

Your Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome back to your school. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer and managed to create some wonderful memories. The children have made a very settled start back to school with our youngest members joining us seamlessly. It was wonderful to have families join us on Monday to hear about our plans for the coming year and to meet the teachers as well as see our school improvements. For those of you that were unable to join us after school on Monday I have attached my notes at the end of this newsletter.

Clubs are to start again next week (Monday 12th) with a mixture of activities for KS1 and KS2. They will either be morning sessions where the children can then enter their classes from within or after school with the collection point being the front entrance. Please fill in the form and return to school so that we have your permission for your child's attendance.

	Infants	Juniors
Monday	Wake and Shake from 08:30 in the hall	08:10 – ICT Coding Club with Miss Deane Wake and Shake from 08:30 in the hall Taekwondo ending at 16:30
Tuesday	Wake and Shake from 08:30 in the hall Art and Craft Club ending at 16:15 with Miss Chippendale (Y1&Y2) Board Games with Mrs Wills ending at 16:15	Wake and Shake from 08:30 in the hall
Wednesday	Wake and Shake from 08:30 in the hall Recorders with Mrs Claydon until 16:15	Wake and Shake from 08:30 in the hall Speed stacking (Y5 & 6) Boys' football Club ending at 16:30 with Phil Bowker & Mr Vaughan Netball ending at 16:15(Y4) and 16:30(5 & 6) with Mrs Harding.
Thursday	Skills to play (by invitation only) with Miss Howarth and Mrs McArdle	Knitting Club with Mrs Jones ending 16:15 (first come first serve basis) Indoor Athletics – 08:10 with Mrs McGrath Choir from Yr 2 upwards ending at 16:30 with Mr Boyd & Mr Jones
Friday	Football with Mrs Cassidy ending at 16:15 (Y1&Y2) Construction Club with Mrs Catterall ending at 16:15	Girls' Football ending at 16:30 with Mr Vaughan (Y4, 5 & 6)

Details of environment club with Mrs Harding for years 3 & 4 will come soon.

Details of the Dance Festival rehearsals will be coming soon from Miss Howarth with the help of Mrs Watmough.

This year we want to drive standards up further at Carleton Green. We have created a new mission statement to reflect our aims:

Fly high. Soar.

When analysing our data we have seen a frightening correlation between poor attendance and poor attainment. Our high achieving pupils have an attendance percentage of 98.4%+ with an average progress score of +4.5. When looking through our data we noticed that three pupils who had made significantly poor progress had poor attendance records too. Child one had a progress score of -12 with an attendance of 91.8%, Child two had a progress score of -18 with an attendance of 87.6% and Child three had a progress score of -20.4 with an attendance of 84.5%.

Please do not think that we are being harsh by asking you to get your child to school on time or to take holidays when school is closed; it is purely because we want the very best outcomes for your children. School gates are open at 8:45 so that children can be entering their classes for 08:55.

Each class now starts each day with mental maths activities and some children are missing this session every day by arriving late to school. To provide the children with greater incentive we are to reward the classes with zero late marks with a non-uniform day at the end of every half term. We will share this information with you.

As you know, homework is not a statutory requirement at Primary School but all evidence indicates that parental involvement in education impacts positively on your child's attainment. We are setting homework to be carried out over the week with a return date so that the work completed can be marked and new homework activities to be set. Please let Mr Jones or I know if this is not happening in your child's class.

Last year each class worked on an area in our school grounds to grow flowers and vegetables. The Ducklings have just harvested their produce. They have got wonderful results!



Last year Charlie came up with a brilliant fund raising idea of a school cookery book. His initiative raised £180 for Barnardo's. Well done!

Words from the Deputy

Welcome to the first ever '***Words from the Deputy***'. I can't quite believe that we have been back a week already. So much has happened and it has been fantastic to catch up with all of you around school and meet our wonderful new Yellow and Brown Ducklings at lunchtime.

Lots of you have asked me about the year ahead and what I am looking forward to. The simplest answer I have given is to see you all loving what you are learning. This brings me neatly to something that I hope you will enjoy doing either by yourself or with your parents.

