



Calstock CP School Newsletter

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Autumn Term – Number 1 – 17th Sept 2021

Welcome Back

We are so pleased to welcome back all the children. We have been so impressed with how they have returned to school ready to learn and with such a positive outlook. We also think they look brilliant in their new school jumpers.

We offer a special welcome to our new pupils Iris and Thea in Reception and Isla and Edward in Year 5.

Class One News

Class one have made a fantastic start back to school and are diving into their new topic – 'Let's Play'. This half term Class 1 are investigating toys from the past. If you have any old toys that we could borrow to look at and talk about (they will be kept very safe), we would love to see them please.



Class Two News

Class 2 have had a great start to the term finding out about the Tudors and about the Tower of London. We have looked at how monarchs used to dress and we have practised drawing portraits of Tudor kings and queen. We have also researched the history of the Tower of London, some of the legends that surround it, and about some of the gruesome events that took place within its walls!



Class Three News

Class Three have settled into class really well and it is great to be back. We have already started working on our Wild Tribe Achievement Award. There are many challenges to work through incorporating health and wellbeing, volunteering and leading, life skills and respecting and enjoying nature. We are also looking forward to our trip to Stoke Climsland Old School to experience what life in a Victorian school would have been like.



Year Three News

This year, the Year three students have their own classroom that has been painted and decorated to create a warm and welcoming learning environment. There was great excitement at the discovery of a 'secret' door which is now being used as the entrance to our classroom. Mrs Liddicott has informed us that many years ago, the same door was used as the main entrance to the school.

Along with the students rights to learn in an environment that is beautiful, so too comes the responsibility to care for their environment. We have acquired three lovely geranium plants which rest on the windowsill of our classroom. The children will have the responsibility to care for the plants and ensure that they are watered regularly. It was decided that we should name the plants... The children came up with suggested names and then we voted to decide which three names we liked the most. In the picture below you will see 'Mia', the pink Begonia, 'Scarlet', the red Begonia, and 'Peaches' is the apricot-coloured plant.

We're glad to be back at school and looking forward to a fun-filled year of learning.



Old Uniform Recycling

We are planning a collection of the old school uniform for a local charity Keen4Gambia. They will transport and distribute good quality uniform items to schools in Gambia. More information about the charity can be found on their website <https://keen4gambia.uk/>

Please bring your old good quality (no holes or stains) uniform to school on **Friday 24th September**. We will need some parental help to sort and pack donations. If you can help on the morning of the 24th please let Mrs Hardy in the school office know. **We can not accept donations before this date.**

Reminders

Please can all long **hair be tied up** at school each day.

Class One's trip to The Box, Plymouth takes place on Thursday 23rd September.

Class Three's Trip to The Old School, Stoke Climsland takes place on Thursday 23rd September.

Please return all data forms by Monday 20th September.

Please can you try to ensure all dinner money is paid at the end of each week to avoid big debts building up on your child's account.

Many Thanks

Things to Remember

Please drop off children in the morning between 8.45-9.55am.

Please arrive for afternoon pick up between 3.15-3.20pm.

All children must have a coat and suitable outdoor footwear in school each day.

Please ensure all uniform/ coats have your child's name on it.

Water bottles and reading books should also be brought to school each day.

Please could children attend school in closed toe footwear. No sandals or clogs for outdoor wear.

Thank you

School Meals

School meals are available everyday for all children. Children in Reception to Year2 can automatically access a free meal under the governments infant free school meals scheme. For pupils in Year 3 and above meals are charged at £2.40 per meal. If your child would like a school dinner they just need to ask in class that morning.

If you think your child may qualify for free school dinners due to low family income you can apply for this funding here:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

Next Week there will be some changes to the advertised menu due to delivery issues.

Monday 20th Sept—Sausage Roll or Mexican Bean Roll with wedges

Tuesday 21st September - Chicken or Vegetable Pasta Bake

Thursday 23rd September—Macaroni Cheese

Snack Time

Children in Years3-6 can bring a healthy snack to school each day for playtime. We would suggest fruit as the best option, but snack bars etc are allowed. No crisps or chocolate please.

Reception— Y2 will be given fruit for snack which is provided by the schools fruit scheme.

Tavyside Badminton

Family Open Day

When: Saturday 18th September
Where: Tavistock College Sports Hall
Time: 10am to 2pm

As part of Badminton England's "The BIG Hit" week, **Tavyside Badminton** will be holding a "Family Open Day" for players of all ages to come and experience the sport of badminton.

The Tavyside Badminton Coaching Team will be on hand to give guidance and introduce you all to badminton through fun games and activities.

www.tavyside.org.uk

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BADMINTON ENGLAND 



Please make your child's teacher aware of any egg products, including food items in lunch boxes, egg boxes and bird nests that have been brought into the school.

Thank you

Diary Dates 2021/ 2022

Autumn Term 6th September 2021 - 17th December 2021

Half-term 25th October 2021 - 29th October 2021

Spring Term 4th January 2022 - 8th April 2022

Half-term 21st February 2022 - 25th February 2022

Summer Term 25th April 2022 - 26th July 2022

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

Half-term 30th May 2022 - 3rd June 2022

Training day closures are: **6th & 7th September, 4th January, 6th June, 25th & 26th July.**