

## School Diary Dates

From December you will be able to view the school's half termly newsletters on the Catton Grove Primary School website and via DOJO. We will have some copies in the main office but will no longer send them home.

### December End of Term 2020

**School will be closed on Friday 18th December 2020**

**School will re-open on Tuesday 5th January 2021**

### February Half Term

**School closed on Monday 15th February 2021**

**School re-opens on Monday 22nd February**

### Easter Holiday

**School closed on Monday 29th March**

**School re-opens on Monday 12th April**

### May Half Term

**School closed on Monday 31st May**

**School re-opens on Monday 7th June**

### End of Academic Year 2021

**School closed on Friday 23rd July**

**School re-opens at \*8:30/8:45am on Monday 6th September (tbc)**

Inset days for the academic year 2020 to 2021 are shown below. The school will be closed to all pupils on the following days:

**Friday 18th December/Monday 4th January 2021/Friday 23rd July 2021**

WHO	TIMES	WHERE
Morning Nursery:	8:30am to 11:30am	MUGA
Caterpillar Morning class:	8:30am to 11:30am	To line up along the fence near class
Afternoon Nursery:	12:30pm to 3:30pm	MUGA
Caterpillar Afternoon Nursery:	12:30pm to 3:30pm	To line up along the fence near class
Reception:	8:50am to 3:15pm	MUGA
Year 1:	8:45am to 3:15pm	MUGA
Year 2:	9:00am to 3:30pm	Playground
Year 3:	9:00am to 3:30pm	Playground
Year 4:	8:45am to 3:15pm	Playground
Year 5:	8:45am to 3:30pm	Playground
Year 6:	8:30am to 3:15pm	Playground

**Wear a face mask and once you have collected your child/ren please exit the school site in order to avoid bubbles mixing.**

We are still communicating via Dojo and text messaging and will book face to face appointments if deemed appropriate; contact the office if you wish to speak with your child's class teacher. We, as a staff are always here to support your children and listen so please call us on 01603 426728.

CGPS is closed on Bank Holidays

# CGPS Newsletter - December 2020

## A note from Mrs Lorne

Well it's been quite a half-term for the start of my New Headship!!!!

Thank you to all parents/carers who continue to play their part with us in keeping staff and children as safe as we can. Inevitably, as we are such a large school, what goes on in the community in terms of Covid transmission is bound to impact us, as it has so far. BUT what we can control, we are doing our very best to, as though your children were our own!

The individual kind comments and phone calls of support have really touched our hearts, as we are also people with families of our own, carrying the same anxieties as you. Thank you to all the staff who continue to go above and beyond for both the children and families.

**The most important people to thank are the children.** Your children are absolutely amazing and a real credit to you all! We are so lucky that within our bubbles we see how hard they work, how determined they are to learn, how proud they are with their achievements and how much fun they are having by the beaming smiles.

The children have bags of resilience and are pretty much carrying on without the extra worries that we have. **Thank you children you are simply the best!**

As I type this newsletter, **Christmas music** is playing and everyone is starting to prepare for our 'safe' and fun version of Christmas, in-between the normal lessons. **Our Core Value this month** has been '**Gratitude**' and now more than ever we are grateful for the smallest of moments as well as all the big things in life that make us feel happy.

From the bottom of our hearts, the staff at Catton Grove Primary School wish every one of you, a safe and Happy Christmas and after a well deserved rest, we'll all be back at the start of 2021 raring to go, to be even better than we were in 2020!

Best wishes

Mrs C Lorne



**School meals**

If you normally pay for meals for your child/ren in Years 3 to 6 their lunch accounts must be in credit. All meals must be paid for in advance, payment can be made at the main office by cash or cheque. If you are experiencing difficulties please speak to the office staff.



**Could your child/ren be entitled to free school meals please apply online to check?**

**<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk>**

The website is named: Synergy Enquire

Once you have accessed the website's homepage, you will need to click on: Parent and Carer Zone.

Then click on 'apply for free school meals' to complete the form.

Alternatively, look for the link on the school's website where you can apply for pupils in Reception to Year 6.

The menu is available on the School's & Norse's website

**[www.norsecatering.co.uk](http://www.norsecatering.co.uk)**

Parents who pay for their children's lunches at school need to ensure lunch accounts are in credit. Payment can be made by cash or cheque in the main school office. This can be paid daily £1.60 or weekly £8.00; some parents choose to pay half termly.

**Mr Copley**

Sadly we say goodbye to Mr Copley who has led music at the school for 5 years. He has taken up a new job which combines his two passions of music and technology outside a school setting. Mr Bensley and Mr Healey have already reformed the music team this half-term, fully supported by Mr Copley so our new dream team is in place.

Thank you to Mr Copley on behalf of all the staff and children for making Music lessons brilliant and for creating a legacy of music and technology that very few other Primary schools are lucky enough to provide for our children. ***We will miss you and best of luck in your new job.***

**Nursery places**

Please contact Mrs Davis (School office) on 01603 426728 or email: [admin@cattongrove.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cattongrove.norfolk.sch.uk) if you would like your child to join our 2 or 3 year old Nurseries in January 2021. If your child is younger (even just born), please feel free to contact us to add them to our Nursery waiting list. We have had parents in the past contact us a week after the birth.

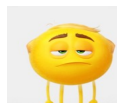
**CHILDREN ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

***It is your responsibility to contact the school on: 01603-426728. Select Option 1 to leave a message on the absence line or via email:***

***[admin@cattongrove.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cattongrove.norfolk.sch.uk) or of-***

***[fice@cattongrove.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:fice@cattongrove.norfolk.sch.uk) When leaving a message or***

***emailing please state: \*Child's name, \*Class, \*Reason for absence & \*If they are well enough to have school work to do at home.***



When your child/ren are not in school, whether this is due to illness, medical appointments etc. We aim to contact you on the first day of absence but it is **your** responsibility to contact the school in the first instance. Please inform us of any changes in address, contact details and medical conditions that arise for your children in order for us to take the best of care of them whilst they are at school, or if we need to contact you in an emergency. The school's website has a lot of information and can now be found at:

**<http://cattongrove.norfolk.sch.uk>**

**Attendance**

Attendance for this half term has been an outstanding 96% throughout the school and we hope to reach even higher after the Christmas holiday. In January we will continue with all the extra cleaning, disinfecting, keeping space, wearing face coverings, hand washing and fogging classrooms, until we know it is safe not to do so. ***Keep safe and well to you all.***

**Charity donations**

**Thank you also to Mr Dickerson who donated children's costumes from Tesco's to the school.**

We would like to express our gratitude to you all for the donations you have given since March with **Sport relief, we raised £297.30**, in November you raised **£526.26 for Children in Need**. The **British Legion Poppy appeal had beat all expectations and raised £911.42**. Your generosity for all these appeals always makes us really grateful and proud that we work with you. We will be holding our last charity event of the year for **Save the Children, wear a Christmas Jumper day on Friday 11th December, donations can be paid to the save the children website: [savethechildren.org.uk](http://savethechildren.org.uk)**

