

## CAWSTON GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

This week was one of the highlights of the school year as over 140 of our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in the Young Voices 2025 concert. The children were absolutely brilliant and had clearly put a lot of time into learning the songs and dance moves. Their superb behaviour throughout the event made us incredibly proud, and it was great to see everyone making the most of this unforgettable opportunity.

A huge thank you goes out to our staff who volunteered their time to accompany the children and ensure the day ran smoothly. Thank you also to parents who came along to support us on the night, we hope you enjoyed the experience as much as the children did.

As mentioned in last week's letter to parents, the school is exploring the possibility of joining a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). This is an important decision, and we value the input and questions from our school community.

Parents who wish to share their views or seek clarification are encouraged to use the following link: <a href="Parent Feedback Form">Parent Feedback Form</a>. Your feedback is crucial to ensuring we make an informed decision in the best interests of our children and staff. All of the responses will be read and discussed by the trust board and we will keep you updated on any further developments.

Mrs Worthington Head Teacher

## **Bags 2 School**

Next Tuesday (January 21st) we have Bags 2 school - please bring in your tied up bags and put them in the bike shed where we will collect all the bags to be collected.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate good quality unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts and handbags, (please refer to <a href="https://bag2school.com">https://bag2school.com</a> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

## **Fortnightly Maths Challenge**



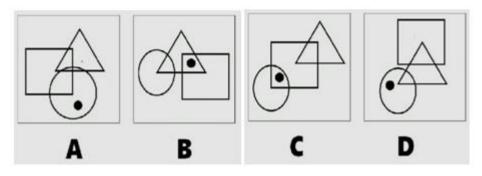
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These are some of the answers for the last challenge: (Please remember to put your name on answer sheet before returning them)

44 is the only one with the same digit for the tens and ones

65 because all the other pairs of digits add to 8 (1+7, 2+6, 4+4) but 6+5=11. Also because 65 is the only number which

Here is the next one. Which one of these numbers is the odd one out and why?



## **Gardening Club**

This week during Garden Club we harvested some yummy beetroot. Over the past couple of Years we have been visited by some wonderful volunteers from Lime Tree Village who have worked with all of the children on our allotment project. We are looking forward to restarting our allotment cycle in the next couple of months. If you have anything that might help us, such as surplus seeds or gardening tools that you think might be useful please speak to Mrs Luntley.









## **Weekly Online Safety Bulletin**



JusTalk Kids is an alternative version of the JusTalk app, aimed at an audience aged 13 and under. As that upper age limit suggests, this social networking platform is intended to be suitable for youngsters, providing them with a space of their own to interact with a community their own age.

Unfortunately, there are still risks associated with JusTalk Kids, so it's vitally important for parents and educators to understand the potential dangers for those who use the app. This free guide delves into the most prominent online safety concerns of JusTalk Kids, while also letting you know how to ensure that children can be protected, should they wish to create an account.

## **Playtime Snacks**

Key Stage 2 children are allowed to bring a snack from home to eat at playtime. Please ensure that this is either a piece of fruit or a cereal bar (nut free). Many children are taking items such as packets of crisps or sandwiches from their lunchboxes but these should be eaten at lunch, not playtime. We have also reminded the children of this in school.



#### **Breakfast Club**

Just a reminder that bookings and payment for breakfast club places is via SCOPAY, all breakfast places must be pre booked 5 days in advance. Any questions please contact the school office



## **Number Day**

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

It's Number Day, so come and play,
Dressed as your favourite number today!
With digits or tools, we'll make maths cool,
Learning together is out number 1 rule!



KS2: Why not come dressed as you TTRS avatar for the day? For a donation to the NSPCC. More details to follow.



#### **School Lunches**

Remember that if your child is having a hot school dinner, meals need to be booked no later than 9am via your Stir/Select account.

## **New Ordering system**

We are excited to inform you that after the February half term, Stir food will be introducing a new school lunch ordering system to make the process more convenient and efficient for both parents and pupils.

