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April 2020 Newsletter

PFTW

Perseverance, Friendship, Thankfulness, Wisdom

Stepping forward together.



Dear parents and carers,

Amazing scenes of the floodwater around Cawood. This scene seems quite a long time ago now. Over Easter bank holiday I have found myself thinking a lot about the school, the children, parents, carers, staff and governors. Usually I'm looking forward to a break and a holiday at this time of year, but I can honestly say that I'm looking forward to the school coming back together and seeing everyone again. It is such a privilege to be a part of the school and part of such the wonderful community at Cawood Primary. We have received so many good wishes from children, parents and carers over the past two weeks, and we are very grateful for such kind words of encouragement. It means a great deal to us as we continue to do our very best for all the children at Cawood. Right from the beginning of term this has been a very strange time and one that I will never forget. In January, as I walked round school, I found myself squelching across a very soggy carpet in class 3. Much to my horror, I discovered a leaking pipe and the extent of the damage. It wasn't long after this that the rain started, and we had the extensive and unexpected flooding all around us.

As I write, the school remains closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. I have never experienced days like these before and I'm sure that March 20th will become a milestone in history when the Prime Minister closed schools across Britain. We have all been affected by the coronavirus in some way, and for the time being we are all having to live in much more challenging circumstances and adapt our lifestyles through social distancing and not being able to be close to our friends and family whom we would normally see over Easter. Whilst the school was closed on March 20th, it remains open for the children of key workers to enable them to go into work and to carry out their essential duties. We are indebted to all the key workers at this time, those who work for the NHS and maintain the emergency and essential services, for their continued work in hospitals throughout this period. The coronavirus is possibly the biggest threat that we will ever have in our lives and it is amazing to see and feel the coming together of the nation to get through this together in trying to keep everyone safe and in good spirits.

The staff and governors are continuing to work hard behind the scenes to keep the school open as long as it takes, until we can resume and get back to normal. Towards the end of the week, the teachers will be emailing out electronic learn packs. There should be an overview of the week, a timetable and electronic resources. From **Monday March 23rd** teachers will also be offering early years support through *tapestry* or via email for key stages 1 and 2. All emails should be working correctly, but if you are experiencing problems then please get in touch with the school office. At the moment I'm not sure how long the school will be closed for. It could still be a number of weeks or even months.

Easter reflection.

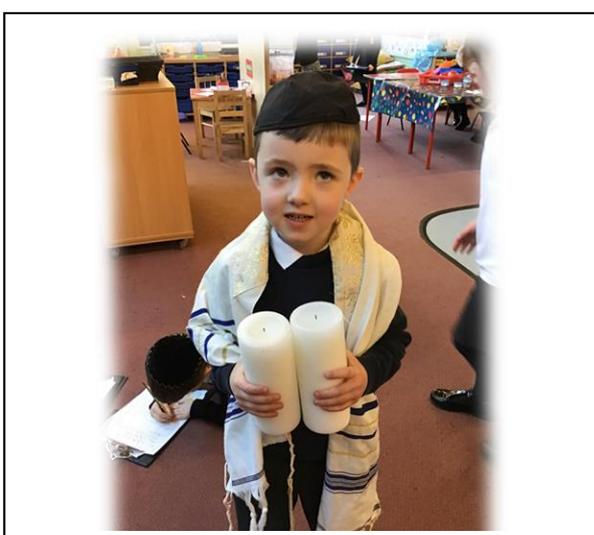
As I reflect on this Easter, I think of the fear, a sense of bewilderment and uncertainty around the life of Jesus. Who was he? What's going to happen next? Many people feared for their lives under the Roman occupation. Christians were locked away, unable to walk through the streets, trying to keep themselves and the people whom they loved safe.

The gospel reminds us again of the light that shines in the darkness. The good news is that there is peace in the midst of turmoil and hope to guide us through darkness and uncertainty. In John's gospel, Jesus claimed, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' (John chapter 14 verse 6) and so during this Easter time, we look for the way ahead. We look for the light to shine in the darkness to guide our way forward and we look for strength, reassurance and courage.