As you will know, one of our Carleton Codes is **L** for being a life-long learner. I want to see you always learning and showing a desire to go that extra mile to find out things about the world that you live in or know more about a particular event or person that you have been inspired by or are interested in.

The display board just opposite Mrs McGrath's office is going to become our *Life Long Learning Display*. I want it to showcase just how much you love learning so each half term there will be a mini-project for you to get involved in. This half term, with the Olympics having just finished and the Paralympics just starting, I'd like you to have a think about the following:

Who or what did you enjoy watching at the Olympics? Was it an individual or team? Is there a Paralympian you really look up to?

If there is, you can produce a piece of work on it to tell everyone all about it. You can present and design it anyway you like, the more creative the better. Just a few simple rules to remember though:

- The piece of work must be no bigger than A3.
- It must showcase beautiful presentation and handwriting.
- I want it to be your own writing, not just copied from a book.
- Be bright and colourful & include some pictures.

I would like to be able to display a range of work from across the year groups so I really hope you will think about having a go. Give your work to your class teacher as soon as you can so we can celebrate your efforts.. Happy learning.

You have all made a fantastic start to the school year and it has been great to hear you talk about how much you like the new classrooms and the changes we have made for you. You are really respecting your learning environment. Keep up the great start and enjoy getting to grips with your new topics and working in your learning journals for the first time next week.

See you next week.

Mr Jones



The Sports Page @ Carleton Green

It has been lovely to hear how busy and active you have all been over the summer holidays.

The first week back has been very busy. One of our aims this year is to ensure break and lunch times are more active and have more opportunities outside. All of the children have had an assembly with me this week in which we spoke about the importance of being outside at break and lunch; fresh air, socialising with friends and having the opportunity to do things they like and enjoy. Each class are going to discuss what changes they would like to see at break and lunch in which the school council will discuss this further. The children also have the opportunity to help me design the playground with designated areas for different activities. Please bring your playground designs to **MISS HOWARTH by FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER**. Please ensure you have your name and class written on your designs. I am looking for colourful and labelled designs. Thank you to the children who have already handed them into me.

Our PALS are going to be trained this half term to ensure that there are children leading activities at break and lunch, younger children are taught playground games and that equipment is being monitored. I am asking children in Year 5 to write a letter to explain to me why they would make a good PAL. Please bring your letters to **MISS HOWARTH by WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER**.

Each class in school have 1 indoor and 1 outdoor PE session. Please ensure that your children have a clean PE kit for each PE session and they have warm and waterproof clothing for outdoors. If you are unsure of the PE days of your child's class, please check with their teacher. As part of the curriculum each year 3 and year 4 class will swim one term this year. Swimming will be first thing every Monday. Owls will be swimming this term, Doves in the Spring term and Kestrels in the summer term.

As part of the School Sports Premium funding this term the children and staff in year 5 and year 6 children will all be having OAA. Hawks and Eagles will be this half term and Falcons will be next half term. Please remember to have your outdoor waterproofs for when the weather is bad.

There are lots of clubs before and after school this half to keep active and busy. We are using some of our funding for KS1 football and Year 5/6 Speedstacking. Letters are being sent home today and reply slips are due in to **Miss Howarth next week**.

Our hall doors will be open from 8:30am every Monday-Wednesday for Wake and Shake.

Miss Howarth
PE Co-Ordinator

Dates to note

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

Friday 21st October – Wow Afternoon – families are invited to come into school from 14:00 to spend some time working alongside us looking at all we have done for the half term.

Half Term Friday 21.10.16-7.11.16 - We are hoping that the two weeks will help our families for holidays outside of term times.

Wednesday 9th November – Parents' Evening 16:00-19:00

Thursday 10th November – Parents' Evening 16:00-19:00

Monday 19th December – Little Chicks' and Ducklings' Nativity.

Tuesday 20th December – Infant Christmas Play.

Wednesday 21st December – Family Christmas Candlelit Carol Service at Rossall Chapel.

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

Susan McGrath Headteacher at Carleton Green Community School.