To place lunch orders, they will be using a new app. Instructions on how to download and use the app are below. In addition, unique codes required for accessing the system will be distributed to your child to bring home shortly, so please keep an eye out for this information! Click link for more details (SwiftKitchen Video)

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a smooth transition to the new system after the half term break.



Here is the link to the Nov/Jan (Christmas) digital version of Allsorts magazine <a href="https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS\_NOVJAN24">https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS\_NOVJAN24</a>

- You can **tap** straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attraction to visit, services and articles to help your

family. You can view this issue at <a href="https://www.allsortsmag.com">www.allsortsmag.com</a> too or on the allsorts Facebook page soon. Take care - Michelle Love (Editor).

#### **Mental Health in Schools**



## **Online Safety**

With lots of our young people accessing different online platforms, it is important we are making sure this online activity is accessed in a safe and positive way. Online activity is a big part of day-today life and for young people is the norm. This may involve watching YouTube videos, online gaming, having social media accounts (e.g. Instagram, TikTok) or using the internet to support completing homework tasks. As a parent/ caregiver, this can at times be difficult to navigate and stay on top of these ever-evolving platforms.

It is good to remember that online activity can be positive: there are lots of opportunities to learn new things, spread joy and positivity, connect with others and show creativity.

#### Our Top Tips For Online Safety:

- Have regular conversations about online safety- Making communication about online activity a
  normal part of the conversation will create an open and more relaxed dialogue around what your
  young person is accessing online. This can also make it easier for your young person to come
  and speak to you if they do have any worries.
- 2. Encourage time away from devices- Spending too much time online and looking at a device can begin to blur the lines between the online world and what is happening right in front of us. Encourage regular screen time breaks. This could be by completing an activity which the whole family can get involved in e.g. playing a board game or going for a walk. There are also wellbeing setting on apps, including Instagram and Tik Tok to support setting these boundaries.
- 3. Keeping it real- It can be useful to remind our young people that not everything they see online is real. Some of this content may have a negative impact on how they feel about themselves and what they are doing. It can be useful to remind young people that an online post is only one snapshot of time. Encourage your young person to take control of what they are looking at and help them to feel empowered to choose to access online content that encourages positivity and makes them feel good.

Online safety is an ongoing conversation. By setting boundaries, providing guidance and being open, this encourages young people to navigate the online world safety and responsibly.



NSPCC- Talking to your child about online safety



Barnardo's- Keeping children safe online

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

> MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

> > Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

#### **PTA**

We hope you have had a great first few weeks back at school, we have a lot going on this term that we are very excited for.

Next Tuesday (January 21st) we have Bags 2 school - please bring in your tied up bags and put them in the bike shed where we will collect all the bags to be collected.

Tickets for our Joules outlet are now on sale, please purchase here

We are still in desperate need for your support to get the scooter space sorted:

#### Scooting Towards a Better Future at Cawston Grange!

Are you a DIY enthusiast or part of a local company looking for a way to make a difference? The Friends of Cawston Grange PTA need your help! We're on a mission to boost our school's active travel options with dedicated scooter stands — and we need some hands-on support to bring it to life.

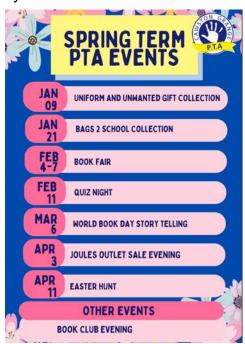
Earlier this year, the Friends of Cawston Grange PTA were successful in applying to the County Councillor's Fund operated by Warwickshire County Council to improve active travel options at our school. We're delighted that Cllr Peter Butlin decided to support our application.

Why is this important? Well, our current bike and scooter storage is bursting at the seams! By installing more scooter stands, we'll free up bike spaces, encourage healthier and greener school runs, and reduce the chaos of the morning car park shuffle. Fewer cars mean happier children, a calmer environment, and less stress for parents trying to park at drop-off/pick-up time.

