

# Primary Matters

News and Information from Primary Phase - Friday 4th March 2022

## Vice Principal's Message



Term 4 is well underway and spring is in the air! World Book Day is back, British Science Week is coming up and our Year 4 children will soon be heading off to York for their exciting, three day residential visit — hooray! It is wonderful to be able re-instate the good things that we have lost over the past two years. Last week, the first CCS Friends cake since the lifting of Covid safety measures took place and raised a fantastic £265.50! Thank you to everyone who donated—the cake sale was a sell out!

At Caroline Chisholm School, we value empathy and concern for society. Inspired by the Queen's new year honours, we have made our very own CCS award of honour for making a positive contribution to our school and local community. Elsie in Year 2, designed this wonderful medal and each week, class teachers are on the look out for children who are putting our values in to action! Below are some of the bird feeders that were made during our recent garden bird watch project. As a whole school, we have also been involved in making a positive

environment to the natural environment by working with the Wootton Parish Council to plant trees in our local community and we are also gearing up to be involved in the hedgehog highway project!

Please look out for the spring term parents' evening letter, which provides detail of how to book your virtual appointments for either 22nd and 23rd of March.

*Katharine Bignall*

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## Big Garden Birdwatch 2022

Caroline Chisholm School was very excited to take part in the annual 'Big Garden Birdwatch' event, run by The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). We were really pleased to see how many primary phase families got involved! Thank you to everyone who participated in the 1 hour bird watching challenge.

### Well done to class 2NCAW who had the most participants!

We were so impressed with all entries for the competition to design and make your own bird feeder. Mrs McCormack and Miss Carter had a very hard job in selecting the winners and so the children helped Miss Carter to pick out the lucky winners from all who had participated.

We had a wonderful celebration assembly on the last day of term celebrating everyone who had taken the time to make a positive contribution to the natural environment by counting birds and designing bird feeders. I think you'll agree, they all look fabulous!

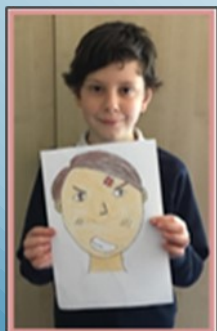




## Spotlight on Learning - Upper KS2

Pupils in Year 5 & 6 made a superb start to their learning in Term 3. Pupils began their new learning themes with some fantastic Sensational Start activities.

In Year 5, the learning theme is 'Out of this World!' which has a science focus with pupils exploring the solar system, the planets within it and how these compare and interact with each other. To start their learning with a bang, pupils designed and created their own rockets, then tested them to see how well they would fly! This activity helped pupils to work collaboratively and develop their creativity skills, as well as develop their strategy planning. Year 5 are also linking their learning theme to English and pupils enjoyed reading their class novel 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.



'The Enchanting East' is the learning theme in Year 6. Geography is the main focus with pupils developing their curiosity and fascination about China & Japan. To engage children in their learning, we started the theme with a carousel of eastern delights! Pupils experienced a variety of inspirational activities throughout a learning theme day including: origami, Manga cartoon design, quizzes and the Chopstick Challenge! These activities helped to develop the pupils' skills of collaboration, creativity and agility.

Within the English learning in Year 6, pupils have been reading the novel 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. Making connections to the country of Japan, pupils have developed a description of the island from the text. Having analysed the story so far to identify high-level vocabulary, pupils have started to develop their use of expanded noun phrases and language features including similes and metaphors.

*Mrs McNair*

Upper Key Stage 2 Leader

*This term, we are focusing on the value of becoming Agile learners who are enquiring, open minded and risk taking.*



## Dates for Your Diary

Year 2 Tudor Day payment deadline  
Year 1 walk around Wootton  
British Science Week  
All-through Science Fair  
Year 2 Tudor Day Experience  
Year 6 residential trip final payment deadline  
Comic Relief non-uniform day  
CCS Friends Year 5 cake sale  
Primary virtual parents' evening

**Friday 4th March**

**Wednesday 9th March**

**Monday 14th –Friday 18th March**

**Tuesday 15th March**

**Wednesday 16th March**

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**Tuesday 22nd / Wednesday 23rd March**







## Cold Weather

Please note that the CCS fleece or hoodie should only be worn as an extra layer on top of a CCS cardigan / jumper and should not be worn instead of a cardigan / jumper.

## Year 3 & 4 Bikeability Sessions

Last term, some of our Y3/Y4 children participated in one of our Bikeability courses. Children brought their bikes into school to learn to cycle safely and to develop independence, confidence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. Great fun was had by all!

After Bikeability, children are better at responding to risk and report increased confidence. As a result, more children cycle to school, which in turn improves their mental health and wellbeing. This also improves attention and engagement in learning.

We run these popular sessions every year on a first come, first served basis. Keep an eye on your emails for details of future events.



### Staffing Update

We are pleased to be able to tell you that

Mrs McCormack has returned to work as Co-Foundation Stage Leader and Reception class teacher, working alongside Mrs Jeffery.

Mrs Simmonds has also returned from maternity leave in her role as KS1 Leader and we are happy to announce that Mrs Wheeler will be continuing in the permanent role of KS1 Leader, in partnership with Mrs Simmonds.

Miss Coleman has now resumed her role as Head of Sydney house.

## COVID-9 - Updated Isolation Rules



As you are aware, the rules surrounding isolating and testing for Covid-19 have once again changed. Full details were sent out to parents by Mrs Jewell on Wednesday 23rd February; however, to summarise, the following rules now apply:

- Anyone who displays symptoms should book a PCR test.
- That person should isolate until the test results are received.
- If the test gives a positive result, we are still asking that **your child remains at home for a full five days**, until they have had two consecutive, negative tests or ten days has passed, whichever is soonest, remembering that the day they first showed symptoms or tested positive is counted as day 0.
- In the interest of preventing further spread of the virus, any child displaying possible Covid-19 symptoms will be sent home and advised to book a PCR test.

If you have any questions regarding the new rules, please don't hesitate to contact the Primary Office using the email address [primaryoffice@ccs.northants.sch.uk](mailto:primaryoffice@ccs.northants.sch.uk).

### CCS Friends



Thank you to everyone who made our first year of the 100 Club a great success.

The 100 Club members helped raise over £1300 for CCS Friends and we paid out over £855 in prize money. Congratulations to our winners so far this year!

We would love 2022 to be even bigger and better, raising more money for the school and awarding bigger prizes in the future.

If you would like to join the 100 Club Prize Draw, please contact CCS Friends using the email address:

[ccsfriends@protonmail.com](mailto:ccsfriends@protonmail.com)



We are also pleased to report that our first cake sale since the beginning of the pandemic was a huge success. Together with the Year 6 children

and parents, we managed to raise a massive **£265.50** and we completely sold out of cakes!

Our next cake sale, with the help of the Year 5 parents and children will take place on Friday 18th March. Thank you so much for all your support!