

Your Weekly Newsletter

Issue 106 Week Ending 5th May



We cannot believe how quickly time is flying with summer approaching. This time of year signals change.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new parents this Wednesday. Our Choir and Dancers will open the evening to provide a small insight into school life with the PTFA and governors attending too.

Our Year 6 pupils have got their SATs taking place next week. We obviously hope that the children do well to reflect their true abilities but we equally want them to feel refreshed and unpressured. We hope that they are able to enjoy this weekend and have early nights over the coming week. Our Year 2 pupils also are approaching their tests and these are to take place the week beginning the 22nd May. Again we do not want any pressure put onto the children.

We have to also start to consider the arrangements for our classes for the coming year and as mentioned last year we ask that you let us know of any reasons why your child should or should not be placed with specific children.

Lost learning time:

We are thrilled to see less children arriving to school late. We start each day with a morning maths challenge session and by being late the children will miss this valuable refresher. This lost learning time is to be made up later on in the school day. The same applies to children who are not able to complete their homework. We are going to be inviting these pupils to attend our homework club on Fridays. We hope that you will support us with these initiatives to raise standards.

Learning beyond the classroom:

I am sure that we can all think back to our own school days and recall the fun we had when out of school on a trip. We really want to be able to enhance the provision we have in school to provide your children with a rich, balanced curriculum to provide them with the knowledge and understanding required to be ready for High School. The impact that trips have on learning are positive and highly evident. Therefore we have found it to be most upsetting as well as bewildering to find ourselves having to cancel our plans on the basis of lack of funding. I am sure you can understand why school cannot continue to cover the shortfall as we have done in the past and I do not want to overcharge parents to compensate for the lack of payment from some families as is the practice in other settings. We have chatted at our past two Governors' Meetings to look into a possible solution.

A lot of thought goes into the preparation for taking learning outside of the classroom and we do not want to have to cancel and forego our plans.

So, moving forward I have been thinking long and hard about what we can do to help prevent cancellations from taking place in the future. I have asked all the teachers to look at their curriculum to plan for the year ahead, including trips and their cost implications. We are proposing

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that we provide you with these details at the start of the academic year so that the expense can be spread over the autumn term.

We know that the largest cost that is currently factored into any trip is transport and wonder whether in the future we might consider leasing mini buses for our school. If this is something you would support, we could hold fundraising events to assist us in achieving this. This is something that we intend to discuss at our PTFA meeting on Thursday.

The Sports Page @ Carleton Green

Last Friday, six Year 5 children were selected to represent school at Stanah Estuary to take part in an orienteering competition. The children worked extremely well together and really enjoyed themselves (Mrs Crooks did too!) Well done everyone!



On Tuesday afternoon, ten girls from Year 3 and 4 were selected to represent school in the Wyre and Fylde Football Tournament. The girls played extremely well winning two of their matches. They came 3rd out of 10 teams. Mr Cooper said the girls played very well and were a credit to take. Well done girls. All football shirts to be returned to me on **Monday 8th May 2017** please.



Next Friday, ten children from year 3 and year 4 have been selected to take part in the Wyre and Fylde Mixed Football Tournament. This will start at 1pm and finish at **4pm**. We look forward to finding out how you all get on. GOOD LUCK!

Lydia Pirie from Parrots was awarded star of the week at her ballet, tap and jazz lesson this week. Well done Lydia!



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It is wonderful to be able to use our school grounds fully and the sun shining is meaning that the children are able to play on the field. We ask that you remember to pack a sun hat and sun cream. The sun cream that comes as a stick is easier for the younger children to apply and prevents sore eyes.

Northern Taekwondo has been established for over 25 years run by Master Lee Heyes 7th Dan and his team of experienced instructors. We have been running in your school for over 2 years .

Classes are £4.50 per class billed per half term period there is also a licence fee reduced to £20.

Your children will benefit from:

Increased concentration, Focus and listening, Self discipline, Fitness, Self defence, Confidence, leadership skills,

Achieving goals. But most of all our classes are great fun!

