



The
Caldecott
School

Newsletter July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year. I am delighted to share some of the photos from our sports day. Our Sports Day on Friday 24th June was enjoyable. The weather was perfect, and it was so nice to see all the pupils on the field, taking part in physical activity. Thank you to Keanu Barnett for organising this. Thank you so much to all parents and carers for supporting us in our drive to wear the correct uniform to school. We really appreciate this.



Last day of Term - Thursday 21st July 2022: Assembly and picnic

We would like to invite you into school for the final assembly on Thursday 21st July 2022. It's been far too long since we've all been together.

Arrangements for the Last Day of Term 6

- At 11am, Primary and Secondary will be together in the Sports Hall, on the Secondary site, for the final assembly. Parents and carers are invited to this. Please would you not bring younger siblings. Thank you.
- Pupils will be expected in school, at the normal time (8:50am) on the last day of term.
- The Graduation Ceremony for the current Year 6 pupils will take place in the final assembly; photographs will be taken back at the Primary School, after the ceremony.
- We will say 'Goodbye' to our Year 11 pupils in this assembly too
- There will be a picnic lunch for the pupils, after the assembly. Parents and carers are invited to bring a picnic and join their child(ren) for lunch. Strawberries and cream will be provided for pupils and parents and carers. Unfortunately, due to health and safety issues, we are unable to accommodate younger brothers and sisters at this picnic but will be having a family day in the new term to which they will be invited. Please let us know if you can attend so we can make sure there are enough strawberries for everyone! Younger siblings are not invited to the picnic. Thank you
- The school will finish at 1pm on the last day of term. For those pupils whose parents and carers are not able to join us, Clair and Conor will arrange for their taxis to take them home at 1pm

As the warmer days are here, we would really appreciate your help in applying sunscreen by applying sunscreen before school; provide them with a hat and a water bottle clearly marked with their name. These three measures will be essential on Friday when they will be outside for extended periods.



Please note that the last day of this academic year is THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2022 and school finishes at 1pm on this day.

I have attached the dates for the new academic year. Please note the new academic year starts on MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2022. Teachers will return to work on Thursday 1st September 2022

UNIFORM

Can I please remind you of our expectations for pupil's uniform.

Secondary

The colour is black for all the items; however, whites shirts, polo shirts and t-shirts may be worn; I would encourage this in the summer months. We do not mind what the clothing is but it does need to be plain black please. No patterns, images, messages or designer markings on them.

In warmer weather, you may wish to encourage pupils to wear shorts / skirts / dresses rather than trousers, as this will help to keep them cool; many pupils are doing this already.

No vest tops please and no tops with thin straps.

Please ensure the length of skirts / dresses / pinafores are just above /on / just below the knee. Shorts too need to be a sensible length and need to be seen below the top the pupil is wearing.

When wearing tighter trousers, the tops need to be of a longer length.

Please remember that, at all times, pupils should be dressed appropriately for school.

Footwear must be sturdy and protect the pupils; no open-toe shoes or sandals.

No rings, necklaces or bracelets. Only stud earrings are acceptable. These last two points are for health and safety reasons.

Hair should be of a natural colour. No shaving designs on short hair please.

Primary

The rules are the same except that Primary pupil wear a burgundy-coloured top or a burgundy-coloured gingham summer dress.

Pupils will be reminded of the expectation for uniform in a school assembly, this week. Thank you for your cooperation

Visit the school website <https://www.thecaldecottschool.co.uk/> and have a look at page 16 in the School's prospectus for more information about uniform and details of how this can be purchased.

News from Karen's Desk

My last day working at Caldecott School will be the 21st July 2022. My husband retired from teaching six years ago and has patiently waited for me to decide that I need to slow down a little and spend some more time with him

I thought that turning 60 earlier this year was a good time to put my foot on the brake.

I am not ready to reach for the rocker and knitting needles quite yet but my family did buy me a gorgeous electric piano for my birthday and I'm ready to invest more time in this passion of mine.

I will miss you all - every pupil / every family / every colleague — so so much. I don't even like thinking about the fact that I only have 9 days left in school. (If you plan to come to the Achievement Assembly and picnic, please have tissues at the ready—I am a bit emotional about it right now!

I'm leaving the school in safe hands. The rest of the staff are talented and hard-working. Be assured—the Governing Body will make sure that there are enough staff to carry out the work needed. The School is in a strong place and is well-prepared to meet the challenges and demands ahead.

There are seasons in life and as mine at Caldecott ends, another season will begin for the school. It may be different, but it needs to be welcomed and celebrated.

My strong Christian beliefs lead me to believe that each of us is 'fearfully and wonderfully made'. We all arrive on planet Earth with a set of skills and talents that no one else has, therefore we are all unique. It sometimes takes a person a little longer to find these and some may need a little more support to uncover them.

That has been my job as a teacher, and it has been a privilege to have carried out this role at Caldecott School.

Thank you so much for providing me with this amazing experience.

With love

Karen Norman
Executive Headteacher

Other Staff News

Matt Carter has accepted a new post as Behaviour Manager in a school that is far closer to his home. In class, Matt regularly supports his pupils to prepare and cook delicious food. Matt is a conscientious teacher, and we are going to miss him. He is always willing to support staff, go the extra mile to help his pupils and keeps us smiling in the staff room. We wish him every success in his new role and happiness in the future.

Jane Critchlow has worked at Caldecott School since 2014. She has taken the difficult decision to resign from her role as a teaching assistant. We are really going to miss this reliable, kind, and intelligent member of staff. Jane is a good teaching assistant and has supported so many pupils over the years. . We wish her good health and happiness in the future.

Lee Hall had an accident and broke his heel two weeks ago. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Academic Year 2022-2023

Autumn Term 1		
Starts	Ends	Notes
Monday 5 th September 2022	Friday 21 st October 2022	Thursday 1 st and Friday 2 nd September 2022 INSET
School Holiday: Monday 24 th October 2022 to Friday 28 th October 2022		
Autumn Term 2		
Starts	Ends	
Tuesday 1 st November 2022	Friday 16 th December 2022	Monday 31 st October 2022 INSET
School Holiday: Monday 19 th December 2022 to Monday 2 nd January 2023		
Spring Term 3		
Starts	Ends	
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Friday 10 th February 2023	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023 INSET
School Holiday: Monday 13 th February 2023 to Friday 17 th February 2023		
Spring Term 4		
Starts	Ends	
Monday 20 th February 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023	
School Holiday: Monday 3 rd April 2023 to Friday 14 th April 2023		
Summer Term 5		
Starts	Ends	
Monday 17 th April 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023	
School Holiday: Bank holiday – Monday 1 st May 2023		
School Holiday: Monday 29 th May 2023 to Friday 2 nd June 2023		
Summer Term 6		
Starts	Ends	
Tuesday 6 th June 2023	Friday 21 st July 2023	Monday 5 th June 2023 INSET
School Holiday: Monday 24 th July – Friday 1 st September 2023		