

Cauldwell News

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Happy New Year!!

IMPORTANT DATES

3.1.08 School starts

11.2.08 - 15.2.08 HALF TERM

27.2.08 Parents Evening

17.3.08 Grounds Week

20.3.08 Spring Festival

20.3.08 END OF TERM

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas holiday and New Year celebration. It seemed to go very quickly, but was most enjoyable. A special welcome to our new families.

This term we will set the children new targets - in English and Maths . In addition to this we are setting you (families) a target to get your child / children to school every

day and on time. Please try.

Your child's targets for this term will include improving their reading and writing. You can help tremendously with this by hearing them read at home at least twice a week.

Each week, teachers check the children's reading diary to ensure they are doing some reading at home. The purpose of the reading diary is to ensure that

children practise reading at home, complementing what they do in class . The reading diary is a very important record of home reading. Writing is a daily event either through shopping lists, letters or just notes, please encourage children to write at home.

I am sure parents will want to support us in this focus on raising standards.

TOPIC WORK

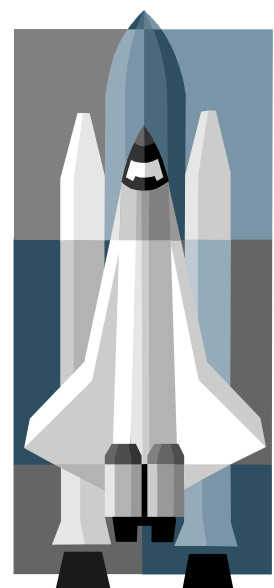
We have always taught your children through topics but we are becoming tighter in our planning to ensure children can make links in their learning more easily. This year we have started our year by learning about 'Space' . The children in every class will be involved in finding out as much as they can

about space and will produce displays for all to see in the hall.

Your child will bring home a book this week that we would like them to record any research that they do at home.

I hope you will support your children with this and become involved in their learning.

Have fun!



**FAMILY
LEARNING**

This term we are again offering you the chance to learn as well as your children. Our language class will continue. If you would like to learn English please let us know.

Computer courses will also be available in our new suite.

If you are interested in these or any other adult learning please let Laura Charnock know by calling

07935295136

or speak to Mrs Emerton in the Office.



ATTENDANCE

I am sorry to say that we have not had a very good start to the term. We had 44 children away or late in the first two days of this term

Thank you very much to those of you who are phoning in when your child is unable to come to school.

We will be continuing to phone families that don't inform us as we have to report our attendance figures to the government and it is your children who are missing out when they are unnecessarily away.

A number of children are also still arriving late and I would like to remind everyone that school starts at **8.55**. Children arriving late will receive a late mark in the register and they also interrupt other children's learning. Please ensure your child arrives on time every day. Many thanks.

LOST PROPERTY

This is a never ending problem in all schools but it can be improved if all the children's property has their name on it and that includes PE kits, please.

We have a huge pile of lost property left from last term and if unclaimed in the next week it will be sold on a table in front of the school.

Investors In People

We were successful at the end of last term in being re-awarded with the 'Investors in People' Quality mark.

We have managed to keep this award for 9 years now and are very proud to display it in the entrance.

CLUBS

Clubs will be starting the week beginning the 14th January and will be open to children of both Key stages 1 and 2. The clubs are very popular, so return slips as soon as possible to ensure a place. If the club is full we will organise a waiting list.

**MILK AND DINNER
MONEY**

Just a reminder that money for milk and dinner should be sent to school every Monday in two separate envelopes. Dinner money is managed by the Kitchen and not the school office. If you have any queries, please see Mrs. Carroll in the kitchen.

Milk money is only collected on Mondays (90p for the week).

Please ensure both come in envelopes with your child's name and class on.

I hope everyone has a productive and happy term.