



# NEWSLETTER

## CARTERHATCH INFANTS SCHOOL

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### Diary:

March 18th - March 26th - **Parent Consultations**- Appointments to be booked on the Arbor App

Wednesday 27th March - **Reception Forest School** - Parents Invited

Thursday 28th March - **Last day of Spring Term**

**Thursday 28th March - Spring Egg Hunt - Information Below.**

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Spring Break

Monday 15th April - **Children Return to School**

Thursday 2nd May - **School Closed** - Polling Day

Wednesday 15th May - **Reception Beach Trip Meeting for Parents.**

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - **School Closed** - Half Term Break

Monday 3rd June - Staff Training Day - **School Closed**

Tuesday 4th June - **Children Return to School**

To support our families who have children in the junior school, on the last day of spring term, school will be closing at 1:40pm

### 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.

### A Message from our Chair of Governors:

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Tracey Charles and I am the Chair of Governors at Carterhatch Infants School. I have been a governor here for over ten years and Chair for just over four. As a governor you are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, along with ensuring the school maintains a strong and solid foundation for the children who attend. The governing body is made up of different governors, from members of staff, the community and parent governors, all of whom, bring different perspectives and valuable views to the meetings, which in turn helps form the decisions that are made.

At present, as advertised in the newsletter, we have a vacancy for a parent governor and although we have one parent governor at present, we really would love to fill this vacancy with another parent from the school, enabling the governing body to grow and continue supporting the great work being done at the school.

If you feel that this is something you would be interested in doing and want to know more, please feel free to contact the school office. Alternatively, if you want to discuss the role with me, this can also be arranged through the school office.

Thank you for taking the time to read this short note.

*Tracey Charles.*

### Spring Egg Hunt - **Change of Date:**

**Get ready for an EGG-citing adventure .....**

We will be holding a Spring Egg Hunt on **Thursday 28th March** we would love for you to join us.

Can you follow the trail and solve the puzzle to win your chocolate delight?

**Entry Fee 50p**

Starting at **1:50pm** don't be late.....

**Children should be collected from their class as normal at 1:40pm**

**You can then join us on the field at the back of the school.**



### Tesco Stronger Starts:

We are very excited to reveal that we have been selected for the Customer Vote, Tesco Stronger Starts scheme. This scheme gives community projects like us grants of up to £1,500. We are hoping to receive the grant so that we can develop our Forest School further. Tesco customers will be able to vote in various Enfield stores during the months of April, May and June to decide how much funding we get, so please support us by using the blue token given at the check out each time you shop at Tesco ! Thank you.

<https://www.tescopl.com/strongerstarts>

**Stronger Starts**

## A Message from Year 2:

### What time should a seven year old go to bed?

As class teachers we get asked this question often during the academic year so we hope this information helps you. During the month of March, it was Sleep Awareness Week (10<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>). According to the National Sleep Foundation (NSF), a seven-year-old needs 9 to 11 hours of sleep every night. If your child needs to be awake for school at, say 6:30 am, the reasonable hour for bedtime can be between 7:15pm and the latest, 7:45pm. Sleep is especially important for children and young people because it helps with their mental, physical, social and emotional development. Sleep helps our brains to remember, memorise and analyse important information. If your child will not go to bed try and set up a routine. Decide on a time and start a winding down bedtime routine around thirty minutes before. Set a limit on how much time you spend with your child when you put them to bed. For example, read only one story then tuck them in and say goodnight. If your child gets up, keep putting them back to bed again with as little fuss as possible. Try to be consistent and remember Rome wasn't built in a day! These skills will improve performance at school and hopefully be beneficial for the whole family.



### T'was the night before World Book Day and all across the land, Children were dreaming of a new book in their hand...



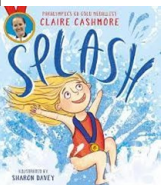
Celebrated annually on the first Thursday in March, World Book Day is always one of the highlights of the year in school. The children love the celebration of authors, illustrations, books and most importantly the joy of reading. All the children enjoyed organised activities throughout the course of the week that stretched their imagination and encouraged creative writing, character descriptions and designing their own front covers for a book. A fundamental part of this day is that it offers children the opportunity to exchange a token for a discount off a full-price book. Your child has been given one of these tokens as well as a selection of free books from school to inspire reading.

## A Message from Year 1:

Year one children have enjoyed their science trip to Durants Park. They were able to observe the first signs of Spring and find deciduous and evergreen trees to tally. All the children were able to identify the differences.



**'Deciduous trees have no leaves at the moment. They fell off in the Autumn!' – Lena**



**'There are a lot of evergreen trees in the park. They have their leaves all the time.' – Alara**

During Book Week we looked at the book *Splash!* By Claire Cashmore (Paralympian Gold medallist). In the story we learn about how she overcame her fear of water when she was little. We gave year one children a chance to overcome some of their fears, with a 'Face your fear Friday!' The children enjoyed meeting Adam's dog Cosmo, collecting mini beasts and entering the dark tent!



