



WEEKLY FOCUS

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"Take pride in yourself"
"Be your own person"

Dear Parents

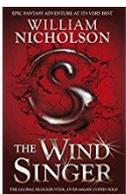
Weekly Theme

Our weekly theme this week is 'Pride in my presentation.' This does not just mean wearing the correct uniform, PE kit and shoes but also taking pride in presenting my work. On producing a piece of work, making sure that it is the best that I can do. You can support your child at home by:



- Making sure they look after their uniform and arrive at school neat and tidy
- Encouraging them to produce neat handwriting
- Encouraging your child to complete homework tasks to the best of their ability
- Reminding them to take pride and have a good attitude to learning
- Encouraging them to keep their rooms neat and tidy
- Modelling this for children by taking pride in the things you do
- Praising them when they have clearly taken pride in the things they do

Book of the Week



Our book of the week this week is *Wind Singer* by William Nicholson and it is recommended by Mr Darch.

In Aramant, exams are everything, deciding where people should live and what they should wear. When Kestrel

rebels, her family are sentenced to the harshest punishment. In order to save them and to restore happiness to Aramant, Kestrel knows she must restore the voice of the wind singer, an ancient statue standing in the city's square. She embarks on this dangerous mission with Bowman, her twin, and along the way they encounter Mumpo, the silly, smelly school dunce who adores Kestrel. Their daring journey encompasses the Mudpeople, the malevolent Old Children and bloodthirsty desert tribes.

Fantasy books for children don't get more spectacular than this and the best thing is that this is the first book in a trilogy so there are two more.

Come for a bacon sarnie



On January 25 at 8.45, two of our very experienced teaching assistants will be on hand for coffee, bacon sandwiches and chat. You can ask

them any burning questions that you have but also we would like your feedback on the following:

- Best time of day for exit points
- Parents' evenings and how we can improve
- Any workshops you might like us to do
- The best way to communicate with you

Please let the office know if you are coming and if you have any dietary requirements by Monday 22 January. They would really love to see you there.

BLOGS



You will find our Calmore Junior School Blogs on our school website

<http://www.calmorejunior.co.uk>

We are making our blogs more learning focussed, so in the future you will see more of the following:

- Details of homework
- Spellings
- Links to learning games
- Times Tables tips

Yesterday, these were added to the blogs:

- Year 3- healthy eating game
- Year 4- spellings
- Year 5- Maths – demonstration videos of key maths concepts eg 5 digit column subtraction
- Year 6 – Helping with times tables

Do have a look at these regularly with your child as they will support their class learning.

Sad News

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of Mrs Sophie Beeton who worked here as a class teacher for a couple of years in recent times. Last week, at the young age of 46, she lost her long battle with cancer and our thoughts and prayers go out to her friends and family. Sophie will be remembered for her enthusiasm, kindness and gentle nature. May she rest in peace.

Totton Library



Totton library has a free story time event every Tuesday morning between 11.00-11.30. You can go along for stories and colouring. This is ideal for under 5's and their carers.

Year 6 SATS meeting

There will be a Year 6 SATS meeting on Monday 22 January at 5:30. The new standard that the children are expected to meet is very high. To be sure your child is on track all parents need to ensure they come to the meeting. All parents are expected to attend so that you know exactly what your child needs to do and how to support them.



House Captain's for 2018 are:

Unicorn: James and Laila
Griffin: Jake and Tahlia
Salamander: Alexie and Alex
Phoenix: Edward and Imogen

Congratulation to these children

Brainteaser:

Last week's solution: You walk across a bridge and you see a boat full of people yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?
They were all married.

This week's teaser: What has a neck but no head?

Lisa Marshall – Headteacher

Assembly news

The following children were awarded

Head Teacher's Awards

Year 3: **Poppy & Logan**
Year 4: **Emma & Chloe**
Year 5: **Luci & Michael**
Year 6: **Natasha & Lewis**

B.E.S.T Awards

Year 3: **Chanel & Abi**
Year 4: **Dylan & Scarlett**
Year 5: **Syke & Fay**
Year 6: **Bethany & Izabelle**

Maths Stars

Year 3: **Lucas Jenkins & Maisy**
Year 4: **Roxy-Mae & Lilia**
Year 5: **Jack & Harry**
Year 6: **Alfie & Daniel**

Well Done!

