



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year!

It has been a wonderful start to the new term, the children have been busy learning new routines and have settled really well. It is a real pleasure to see them happy and engaged in their learning. We have welcomed many new families to our school and hope they enjoy a long and happy association with us. We also welcome two new Learning Assistants, who joined us in the summer term. Lucy is working in our Inclusion Team and Zeynab is working in our Year 2 team. We hope they enjoy being part of our Carterhatch community.

Many thanks to our site staff and cleaners who worked hard over the summer getting the school ready for the return of the children. We also know many staff worked hard in the holidays preparing resources and working on making their classrooms and outdoor environments inviting and stimulating for the children.

Newsletters to parents and carers are sent on a fortnightly basis to share children's achievements and some of the learning that takes place across the school. In addition, curriculum letters will be sent to you at the beginning of each half term. This will help keep you well informed of all the things your child will be learning in school. Please speak with staff if you have a skill/talent or interest that could enrich our curriculum. We are always happy to involve the wider community.

We are sure you have had the opportunity to meet your child's teacher. However, we would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to some of the key dates this academic year. Further information will be sent out closer to the time, but for now, please make a note of the following.

Parents Consultations – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 15th November

Thursday 16th November

Wednesday 28th February

Thursday 29th February

Summer Term - We will give you the opportunity to meet with the class teacher to discuss your child's end of year report, should you wish to do so.

(The nursery team will inform parents when their child's consultations will be)

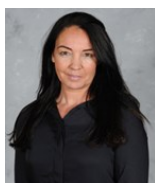
Years 1 and 2 – You will be receiving an invitation to watch your child read with their teacher and to find out useful information about your child's new year group. Further information will be sent out in the next few days.

Reception – You will be given the opportunity to see your child working with their teacher during a phonics session. This will be during **the week of 30th October**. Further information with dates and times will be given nearer to the time.

Not only do the children enjoy seeing you in school but these sessions are so valuable and support you with how to help your child at home with their reading.

We look forward to welcoming you so that you can see some of the learning that takes place in school. I am sure you will be very proud watching your children learn to read!

Enjoy the rest of your week.



Adrienne and Sarah co heads .

Diary:

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd September - **Year 2** Welcome and Daily Supported Reading meetings for parents
Monday 25th - Friday 29th September - **Year 1** Welcome and Daily Supported Reading meetings for parents
Tuesday 26th September - Food Bank Collection Begins - **Food/Grocery Donations Welcome**
Monday 2nd October - **Joey and Kangaroo Class** - Macmillan Afternoon Tea - parents invited
Wednesday 4th October - **Leopard Class** - Macmillan Afternoon Tea 2:15pm- parents invited
Thursday 5th October - **Jaguar Class** - Macmillan Afternoon Tea -215pm parents invited
Friday 6th October - **Tiger Class** - Macmillan Afternoon Tea 2:15pm- parents invited
Tuesday 10th October - **Hello Yellow Day** - Children are invited to wear yellow - **Donations Welcome**
Tuesday 10th October - **Year 1** visit to Food Bank - Delivering donations collected.
Wednesday 18th October - **Year 2 Parents** are invited to a meeting and tour of the junior school at 9am
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - **Half Term Break**
Monday 30th October - **Children return to school**

REMINDER!

The school day starts at 8:45am
Registers will be taken at 8:50am, if your child arrives after 8:50am they will be marked as late. All children must be in time for registration. The school day ends at 3:15pm.
Children being picked up late from school may be charged for After School Club.

Attendance Matters for Every Child Every Day!

Low attendance and irregular punctuality really affects your child's learning and confidence in the classroom.

Please follow the link for more information on what this means for you and your child.

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Bagel Bar:

To help support a healthy breakfast, we are providing bagels to all of our children each morning; we hope that you have all had a chance to visit our Bagel Bar. Thank you to all the children who continue to greet us with smiling faces eager to get their bagel each morning and welcome to all the new children and families that we are just getting know! If you have not yet had a chance to do so, please come and visit us at the front of the school from 8:30am every morning.

Did you know that a healthy breakfast helps provide children with the energy and nutrients they need to thrive; improving concentration, behaviour, attendance, punctuality, well-being and educational attainment?

School Uniform: Refer to **uniform** on the **Parent** section of our website.

All children in Reception Year, Year 1 and Year 2 are expected to wear school uniform. Wearing school uniform supports your child to feel part of the Carterhatch community.

Our school uniform consists of:

- Green Cardigan or Sweatshirt which can be bought from the school office from £9.50,
- Black or grey trousers, skirt or dress,
- White polo shirt,
- Black shoes or trainers.
- Book Bag, which can be bought from the school office - £7.00

P.E Kit can be bought from the school office:

- Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms,
- White T-shirt or polo shirt,
- Black sweatshirt or hoody.
- Black or White plimsols or trainers

All children should have a warm waterproof coat.

Earrings: Due to the health and safety for all children, only small studs will be permitted, no hoops or dangling earrings are allowed. Please note that children should not be wearing earrings on PE days.

Water Bottles: Please provide your child with a plastic bottle, metal and glass bottles are not suitable for school.

We have kept our uniform as simple as possible; please speak to the school office if purchasing any uniform will be difficult for you. We may be able to support you with this.