The staff and governors send their best wishes to all the children, parents and carers. We hope that we will be able to open the school and meet up before too long. We may have missed the Easter egg competition for this year but I'm sure there will be some other great things that we can look forward to.

'Let there be light'

Light is such an amazing thing as it greatly affects each one of us and is essential for sustaining life as we know it. In the Bible it is the first thing God created and has an enormous impact on the whole of creation. We very much take it for granted that the sun will shine and give us warmth and daylight, and when we flick the switch the bulbs light up for us holding back the darkness, until the light is switched off. It was great to have a week focusing on light and how different religions have come to think about light, symbolizing all that is good with light and all that is wicked and bad with darkness. Some children found out about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light while some children learned about Hanukkah, also called the feast of dedication. This is a Jewish festival and the word Chanukah means dedication. The festival is called this as it celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple. We also thought about Jesus's words when he said, 'I am the light of the world', and what he meant when he said this. Here are a few of the photographs from the RE week.







News from Class 1

Here are some of this term's highlights for class 1.

The children have really enjoyed sharing stories connected to our topic work. They have been counting up to 20 meerkats in the sand area and discovering hidden scorpions and other tasty insects following reading Meerkat Mail. They have loved adapting stories too and they had fun in our outside area acting out 'We're going on a polar bear hunt'. They have even put their new story to music for the different obstacles they might encounter in the North Pole. This has happened alongside postcard and story writing and lots of opportunities to develop creativity.

During RE week the children found out about light and the creation story, 'Then there was light' and we found out about the importance of light and its role in religion. They had fun making their jellyfish lanterns (with a little help from our parent helpers) and they enjoyed performing their jellyfish song in our class worship. A busy but very active term! Well done class 1!

News from Class 3

In class 3 the children have really enjoying reading Ted Hughes' 'The Iron Man' and have become super inspired to write their very own chapter books! They have built model rivers, planted with cress, to help them understand how important rivers are for crop growth and why rivers have had such an important historical impact on the location of human settlements. They have loved making their fabulous, if messy and challenging, string lanterns! There's a picture of them above – they are brilliant.

We can't wait to get back in our proper classroom to display these in our reflection area. The children have been extremely patient & flexible in coping with our pop-up classroom and I am very proud of the way everyone has got on with things and made the best of the situation.



Sadly, from time to time, we have a few head bumps in school.

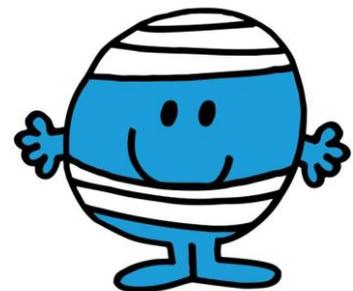
We always keep parents and carers informed of any serious incidents that happen.

Sometimes there are less serious bumps and scrapes that we monitor at school.

We do want you to know about a bump and will always ring if it looks serious.

Look out for our new head bump forms when we get back.

Hopefully we won't have to use any!



News from Class 5

Class 5 have had a super start to the year. We have been joined by Miss Ungerechts, a final year student teacher from the University of York St John. We are enjoying an exciting science topic about Earth and Space where we have investigated the planets in our solar system, and we created a model solar system using fruit! It helped us to try to imagine the huge scale of distances that exist within our solar system. We have also been learning about how the planets orbit the sun and why we have night and day. RE week was a real highlight of the half term when we made Fanoos lanterns, usually used to mark the end of Ramadan during the Islamic festival of Eid-al-fitr.



Opera North in school to help teach the children the opera 'The Water Diviner's Tale'.

Opera North's Jenny Sterling visited school in January to work with the choir. We had a fabulous morning singing and learning songs from the children's opera 'The Water Diviner's Tale'. Our choir would have joined a children's choir of 300 to perform the opera at Leeds Town Hall in June. Sadly, the event has been postponed but we have very much enjoyed learning the music and the songs and we hope to perform in the future.



Contact details

Please make sure that your contact details are up to date in school. If you are not receiving texts, then please let the office know so that we can check that everything is work well and we have the correct contact details.