Children receive these awards for outstanding and on-going effort, good work and attitude.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following children on their Reading awards:

Bronze: Amber, Anja, Finlee, Lily, Noah, Poppy, Kira, Katie, Brooke

Silver: Kiera, Scarlett, Katie, Caitlin, Holly.

IT'S COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL!

LAST WEEKS CLASS

ATTENDANCE WINNERS WERE:

Blade Class @ 98 %

Well done and keep up the good attendance!

Our Learning

Year 3 This week's English lessons have had a strong grammar focus. We have looked at using speech punctuation accurately in our writing with a variety of speech verbs, to give the reader clues as to how the speaker is talking. By the end of the week we would have also focused on using conjunctions in our sentences, to provide the reader with more information. Next week we will continue our focus on these grammar techniques and apply them to our writing.

During our maths learning this week, we have been working on a method called bridging. This is when we partition the number we are adding to get us to the next ten and then add on the rest. This helps us add numbers quickly and efficiently. By the end of the week, we would have looked at the same method for subtraction. Next week we are going to be looking at a new method called round and adjust.

To support our topic learning at home: we are asking you to get your children involved in cooking with you at home, and create a healthy balanced meal. Don't forget to take pictures - we would love to see what you have created! For more information on this see our Year 3 blog post! Thanks

Year 4 This week in maths we have been looking at coordinates. Learning the rule and trying to plot points to create Miss Green's favourite cartoon character. We've been exploring in English: The Lion the Witch, and the Wardrobe. Thinking about the main character Lucy and imagining the white wonderland from her perspective. We managed to write some beautiful descriptions of Narnia. We have been introduced to Mr. Tumnus the lovable fawn and his quaint little home. We have begun our new topic in electricity and were in a blackout imagining what life would be like in a world where there was no electricity. This week we are going to begin thinking about our own Narnia lantern we are going to make.

To help your child at home this week: you could spend some time reading an enjoyable book and exploring the

character and how the character changes as the story unfolds.

Year 5 In literacy this week we have been continuing to learn how to write suspense stories by carefully choosing words which will make our reader feel a particular way. Next week, we will be learning about the features of an explanation text and designing some machines to catch dreams!

In maths this week, we have been developing our mental strategies for addition and subtraction, focusing on using place value facts, near doubling and rounding and adjusting numbers. When we understand these strategies fully, they should be much more efficient than using column addition and subtraction, which we should only be using when the numbers get too big! Next week, we will be developing our mental strategies for multiplication and division.

This week, we have also begun our new topic – ‘Home or away?’ We have been using atlases to learn about some of the different countries in Europe together with understanding the difference between human and physical geography. Next week we will be learning more about the human and physical geography of France and its capital, Paris.

You can help your child with their learning this week by:

- Asking them if they can explain the difference between human and physical geography
- Asking them which counties and capital cities in Europe they know. Look in an atlas if you have one or maybe borrow one from the library
- When they are reading to you, ask them how a certain part of the story made them feel and why. Was there a particular word or phrase?

**** Our Leeson House Exit Point Assembly is on**

Thursday 8 Feb at 2.30pm.

Year 6 We had a really good week last week. In English we wrote a poem about the infamous yellow-spotted lizard from Holes. We used personification, metaphors and similes to make the writing really powerful. In maths we’ve started looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. **You can help at home:** by checking we know equivalences for half, quarter and fifths in each. In topic we’ve looked at how creatures evolve and, using plasticine, even made our own animal that evolved into a completely different species due to changes in the environment. Check out the blog to see some of these weird and wonderful creatures...

STAFF VACANCIES – start date ASAP

Cleaner – 10 hours per week – 52 weeks
3.15pm to 5.15pm Monday to Friday
£7.78 per hour

Lunchtime Supervisor – 5 hours per week term time only. 12.00 to 1.00pm. £7.78 per hour

For an application form and job description please contact the school office.

