days to do this each year. Unfortunately, I have no control over the charges made by travel companies.

## Y3 - Oriental Museum



## Reception - Guisborough Woods



## Pupil Survey—November 2017

Question	Yes	Yes	No	No
Do you enjoy school?	192	95%	10	5%
Do you learn new things in lessons?	201	99%	1	1%
Are lessons interesting and fun?	200	99%	2	1%
If you get stuck with your work in class, does someone help you?	195	97%	7	3%
Do teachers show you how to make your work better?	199	99%	3	1%
Do you think people in school care about you?	194	96%	8	4%
Do you know the school rules?	195	97%	7	3%
Do most of the children in your class behave well?	189	94%	13	6%
Do you feel safe in school?	195	97%	7	3%
If you are worried about something, do you know who you can talk to?	190	94%	12	6%
Do teachers listen to your ideas?	198	98%	4	2%

## AWARDS

All children have the chance to achieve different pin badges. The first award is bronze, followed by silver, gold and finally platinum. Children can also be awarded with the Headteacher's badge.



To win this award, the child must:

- Demonstrate the 'Caedmon Characteristics'
- Have 100% attendance
- Not get any minutes
- Be in school and on time each day.

Class	03/11/2017	10/11/2017	17/11/2017	24/11/2017	01/12/2017	08/12/2017
Miss Snaith		Harrison			Neveah	Morgan
Mr Whitfield	Kenzie	Noah	Maddie	Summer	Maddison	Declan
Miss Cumming	Alexis	Harley	Jensen	Sarah	Scarlett	Lacey
Mrs Robinson	Hamas		Olivia	Declan	Ruby	Poppy
Miss Hill	Liam		Freddie	Charlotte	Mia	Faye
Mr Painter	Evie	Sofia		Lacey	Erin	Poppy
Mr Johnson	Macie	Macie		Layton	Maisy	Maddison-Rose
Miss Rogers	Alfie	Hope	Maks	Eliza-Jayne	Katie	Maks
Mrs Walker	Tammy	Kelsey	Tyreese	Alfie	Harrison	Lily-Mai
Miss Nolan	Ryan	Grace	Leon-James	Jade	Charley-May	Kacie
Miss Watts	Marco	Subhan	Keira	Cole	Jack	Cole
Miss Fox	Alfie	Leah	Alisha		Kiera	Casey
Mr Butters	Jayden	Sophie	Amelia		Saul	Jayden
Headteacher	Tiagan-Faith		Lily-Mai	Riley		Tammy