Notes from Monday's Meet the Teacher:

We wanted to start the year off by making sure you all are familiar with the team at Carleton Green and that you are aware of how we are doing as a school and what our plans are for the coming year in becoming even better.

At the end of every year we ask for feedback from our families to help us to plan for the coming year and make further improvements.

The feedback this year was very positive with a few comments about time keeping mainly in the older classes, communication and behaviour. These aspects have been built into our school development plan for this coming year.

We have responded to the time keeping concerns with arranging different doors for the children to exit the school building. This prevents congestion within the building. I have also asked that the teacher escorts the classes to the door at home time. This will help improve communication too should either you or us need to pass on a message.

Although we are happy to invite you into school to address any concern you may have we need to be mindful of your child's safety and ask that you use the front door to gain access into the school.

We are going to be launching our extra-curricular clubs on this week's newsletter where there will be activities for younger and older children. These activities may be held in the morning from 8:10 or after school.

Our Early Bird and Late Larks are still operating where you can book in on Parent Pay with Mrs Deaville taking any telephone enquiries. Mrs Pilling is our new manager with Mrs Perry forming part of the team also. We do need key information about who can pick your child up with contact details together with a password so that in an emergency a different adult may be used and we will know they are allowed to collect your child. These forms can be picked up from the office or from your child's classroom now.

Over the summer holidays we have been working hard to make some further improvements to the learning environments with classrooms being refurbished with new technology installed. The toilets for the children have also been either totally replaced or have been refurbished. Hopefully your children have come home to say how much more pleasant they are.

You will have noticed that both our playground and MUPA have been resurfaced. This means that we can provide more varied play opportunities for the children. We have Fleetwood Town still working with us every lunchtime where they provide fun activities for the children. Miss Howarth also is keen to ensure that we have quiet space for children too and has planned to provide reading and colouring activities.

We hope that by providing the children with lovely, calm learning spaces and active playtimes that behaviour will improve further with the children fully engaged in school life. We do not have many behavioural issues here but we want to reduce them further still. We ask for your full support with this. We place a high emphasis on positively promoting desired behaviour with team points, star of the Week and our Carleton Code and we enjoy celebrating these achievements in our Friday assemblies. We also have sanctions in place to correct any unexpected behaviour with a warning, name on the board, time out in a neighbouring class and if required a mention to the parent. These steps are often all it takes to address an issue. However sometimes we may need to apply more strategies and it is helpful if we can work together to apply rules and expectations with consistency. We really do not want our children using bad language in school and so really would appreciate this being reinforced at home. We really do not want to have to tackle any issues through the misuse of social media and again we ask that you help us by monitoring what your child is playing with on their technology when outside of school. The same applies to issues on the local parks and we hope that you are able to be vigilant when your child is playing out to make sure that they are playing with appropriately aged friends and are behaving in a manner that is suitable.

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Along with improving behaviour in our school we are also aiming to improve the attainment of our pupils. This year's results were 28% higher than those achieved nationally but I am aiming for us to be in the 80%+ region next year. We are using Learning Journals for all written work to be recorded. This is to encourage the same standards in English lessons to be applied to all other subjects. Although hearing your child read is vitally important we are using daily guided reading lessons and homework to improve their comprehension skills further as this is an area our data analysis has shown to be less secure. We want your children to become life-long learners where they apply what they have been taught and this year our teaching is to provide greater purpose and meaning. We were really lucky to receive £1000.00 from a bid secured by a parent through the Nisa Local Convenience Store. We are to use this money to purchase new reading material for home-readers and are very appreciative of this financial help.

We try really hard to keep you all well informed but as a parent I know that schools can do better. Newsletters are meant to out on a Friday and these should be emailed to you. We also publish them on our school website. However there are few occasions where something has taken place in school that may have hindered this process. We use texts too to remind you of events or times. We would like to replace our reading records to improve our communication further and are currently in the process of selecting the best type to meet our needs. Homework books too will be going to and from school. We no longer wish to have loose paper. Please use these books to write to the teacher if you feel your child is struggling with an aspect of their learning or if the level is too easy. The staff will comment back as this weekly work will be marked by school.

Extra-curricular activities:

I would like _____ to attend _____ club. Signed _____

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