Prompts & Reminders

Puppet Club

Starts again on 17th January. This club is run by The Watering Hole at Calmore Junior School every Wednesday after school, from 3.00-4.15pm. Besides having fun, children learn several skills, such as concentration, team work, motor skills, creativity etc. The basic structure of each session is practicing one or two songs followed by a break (when the children play some games). When there is a new song, they listen to it and give their own ideas about how to choreograph it using puppets and props. Some of the songs are performed during the term, either in Messy Church, assemblies at CJS or in other events, like for Easter and Christmas. New puppeteers are very welcome. The cost is £3.50p per half-term.

For more details, contact Fillipe Lessa:
fillipe.lessa@gmail.com / 07400 924536

JC4kidz club

Started again last Friday. This club is run by The Watering Hole for Y2-Y6 children including a lot of crafts, fun games and much more.

The club runs every Friday during school term from 5:00-6:30pm at CJS.

New children are very welcome.

Cost: 75p per session.

For more details contact Fillipe Lessa (07400 924536)

ROCK CHALLENGE REHEARSALS

THURS 18 Jan

Jason, Argonauts, Fire, Medea and BS.

MON 22 Jan

SOME Water, Birds, Rocks, Warriors, Fire.

(Please see rehearsal sheet for names)

Kings, Guards, Medea and BS

Tile Barn



Reminder that the next payment of £35 is due at the end of this month/beg Feb. Post-dated cheques will be paid in on Friday 2nd Feb.

And Finally Don't forget to let the office know if you would like to come in for a bacon sarnie by Mon 22 Jan!

Watering Hole Year 6 Club

A new club is starting for school years 6-8. Mondays 5-6.15pm Calmore Community Centre. £1 per session. Come and join us for an evening of games, sports, team building activities, crafts and more.

Dates for your Diary



E safety drop in session 3-4pm
SATS meeting Year 6 at 5.30pm
Leeson House residential Yr 5
Exit Point Yr 3 at 2.15pm
Parents evening
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Exit Point Yr 5 at 2.30pm
Non-uniform day
Inset Day

Mon 22 Jan
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31 Jan- Fri 2 Feb
Mon 5 Feb
Tues 6 Feb
Wed 7 Feb
Thurs 8 Feb
Thurs 8 Feb
Fri 9 Feb

February Half Term
Rock Challenge Rehearsal
8.30 – 3.30pm (Half term)
Rock Challenge show 6pm
M & M Theatre production
World Book Day
School Disco
Bag pack at ASDA Rock challenge
Come and do Maths-all yrs 2.15pm
Book Fayre in school
Non-uniform day
Sport Relief run a mile
Testwood Baptist Easter concert 10am
Easter holiday

12 – 16 Feb
Thurs 15 Feb

Thurs 22 Feb
Wed 28 Feb
Thurs 1 March
Thurs 1 March
Sat 3 March
Wed 7 March
Thurs 1 – 8 Mar
Fri 16 March
Fri 23 March
Thurs 29 March

New term starts
Rock Challenge Final
Class photos and Yr 6 individuals
SATS Yr 6
Sports Day 9.30am
HALF TERM
Tile Barn
Governors Awards evening
Year 6 Southampton Uni visit
Last day of term
Yr r leavers assembly 11am
Inset Day

29 Mar -16 April
Mon 16 April
Wed 25 April
Fri 4 May
Week 14-18 May
Thurs 24 May
28 May-1 June
Mon 4 - Fri 8 Jun
Wed 13 June
Thurs 14 June
Fri 20 July
Fri 20 July
Mon 23 July



Ashurst Hospital:
Caring for children, young people and families
Open day

We are looking at future health and wellbeing services for children, young people and families at Ashurst Hospital.

You are invited to come and hear what we have heard from families so far and the potential options we are considering for the future.



Saturday 3 February 2018
10.00am until 2.00pm
Main reception of the Child and Family Centre, Ashurst Hospital



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