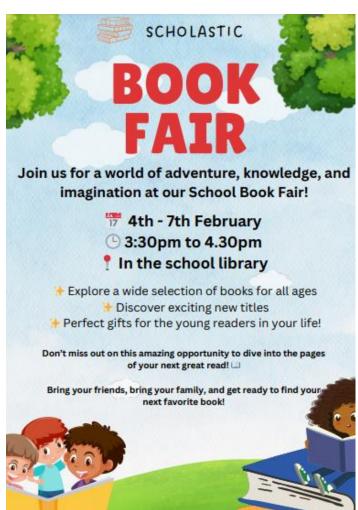
What do we need? Someone (or a team) to help us install these fabulous new scooter stands. Whether you're handy with a drill, have some free time to lend, or represent a local company that can provide materials or expertise, we'd love to hear from you.

Not only will you be helping our school community, but you'll also be leaving a legacy that'll benefit over 430 pupils, their families, and our neighbours for years to come. Plus, you'll earn the eternal gratitude of parents who will see fewer cars jostling for position at the gates!

Interested? Get in touch with the Friends of Cawston Grange PTA a <u>cawstongrangeptachair@gmail.com</u>. Let's work together to keep our kids on the move (and out of traffic)!







# School Year 2024/2025

**Diary Dates - Spring Term 2025** 

January 2025		
21/01/25	PTA Bags 2 School collection	Please drop off by school bike sheds
24/01/25	Year 5 Bilton Allotment Trip	Consent via SCOPAY
24/01/25	Year 1 Rugby Museum & Library Trip	Consent and payment via SCOPAY
February 2025		
07/02/25	Dress up for Digits – Numbers Day	Donations going to NSPCC
14/02/25	School Closes at 3.30pm for Half Term	
17/02/25 to 21/02/25 Half Term		
24/02/25	School reopens at 8.40am	
26/02/25	Reception – Vision Screening	Details e-mailed 25/11/24
March 2025		
07/03/25	Final Payment for year 6 residential due	
31/03/25	Last Week of Teacher Led After School Clubs	
April 2025		
11/04/25	School Closes at 3.30pm for Easter	

**Diary Dates – Summer Term 2025** 

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April 2025			
28/04/25	School reopens at 8.40am		
May 2025			
05/05/25	Bank Holiday	School Closed to Pupils	
21/05/25-	Year 6 Residential		
23/05/24			
23/05/25	School Closes at 3.30pm for Half Term		
26/05/25 to 30/05/25 Half Term			
June 2025			
02/06/25	School reopens at 8.40am		
20/06/25	Designated Teacher Training Day	School Closed to Pupils	
July 2025			
18/07/25	School Closes at 3.30pm for Summer		
	Holidays		

Please check dates regularly as more trips and events will be added as the year progresses.

## **Attachments**

Weekly online safety bulletin – Justalk Kids Mental Health in School Team – Tops for Wellness – Online Safety







## Sunday 16 February 2:30PM

All around the world Roald Dahl's words are disappearing, not only from books but children's minds too! Now only a secret organisation known as the Ancient Guild of Tale Tenders can save the stories - and they need your help...

Especially made for ages 6 and up, the show develops both creative and literacy skills through performance, games and creative play, while exploring Roald Dahl's extraordinary stories, including **The BFG** and **The Twits** along the way.







Macready Theatre Lawrence Sheriff Street Rugby, CV22 5EJ





#### StreetDance 3.30pm-4.30pm, Wednesdays. (Yrs Rec - 6)

Learn the coolest commercial & hip-hop moves to the latest songs whilst having fun in a relaxed and safe environment.

#### Musical Theatre 3.30-4.30pm, Thursdays. (Yrs Rec - 6)

Have fun with drama games, singing, dancing, scripts and more. Gain confidence, shine and become an acting star!

In both clubs we incorporate challenging games and a reward system which encourages children to be active, gain self-confidence and improve mental health with a mini performance opportunity at the end of term.

£5 per session. Fees paid upfront for full term. All dates & full information on website.





