

# Cauldwell News

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## Happy New Year!!

### IMPORTANT DATES

**5.1.10 School starts**

**12.2.10 Family Valentines lunch**

**15.2.10 - 19.2.10 HALF TERM**

**3.3.10 Parents Evening**

**19.3.10 Science / ICT Open Day.**

**28.1.10 3.40pm Parent info on 'How we Teach Reading'.**

**29.3.10 Eco Week**

**1.4.10 Spring Festival**

**1.4.10 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 with the very exciting theme on 'Space' . The children in every class have been involved in finding out as much as

they can about space, planets and stars and have produced 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 classes will continue. If you would like to learn English please let us know.

If you are interested in this or any other adult learning please let Cathryn Ward know by calling

07935295136

or speak to Mrs Emerton in the Office.



**ATTENDANCE**

I am sorry to say that we did not have a very good autumn term. We only achieved 93% attendance and our target is 95%!!

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.

**Coffee with  
Mrs Apps**

**I am continuing my monthly coffee and chat mornings and the next one is on Thursday 14th January at 9.00 .**

**Please join me and share any ideas, thoughts or concerns.**

**Thank You.**

**CLUBS**

Clubs will be starting the week beginning the 18th 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 with your child's name and class written on.

£8.75 for dinner and  
£1.30 for milk.  
Thank You.

*I hope everyone has a productive and happy term.*