Classes are every Monday straight from School until 4.30pm. If this class is not convenient or you have other family members and adults who would like to try our classes then please look at our website as we have evening and weekend classes in your area that have places available for new beginners!

Wednesday 6pm - 7pm Millfield High School Thornton.

Saturday 12.30pm - 1.30pm St John's Church Hall Stanah.

To book a place or for more information please call Master Lee [07779275207](tel:07779275207) www.northerntaekwondo.co.uk lheyes@aol.com

Gentle Reminders:



Safety Notice:

We have found that we need to kindly remind all that our carpark must not be used for dropping off or collection purposes. Please park on the roadside.

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Dates to note

(This list is by no means exhaustive so please keep looking for additional events and information)

Please note a few alterations to the dates below.

Sports' Day is now moved to the Tuesday 6th June and the performance times for the

End of Year Production for the Year 5&6 has been altered too.*

Thursday 4th May – Waterpark Meeting for Y6 Residential Trip 15:30 in Eagles Classroom.

Week Beginning 8th May – SATs week for our Year 6 Pupils. We want to try and make this as stress free and as normal a week as possible. The children are well prepared and we will do our utmost to support them through the week.

Wednesday 10th May – New Induction Evening for the September 2017 starting Duckling parents. 18:00 in school.

Thursday 11th May – PTFA meeting at the Castle Gardens at 18:00

Monday 15th May - 19th May– Year 6 Trip to Waterpark.

Friday 26th May – Half term holiday (one week) with school closing at 15:30

Tuesday 6th June – Sports Day with BBQ starting at 13:00- 19:30 (Thursday 8th June reserve date)

19th and 20th June – Upper KS2 Electricity Visit.

Tuesday 27th June – Musician of the Year Competition 17:30

Wednesday 28th June – Voice of the Year Competition 17:30

Thursday 29th June – Got to Dance Competition 17:30

Saturday 1st July – Summer Fair (Rain or shine)

Wednesday 5th July-7th July – Year 5 Camping Trip

Friday 7th July – Reports are to go out detailing classes for next year.

Week beginning 10th July – Transition week with time in next year's class.

Friday 14th July – Extra-Curricular Clubs will end for the year.

Monday 17th July – Dress rehearsal for the Year 5/6 End of Year Production with a performance to parents at 14:00 **& 18:00**

Tuesday 18th July Year 5/6 Production **09:30**

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Wednesday 19th July – Little Chicks’ Graduation at 14:00

Thursday 20th July – Leavers’ Assembly with BBQ for the Year 6 and their families starting at 17:30

Friday 21st July - Finish for the summer holiday at 14:30.

PTFA Events:

June – Sports’ Day – we are hoping to put on a bar and BBQ at school after sports day for our families to stay and enjoy.

1st July – our annual summer fair

13th July – end of year event (details to be confirmed disco, film night or alternative)

7th September – a treasure hunt in Carleton to welcome the new Ducklings



We really want 100% attendance and Zero late arrivals to school.

Which class will win each week?

Yellow Ducklings 100% with 0 Lates Well Done!	Brown Ducklings 100% with 0 Lates Well Done!
Hérons 96% with 0 Lates	Parrots 99% with 1 Late
Robins 96% with 3 Lates	Doves 97% with 2

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	Lates
Kestrels 98% with 0 Lates	Owls 92% with 1 Lates
Falcons 96% with 2 Lates	Hawks 94% with 0 Lates
Eagles 94% with 3 Lates	Well done to those for making it to school every day on time!



Well done to the following stars:

Jacob Turner, Joshua McDougall, Oscar Dowell, Oliver Tsang, Nicholas Eaton, Amber Brooks, Robyn Newby, Richard Leask, Isabel Lee, Lewis Wright & Isabel Kent.

Thank you for your ongoing support with all that takes place in and out of school.

Susan McGrath Headteacher at Carleton Green Community School.