Emergency procedures at school

Every year we update the emergency fire policy and we have fire practices. This year we have looked very carefully into the other emergency procedures in school so that we know what to do if there is a bomb threat or if there is an intruder in school who displays threatening behavior. We have practiced these safety drills and we will continue to have practices so that our safety procedures become very routine and all the children and staff feel safe and reassured. You can see the emergency policies on the school website under the parent's tab and then policies.

Class 3 water damage from a leaking radiator pipe

Unfortunately, we came back to school in January after the Christmas break to a very wet carpet in class 3. When the company dried the wooden floor out and assessed the damage, they informed us that the wooden floor needs to be replaced as it is damaged and severely weakened. This should happen at any time and we are just waiting for a time when the builders can come into school to carry out the work.

Further maintenance work

The fire doors have been replaced in school so that they meet the latest standard. We now have emergency lighting in school so that, should there be a power cut, there is good lighting for children and staff to leave safely. The main gate has also been repaired but the default on the gate is that it is locked. There is phone and speaker system in place should the office wish to talk with any visitor coming in this way or if for any reason you need to speak to the office on entry into school.

ScholarPack

We now have a new data management system in school. We have moved away from Sims and we are now using ScholarPack to store and retrieve all our school data. Whist this is seen as an upgrade in how we manage the data in school, very little will change for the children, other than now having an electronic register. Please make sure that your details are up to date on our new system.

No more School Council

I'm sure that the children would have told you about the changes to the School Council, but just in case they haven't told you or you were unsure about the new changes, this is how it works:

Every child is a member of one of the key groups so that everyone is involved in the running of the school and the decision making



The School Guardians

We are the guardians of the school. The school guardians look after everything in school. We make sure that the school is clean, tidy and safe. We pick up litter and we sort out the lost property to try and give it back to the owners. We make sure that our school is safe, clean and tidy and a great place to be.

Network Hub

We aim to tell everyone about what is happening in our exciting school

We report on things that we have done in the week.

We report on Newsday Tuesday.

We tweet on things in our school and what we have been doing, like residential and school trips.

We do newspaper reports.

We report on what other people have done in their pupil leadership groups.

(By Ava and Seth)

REspect Group

We think about the role of RE and worship in our school and ways in which faith can be a positive force. We create RE focus displays and we help to maintain and update class reflection areas. We promote respect for all people. Our group tries to show kindness and tries to be a friend to everyone. We thought about other people who might be on their own at Christmas time and people who don't have all the things that we have. You don't need to be a Christian to join our group you just need to be kind and respect others. We think about the world and the countries and people who are poor. We always try to help others. We work with Mrs Jackson and Mr Payling to plan worship. We like singing and acting out some of the bible stories.

Sports Crew

We want our school to be fit, active and most importantly fun. We talk about how we can make our lesson times more physically active and give feedback to teachers on PE and games lessons, playtimes and sports clubs. We like to come up with ideas to make sure that everyone can enjoy sports. We also help to organize special events, we help to look for new equipment, and discuss which competitions we are going to enter. We have been planning different events around school. We have also been choosing new equipment to buy for playtime. We did a fundraiser when we organised for Jenny Wallwork to come into school. She was great and we had to do lots of different exercises. We had sponsors for all the exercises we did, so we raised a lot of money for new equipment. We really like Sports Crew because it gives us a chance to decide on what we do in school with the sports. We'd love to have an astroturf pitch on the school field and a running track so that we can run and play sports all year round outside. (By Cara and Toby)

Giving Group

We are the giving group and we like to give to other people. We believe that everyone in our world is equal. We like raising money for charities to give away. We like to think about other people who need our help like when there were bush fires in Australia. We helped to organise and run the *Bring and Buy* sale with Mrs Ramsdale. There were loads of great games, toys and books that everyone brought in and we helped to label everything. It was great fun when we got it all ready and then we could sell all the toys and things. (By Annabelle and Sophie)

Eco Warriors

We aim to make Cawood CE Primary School more environmentally friendly. We do a lot more than just turn lights off, but we do that. We think about how we can reduce electricity and make our world a better place. We have made boxes to put all our broken equipment in so that we can reduce the amount of waste that we make. We wrote a letter to the council to get a free compost bin to put all our waste into. We have asked them to join us in reducing the amount of waste. We make signs to remind everyone to turn off lights and computers. (By Abbi and Bella)

Match day report writing at Doncaster Rovers



On Saturday 8th February a group of us met at Doncaster Rovers to watch the final of the regional youth EFL cup. I was a beautiful sunny day. We all arrived at th Keepmoat stadium in good time which was great because we could have a good look round before the action started.