From The Year Two Team:

Autumn Term has arrived!



A huge welcome back to our year 2 children! We have had a busy start to the week and the children have had a chance to get used to 'being back' in school and a different year group. As your child progresses through this year there will be a continued focus on phonics and developing their skills further in writing and mathematics, exploring new concepts and developing their stamina for writing. We will ensure they have opportunities to work with more independence in preparation for key stage 2.

Daily Supported Reading (DSR)

To start the year, we will once again be opening our classrooms for DSR drop-in sessions whereby you will have the opportunity to observe your child read with their teacher in a small group and after the session there will be time for you to find out other information you need to know about year 2. These sessions will begin on Monday 18th September and your class teacher will advise you of the date, time and location.

It's time for a Macmillan coffee morning and you're invited!

Macmillan Cancer supports the world's biggest coffee morning, and it is fast approaching. We would love for our families to get involved so each class in year 2 will be hosting their own event. The children will be very busy baking cakes to sell to raise money for this worthy cause. The events will begin on Wednesday 4th October, your class teacher will advise you of the date for your child. If you would like to donate any cakes for this event, please bring them into school from Monday 2nd October. Please make sure cakes do not contain nuts.



A year 2 meeting and tour of the Junior School is on Tuesday 18th October at 9am



From The Year One Team:

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Summer break.

Year 1 children have started to settle into their new classrooms and are building positive relationships with new teachers and the chickens!

Just a few reminders for you:

Reading books are being sent out this week and children will need to bring their book bag every day as we will want to read with them and check reading diaries. Books bags can be bought from the school office.



PE days are on a Monday and Tuesday. Please make sure your child is wearing a PE kit on both days. The school website will have a list of clothing they will need or you can speak to a member of the Year One team.

Children are allowed to bring in a water bottle every day to school so please send them in, especially as we are having a lot of hot weather recently.



Pick up points for the end of the day

Gorilla – year one corridor

Rhino – Small door next to Kangaroo Class (onto playground)

Giraffe Class – Hall

There will be a year 1 meeting for parents the week commencing 25.9.23 and letters will be sent home to explain more, nearer the time. This will give you more information about the new school year and give you a chance to hear your child read!

Rosh Hashanah:

The Jewish New Year starts on Friday 15th September this year. Rosh Hashanah is a religious and festive time when family and friends gather together for meals and worship. It's a time for families to grow closer to their God and to look forward to a new year with anticipation, reflecting on the past year to improve themselves. We would like to wish our families and friends who are celebrating at this time a very happy Rosh Hashanah!



From The Reception Team:

We are so pleased to have had your children start with us last week and see such happy faces coming in. The children have shown such enthusiasm and excitement in joining Reception and are already settling in well to their new classes and making new friends.

The children are learning about their new class routines and expectations, and we would really appreciate your support with this by encouraging their independence and good learning behaviours at home, as we will be at school.

This includes things such as:

- Tidying up when they finish with an activity/toy.
- Practising being able to dress themselves - especially coats, jumpers and shoes (shoes should be velcro/pull on shoes if your child cannot do up laces please!)
- Being able to go to the toilet and wiping themselves, where possible.
- Taking turns and sharing.
- Listening to the adults and following instructions,
- Reading books with your child and discussing the characters, setting and what happens.

By encouraging the above both at home and at school, it supports the children with their transition into Reception from previous childcare, as well as getting them into good habits to support their learning and behaviour.

We would also like to remind parents and carers that every child should have their own sets of spare clothes, labelled and left in school, as well as a named water bottle every day.

We look forward to working closely with you over the coming year to make your child's year in Reception a positive and fun experience for them.

Parking Around School:

Thank you to our parent/carers who continue to be considerate of our neighbours when parking around school. Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that a few parent/carers from Carterhatch School are parking on double yellow lines, blocking driveways and emergency exits when collecting and dropping off their children. Although we are aware that these times can be busy, we ask that you be mindful and consider the safety about where and how you are parking. Please be aware that our local residents have asked that we kindly pass on the message that they are taking note of registration numbers and will be contacting the council and the police if parking continues to be a nuisance to them.



Acceptable Use Policy:

We ask all children, parents/carers, staff and Governors involved in the life of Carterhatch Infant School to read and sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) to outline how we expect them to behave when they are online, and/or using school networks, connections, internet connectivity and devices, cloud platforms and social media (both when on school site and outside of school)

Children in year 1 and 2 will sign the attached AUP on Thursday. A copy is on the school website. <https://www.carterhatchinfants.com/school-information-and-policies/> Children in Nursery and Reception will build an AUP during the year based on this.

We will be sending out an AUP for you to sign and return to us next week.

Arbor: Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the Arbor App. If you haven't yet done so, please follow the link you will have been sent by them. We use Arbor messages to keep you updated with news from school. You can also check if your child's profile has the correct information. If you are having trouble signing up or logging in, please speak to the office. Thank you.

Parent Course: Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities.

Please follow the link to find out more details for a free course for mums, dads and carers of children aged 2-4yrs. Learning practical skills for ever day family life. [KM_C284e-20230915124247 \(primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://www.amazonaws.com/C284e-20230915124247)