

Cauldwell News

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IMPORTANT DATES

4.1.12 School starts

1.2.12 3.40pm Parent info on how we teach reading and writing.

10.2.12 Family Valentines lunch

13.2.12 - 17.2.12 HALF TERM

29.2.12 Parents Evening

12.3.12 Science Week

15 & 16.3.12 ICT Day.

26.3.12 Eco Week

30.3.12 Spring Festival

30.3.12 END OF TERM

Happy New Year!!

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 an inter-

national theme. Children in every class will be involved in finding out as much as they can about their country and have produced displays for all to see in the hall.

The term will then continue with our Foundation children exploring Bears, Key stage one have the topic 'Fire and Ice' and Key Stage two will explore 'Deep Down Under'.

Any research that they do at home on these topics will be most welcome.



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

**FAMILY
LEARNING**

This term we are again offering you the chance to learn as well as your children.

The following are available:

- * English Classes
- * Bedtime/ Sleep information session
- * Keep fit
- * Cooking on a budget

If you are interested in any of these or any other adult learning please let Julia Wetherilt know - she's in the hut!

or speak to Mrs Emerton in the Office.



ATTENDANCE

I am pleased to say that we had a good autumn term. We achieved 95% attendance and our target is 95%!!

Thank you very much to those of you who are attending on time every day and for 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 **8.50**. 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.

Time for you

"Happy New Year" to you all. Parents are invited to pop in to the 'Hut' on 12th Jan 9am-10am. Use this opportunity to meet other parents, find out about the new term, how you can contribute , and what is available for you.

See you there!

From Julia Wetherilt

CLUBS

Clubs will be starting the week beginning the 16th 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**

Please send milk and dinner money in on Monday mornings in two separate envelopes with your child's name and class written on.

£9.75 for dinner and £1.50 for milk. (Please note that if you pay for five weeks dinner money you get the

sixth week free ask at Kitchen for details) Thank You.

I hope everyone has a productive and happy term.