The EFL youth cup final was between Howden and Dunsville. Both teams were very good and deserved to be in the final. On the day, Dunsville were the better team and deserved to win 4-1. After the game we went back inside to write our reports. Hopefully one might be printed in the actual programme on match day. When we had finished our reports, we then went into the main stand to see Doncaster Rovers play Rochdale AFC.

The manager is doing a great job at Doncaster Rovers and the team played some excellent football. After an early goal to Doncaster, Rochdale got back in the game and managed an equaliser. It was a very exciting game and we all had a great day. A big thank you to Mrs Makinder for helping with the transport and also thanks to Kelly Jackson Powell for organising such a brilliant day for us.





Waiting in one of the hospitality rooms to meet *the Man of the Match*.



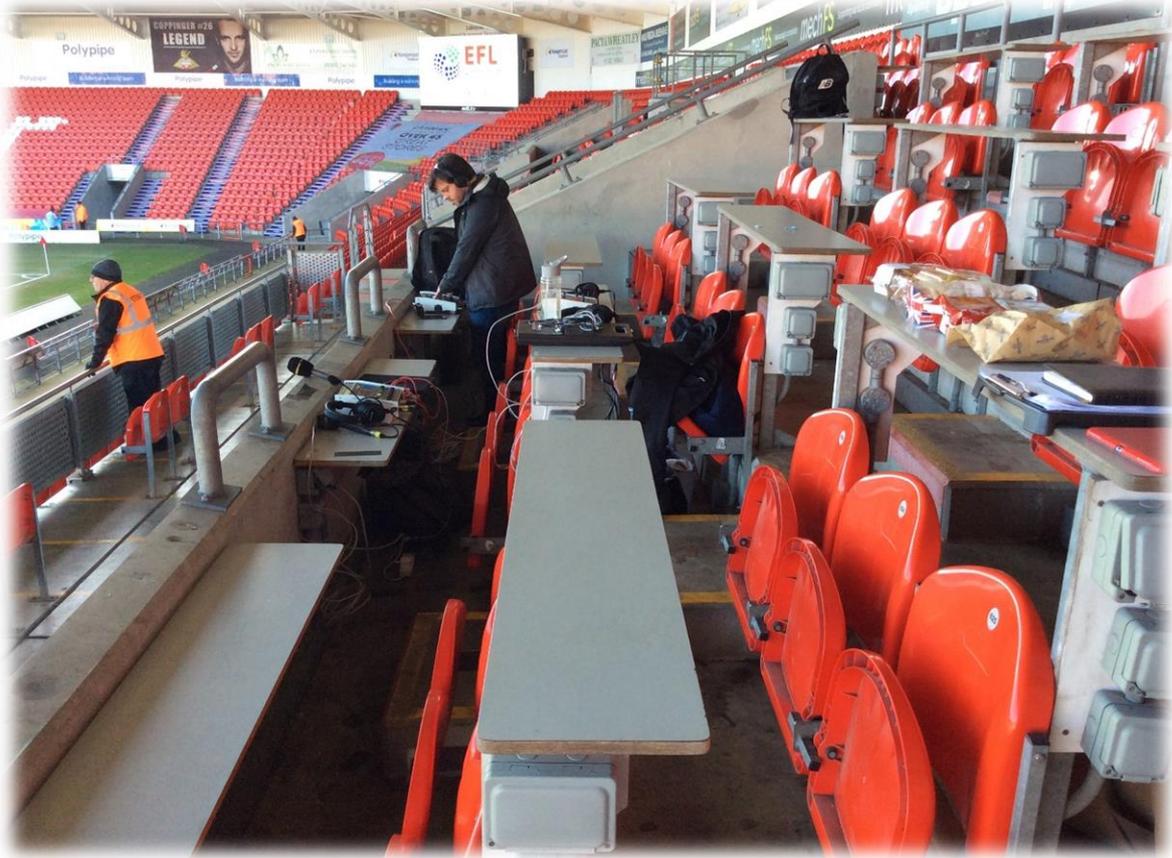
After the match we met with Kieran Sadler in the executive lounge



