



May 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are approaching a very exciting time of the year at school. Please see the diary dates on this newsletter to see which dates relate to your children. There are many exciting events happening in school that will be of interest to everyone. Our Year 6 leavers are having their final school trip to London at the back end of June. This is followed by the School Council going to London in July. We started going to London for School Council trips in 2007. This has become part of school tradition. 17 years later this is a trip enjoyed by everyone who attends.

Something that is also become a massive part about our work at school has been our work around careers and preparing children for future jobs/employment and careers. Everything we talk about in lessons and school life is entrenched around children having ambition and aspiration in life and future jobs. We are a Gatsby benchmark school – please see the link

<https://www.gatsby.org.uk/education/focus-areas/good-career-guidance>

I have shared this before, please have a read and familiarise yourself with the benchmark. If possible, use the QR code and complete this questionnaire to help us understand what careers/jobs/hobbies you have that could help us in school.



Children will be coming home with their end of year reports in July. These reports will celebrate success that children have achieved this year and give some guidance to next steps in learning. Children will be evaluating themselves against the 6R's and how they have worked to achieving them this year. The 6R's are: Ready, Responsible, Resilience, Reflective, Respect and Resourceful.

This summer we will be embarking on another big project at school. The bottom playground and area outside the Year 1 & 2 classrooms will be getting renovated to the standard of the top playground. We can't wait to show you what it looks like in September.

We do not have many staffing changes this year at Caedmon. We do have two members of staff leaving us in July. Mrs Emmerson (Year 1) and Miss Collins (Nursery Teacher) will be moving on to teach in other schools. Miss Gillam (Teaching Assistant) and Miss Dawson (Lunchtime Supervisor) will be leaving us for a period of time, as they are both expecting babies. We do have Mr Rodger returning from his secondment at Brandling School. Miss Mallaburn also takes up a teaching role at school next year.

I am proud to say our Y3/4 girls team are the champions of The Newcastle United Foundation Cup. The girls who represented the school were: Amilly, Sofia, Imaan, Scarlet, Heidi, Skye and Lily. They won all their matches without conceding a single goal; the scores were 5-0, 6-0, 5-0, 5-0, 5-0 in the group. They won the semi-final 7-0, and the final 5-0. Mrs Crossan was director of football supported by two coaches, Miss Gillespie and Miss Mallaburn.



Finally, I am delighted to say that we are moving closer to Gateshead Leisure Centre being reopened. I have been working for the last 11 months as part of a group called Gateshead Active. Some of you might have seen on social media that we are close to signing a 50-year lease from Gateshead Council to take control of the building, with an opening date proposed for the middle of June. I believe that a successful leisure centre will impact upon our community in many positive ways. The health, social, physical and mental wellbeing will have a positive impact on pupils, parents and staff members.

Kind Regards, Mr Wisby

Dates for Diaries**June**

Mon 3rd	School Reopens
Wed 5th	Y5/6 Gem Arts Workshop
Wed 5th	Y3/4 Quad Kicks
Fri 7th	Whole School Pride Day
Thurs 13th	Y5/6 Knife Crime Awareness
Mon 17th	Y1-6 Online Safety Sessions
Tues 18th	Y2 Class Assembly
Thurs 20th	Sports Day
Mon 24th-Wed 26th	Y6 trip to London
Tues 25th	KS1 Outdoor Event
Tues 25th	Y3 Class Assembly
Wed 26th	Reception 2024 Induction Mtgs
Thurs 27th	Olympic Torch Day
Fri 28th	Y3-6 Athletics Festival
Fri 28th	Y1 Class Assembly

July

Tues 2nd	Y4 Class Assembly
Wed 3rd	Whole School Outdoor Activities
Wed 3rd	Nursery Stay & Play
Thurs 4th	Reception trip to Aquarium
Thurs 4th	Summer Fayre
Fri 5th	Caedmon Sports Awards
Fri 5th	Y5 Class Assembly
Mon 8th	School Council trip to London
Thurs 11th	Y6 trip to Brewin Dolphin
Fri 12th	Reception Class Assembly
Fri 12th	Y6 Leavers Party
Mon 15th	End of Year Reports to parents
Mon 15th	Transition Morning
Tues 16th	Caedmon Awards Ceremony
Wed 17th	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Thurs 18th	Y6 Guard of Honour
Fri 19th	Occasional Day—School Closed

September

Mon 2nd	Staff INSET—School Closed
Tues 3rd	School Reopens

Attendance

Class	Up to end of May 2024
Rec	95.2%
Y1	94.21%
Y2	97.13%
Y3	94.39%
Y4	96.06%
Y5	96.78%
Y6	97.24%
Whole School	96.2%

We need to have a very strong end to the year to try and achieve our target of 97% for this year.

Attendance is really important and links in with at least one of our 6R's. Children who are often absent from school are not 'Ready'. To achieve 'Ready' children must be attending school every day.

We continue to celebrate good attendance with entry to raffles each week, termly certificates and our gold, silver and bronze 100% badges.

We would also be grateful if every effort was made to ensure children arrive to school on time for 8.50am. Lessons start promptly at 9.00am after registration and it makes it difficult for children to catch up if they have missed the important start to a lesson.

If you would like further information about what is happening in school, please visit our website at www.caedmonprimary.org, our Facebook page www.facebook.com/caedmon.gateshead/