

Your Weekly Newsletter

Issue 153 Week Ending Friday 14th September 2018



Autumn Term Dates: *more dates will be added I am sure so look out for the additional dates which will be in red.*

Monday 10th September ~ Meet the Teacher 15:30 & 17:00. Mrs Oddy will be available for any SEN concerns.

Friday 21st September ~ Reading Day in school. No dressing up is required but it should be a fun day all round.

Tuesday 25th September ~ Hawks' Class assembly. Families are invited to attend at 15:00

Wednesday 26th September ~ PTFA Treasure Hunt.

Tuesday 2nd October ~ Falcons' Class assembly. Families are invited to attend at 15:00

Week beginning the 8th October ~ Assessment week

Tuesday 9th October ~ Eagles' Class assembly. Families are invited to attend at 15:00

Tuesday 16th October ~ Kestrels' Class assembly. Families are invited to attend at 15:00

Thursday 18th October ~ PTFA Halloween event – details to come

Friday 19th October ~ Open afternoon in school from 14:00. Family/friends are invited to share in their child's learning.

Tuesday 6th November ~ Doves' Class assembly. Families are invited to attend at 15:00

Monday 12th November ~ Parents' Evening 16:00-19:30

Tuesday 13th November ~ Parents' Evening 16:00-19:30

Thursday 22nd November ~ Owls' Class assembly.

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Friday 7th December ~ PTFA Christmas Market with Father Christmas

Monday 10th December ~ Little Chick's and Ducklings' Christmas Production for families at 14:00

Tuesday 11th December ~ Little Chicks' and Ducklings Christmas Production for families at 09:30

Wednesday 12th December ~ KS1 Christmas Production for families at 14:00 & 18:00

Thursday 13th December ~ KS1 Christmas Production for families at 09:30

Tuesday 18th December ~ Candlelit Carol Service at Rossall from 18:00 for all our children and families to enjoy a magical evening.

We have enjoyed our first super week back at school with the Ducklings settling into their routines and making new friendships. I would like to say again how sorry we are for the delay for starting school after the lengthy summer break. I am very aware that not only have we lost three vital days of learning but also that it must have generated much anxiety around sorting out last-minute child-care arrangements. We did publish work on our website as well as endeavour to arrange alternative care for your children asking Fleetwood Town and our neighbouring schools to help but unfortunately all were unable to be of assistance. I have complained to Lancashire County Council about the delay in the project and its implications on our school and this was their response:

Dear Mrs McGrath

I refer to your recent email and our meetings at the school.

Firstly can I start by thanking you, your staff and all associated with the school for the help, assistance, good-will, hard work you have provided during the project especially this last week and I apologise for the delay in the programme.

I understand the pressure this last week the school and staff have been under to get the school open following the late completion of the project and I can't thank you enough for the effort you have all put in.

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Following the completion of the project I would like to provide more detail as to why the extra time was required.

During the original programming of the works it was envisaged that the suspended ceilings would remain in place and cleaned removing the asbestos debris whilst renewing the tiles. Upon removing the tiles it was established that the debris was more than anticipated and cleaning would not be an option so therefore all the ceilings had to be taken down with the resulting ceiling spaces cleaned. This then had the impact of having to renew all the ceilings with new suspended units, adding time to the programme as well as a major cost implication to the project. This was carried out to ensure the best possible outcome for the school and to ensure no residue of any sort was left. The result has been to create a fresh new environment for all at the school.

Secondly, when we removed the old timber fascia's from around the school it was found the top section of outer leaf brickwork had become loose due to cracking along the mortar joints. This had to be rectified by inserting new Twistfix cavity wall ties along the length of walls. Again this caused a significant delay in the programme but given the seriousness of the problem could not be carried out quickly as each area had to be done accurately and precisely. The work involved drilling into the outer leaf brick and inner block leaf, inserting a twistfix cavity tie and thus mechanically tying the inner and outer leafs together as well providing new supporting timber frame-work to the areas. The result has been to stabilise the top section of the wall ensuring no issues in the future.

I hope the above goes some way to explaining the issues involved in the project and the pressure on the programme of works as a result. Given the seriousness of the two issues it was not feasible to have done things differently and not impact on the programme. The contractors carried out all works as specified and provided extra labour to reduce the impact of the two items above which if not, could have resulted in a longer delay. During the project the contractors have worked with me in a very proactive manner and as a result provided the school with what I think is a bright new look.

If you require any further clarification on the above or any other issues then please contact me direct.

Once again my thanks to all at the school for all the assistance and hard work provided during this last week and throughout the project.

Building Surveyor
Design & Construction
Lancashire County Council.

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The Governing Body at Carleton Green have requested that I again make contact to voice our upset about having a three day unforeseen closure and the work expected of all of us at Carleton Green to restore our school. I will obviously share this information with you when I hear back.

Due to not having been in over the summer though we have noticed that the weeds are taking over in our outdoor spaces and really would love some assistance with weeding in the afternoons. If you are able to give up a little time to help Mrs Hicks, simply let the office know. Her outdoor learning sessions are due to begin the week beginning 24th September. A rota will be established for the children to participate whereby outdoor clothing will be needed in school. This can be old trousers, warm top and coat with wellies.

Our drive this year is as always to raise attainment and ensure that all pupils are making good progress in their learning. By the end of every academic year it is expected that the children should be working within the secure range of their year group at least. For some children this is not possible and, in such circumstances, classteachers should have a good handle on the progression and the next steps needed in learning for those children. This information should be shared regularly with you. We are focussing this year on using our ongoing assessments to ensure that learning is matching the needs of the children in our classes. This in turn will impact upon classes learning at varying rates and using different stimulus to support the children's understanding. I am hoping to see a much more bespoke curriculum evolving across school over the year to ensure that all our children have the capacity to flourish.

Miss Murray's section:

It has been another brilliant week in school where I have enjoyed working with many of the children. IDL has been moved onto a new setting which hopefully has now been set up. Logging in should be problem free from this point onwards.

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