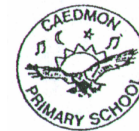




CAEDMON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to start this Newsletter by saying a very big thank you to the Friends of Caedmon. On Monday after school they organised a very successful Christmas Fayre. Some children met Santa, bought some toys and ate lots of lovely food. The Friends of Caedmon have plans for a Valentine Disco! So look out for information on this.

The Friends of Caedmon also have a section on the Caedmon website. Our website is being updated all the time so I would recommend that you have a look at it. The address is www.caedmonprimary.org. It is always at the top of all our letters now. Many pupils past and present are leaving messages on the site. There is also information about the school and events being updated regularly.

Mrs Hardy's family did ask me to thank the whole school community for their warm wishes, kindness and thoughts at a hard time. They did appreciate them all. We have bought a live Christmas tree to plant in the school grounds. This will be planted this week by the children. It will be decorated each year. Miss Hanratty had the great idea sitting at home one evening.

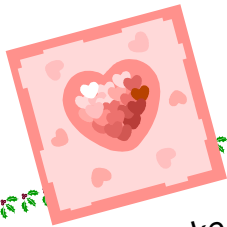
Talking about great ideas! Charley Flynn in Year 5 came to tell me an idea she had about Mrs. Hardy. Her idea was to have a Mrs. Hardy Day! Mrs. Hardy day will be on 5th November every year. Children will wear badges and we will send any money raised to St. Oswald's Hospice. Thank you Charley for the fantastic idea.

We have plans for a permanent memorial to Mrs. Hardy. This memorial will be based in the school grounds. The aim is to have an Angel of Caedmon. This will be based on the design of "The Angel". It will be made from metal and we will be raising money to pay for this piece of art work/ memorial. Once we know what the price of the Angel will be I will let everyone know and we can all work together to reach the target. Many parents have expressed an interest in raising money so we can have this memorial for Mrs. Hardy. I look forward to working with the parents and the children to achieve this memorial.

I hope everyone enjoys the events we have planned over the last week of term. Thank you to all the children for being fantastic members of our school. You make us all so proud. The school council have grown during the last year and they have many plans for the new year! Hope everyone has a great Christmas.

Yours faithfully
C Wisby
Head Teacher





Valentine Disco will take place on Friday
13th February 2009

This is the last day of term. There will be
two separate



Children in Need
Thanks once again for your
generous donations. We
raised £185 for this very
worthwhile cause.



Carol Service

This year's Carol Service will be
held in Whitehall Road
Methodist Church at 9.30 am.
All are welcome. Light
refreshments following the
service will be available in
school.



Awards at Caedmon—2008

Here is a list of the awards that children can we at Caedmon
and how they are won!

The school website has a picture of all the awards and how they can be won.



Here are the awards that can be won at Caedmon: Power Of The Letter (Head Teachers personal letter to parents of children who have been outstanding), Champion Child (awarded for being a role model to all), Politeness & Manners (awarded for good politness and manners), Shakespeare's Pencil (awarded for excellent written work), Scientist of the week (outstanding Science work), Mathemagician (excellent Maths work), Artist of the week (awarded for amazing Art work) and Helpfulness Award (awarded for being helpful), ICT Wizard (great work on computers), Champion Chum (awarded for being a great friend) and Performance Award (awarded for performing arts).



There is now a special Head Teachers Award! This can be won by a pupil(s) who are awarded all of the above awards in their time at Caedmon! Some children are very close and are only missing a few awards. Who will be the first pupil to be awarded this ultimate accolade?



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2008/2009 SCHOOL YEAR			
	School Opens:	School Closes:	Half-Term Break Inclusive:
Autumn Term	Monday 1 September 2008	Friday 19 December 2008	27-31 October 2008
Spring Term	Monday 5 January 2009	Friday 3 April 2009	16-20 February 2009
Summer Term	Monday 20 April 2009	Friday 17 July 2009	25-29 May 2009

NOTE:
 In addition, to the above dates, schools will be closed to pupils on Monday 4 May 2009 (May Day Bank Holiday)
 In addition school will be closed to pupils on Monday 1st September 2007, Monday 5th January 2009 for In-house Training days.

PLEASE NOTE THE INSET DAY PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED FOR TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2009 HAS BEEN CANCELLED—SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN TO CHILDREN ON THIS DAY

Attendance table for Autumn Term!

Year group	Actual attendance
Reception	95.6%
Year 1	93.2%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	93.7%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	93.7%
Whole School	93.1%

Here are the results for whole school for the academic year so far. Our school target is to reach 95%. Therefore, this has been a very disappointing term. Congratulations to Reception, Year 2 and Year 5. All the other classes need to improve after Christmas.





DIARY DATES



AUTUMN TERM

08/12/08	Christmas Fair 3.15 pm—5.30 pm
09/12/08	Foundation Stage Christmas Concert , Parents/Carers welcome
10/12/07	Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert, Parents/Carers welcome
11/12/08	Christmas Disco (Date to be confirmed)
12/12/08	Foundation Stage Christmas Party (morning)
12/12/08	Christmas Fair (straight after school)
11/12/08	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert (afternoon) was 12th Dec now 11th Dec!!!
15/12/08	Key Stage 1 Christmas Party (afternoon)
16/12/08	Year 3/4 Christmas Party (afternoon)
17/12/08	Year 5/6 Christmas Party (afternoon)
18/12/08	Christmas Lunch (Date to be confirmed)
19/12/08	Carol Service, Whitehall Rd Methodist Church, parents, carers & friends welcome
19/12/08	School closes for Christmas Holidays

SPRING TERM

06/01/09	School re-opens—Spring Term (Please note that the Inset day previously advised for Tuesday 6th January 2009 has been cancelled therefore we return to school on Tuesday 6th January not Wednesday).
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After School Club Timetable

Day	Club	Open to	Time	Cost	Run By
Tuesday	Reading	All	Morning	Free	Mrs Drape
Tuesday	Street Dance	All	3:10—4:10	£2.00	Ms J Payne
Tuesday	Football	Y5 & Y6	3.15—4.50 pm	50p	Mr Wisby & Mr Soler
Wednesday	Reading	All	Morning	Free	Mrs Drape
Wednesday	Football	Rec, Y1 & Y2	3.10—4.10 pm	£2.50	NUFC
Thursday	Reading	All	Morning	Free	Mrs Drape
Thursday	Football	Y3 & Y4	3.15—4.15 pm	£2.00	Mr R King
Thursday	Homework Club	All	3.15—4.45 pm	Free	Mr Pearson & Mrs Owens
Friday	Football	Y5 & Y6	3.15—4.50 pm	50p	Mr Wisby & Mr Soler



To enter prize draw please post
this in the box in school
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Name.....