The Keepmoat stadium just before the match.



The reporter's room at Doncaster Rovers.



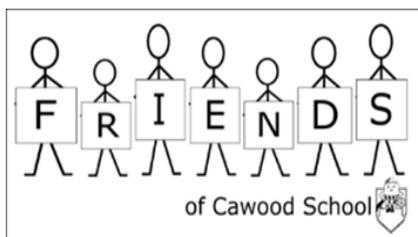
The match reporter's area. Someone had a lot of buns and biscuits ready to eat!



This is where they film their matches so that they can watch them later.



Just getting ready to start the match. A lovely view of the stadium.



A big thank you to the Friends for organising another fabulous valentine's disco just before the half term holidays. The disco was well attended and the children had a great time. The Friends do a fantastic job of raising funds to buy something extra for the school. Recently they have bought ipads and contributed to the cost of residentials by paying for half the travel costs. Please do get involved and support the work of the Friends.

Cawood School Uniform 2019 – 2020

Cawood Church of England School has a uniform which all the children are expected to wear. The uniform gives children a feeling of identity and helps towards developing a sense of unity within the school.

Girls uniform 2019 – 2020

- grey or navy skirt or pinafore dress or grey tailored trousers
- white or blue blouse
- navy v-neck jumper or cardigan
- white, grey or navy socks or navy or grey tights
- dark shoes, not boots or trainers

Summer dress – short or long sleeved – blue and white check

Boys uniform 2019 – 2020

- grey shorts or trousers
- white or blue shirt
- navy v-neck jumper
- dark socks
- dark shoes, not boots or trainers

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are also permitted to wear polo shirts in place of a school shirt.
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PE Kit: Boys and Girls. 2019 - 2020

- black cotton shorts
- white plain cotton t-shirt
- plimsolls
- dark coloured tracksuit for winter (optional)
- trainers for outdoor games (but please note that trainers will not normally be allowed indoors)

The PE kit should be kept in a named bag and should be in school every day.

Proposed changes for next year - School uniform 2020 – 2021



Girls uniform 2020 – 2021

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Boys uniform 2020 – 2021

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- navy v-neck jumper
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APC clothing link

<https://www.school-uniforms.co.uk/index.php/find-your-school/cawood-c-e-primary-school.html>

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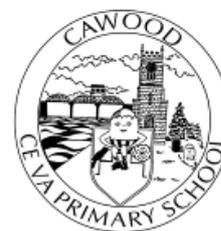
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Our Vision & Values



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Our vision and values are very important to us.

We strive to give the very highest standard of education for every child – every day.

Date	Event
20 April	The school remains closed for the vast majority of children until further notice. The school is open for children of key workers who cannot make alternative arrangements.

These dates are subject to the governors opening the school following any decision made by the government.

Dates for 2020 -2021	School Closes	School Re-opens	Training Days
Autumn		Tues 8 Sept	Mon 7 Sept
Autumn Half Term	Fri 23 Oct	Mon 2 Nov	
Christmas	Fri 18 Dec	Tues 5 Jan 2021	Mon 4 Jan 2021
Spring Half Term	Fri 12 Feb 2021	Mon 22 Feb 2021	
Easter	Fri 26 March 2021	Tues 13 Apr 2021	Mon 12 Apr 2021
May day	Mon 3rd May 2021		
Summer Half Term	Fri May 28 2021	Tues June 8 2021	Mon 7 Jun 2021
Summer	Fri 23 Jul 2021		Mon 26 Jul 2021