**'I am brave. I sat in the classroom with Adam's dog, but I held Tas's hand.' – Nerayah**

**"I was in the dark tent for a minute with 2 friends. It was a bit scary but I felt proud!" - Theo**



## A Message from Reception:

Thank you so much to the parents and carers who were able to attend our story cafe last week. We feel it is great to share with you ideas we use in school to really bring a book to life and encourage many aspects of learning to develop through that core text. The children have loved reading 'Supertato' in school over the last month and we hope you had fun carrying out some of the activities with them when you came in.



Thank you as well for attending the children's performance of their 'Song sack' songs this week. We all know how much the children love to share with you what they have been learning.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning new songs and ways to use their body and voices to 'make music'. We are so proud of how the children performed on Tuesday. It can be very daunting for some children having so many adults watching and I think you'll all agree they did a wonderful job!

Don't forget one parent or carer is invited in to attend the children's final forest school session next week on Wednesday 27th March. If you are unsure what time to attend, please speak to the class teacher.

### A Message from Nursery:

In the nursery we are coming to the end of our first round of focus children. Please check out tapestry for observations of what your child has been learning. We are looking forward to seeing you at our parent consultations for a chance to catch up in person and discuss how your child is developing within our setting. If you haven't booked an appointment yet, please log on to your Arbor account.

In maths we have now learnt numbers up to 4. Please look at the memos on Tapestry for any ideas on what you can do at home to support your child's mathematical development.

### A Message from Kangaroo and Joey Class:

We have had a busy few weeks in Kangaroo and Joey Class. Thank you to the parents in Kangaroo Class for coming to join us on World Book Day and listen to your child read, they really enjoyed sharing stories with you.

This week in science we have been exploring our five senses: smell, touch, sight, hearing and taste, focussing on a different sense each day. The particularly enjoyed trying different foods including lemons, jam and honey.



### World Book Day:

Many thanks to all the families and staff who dressed up this year! Everyone looked fabulous!

Thank you to all parents and carers for their generous donations, we managed to raise around £100. This money will be used for reading across the school, helping to support the children's love of books.

All children will have received another set of books from the Children's Book Project by the end of this week. We have also enjoyed looking through books hidden in the Book Hut in the library that we were kindly lent for a term by the charity. We would also like to say thank you to Jacqui, our Nursery teacher, for donating chapter books for Y2 children!

In Y1 and Y2 Lion classes, children were giving book recommendations and Y1 children wrote a book review. We read the story of Little Red Riding Hood (different versions) and The Wolf's Story by Toby Forward. We role-played an interview with the wolf and we decided that we would not trust a wolf!



### Red Nose Day:

Thank you to all families, children and staff for participating in 'Do something funny for money', the children absolutely loved having a giggle, while raising money for such a good cause. Thank you to parents and children for your generous donations, we made a grand total of £245.16, which will be shared between school and comic relief.





## Holiday Activity Funding:

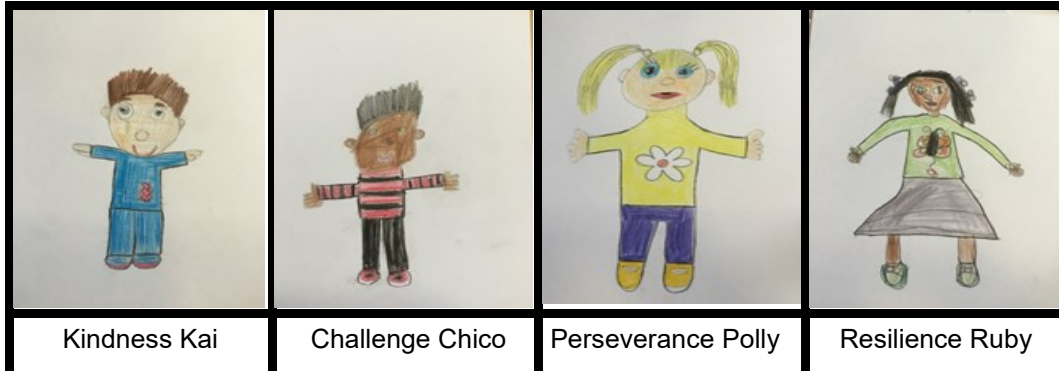
Grocery vouchers have not been issued for a while now, holiday activity funding (HAF) vouchers have now been sent to all eligible parents. The vouchers will enable you to sign your child up for free activities over the Easter. School continues to support families with grocery packages via the Felix project every Wednesday, we rotate the families that receive this, if you would like to receive a bag each week please let the office know.

Over the Easter the school will have available some basic boxes, these boxes will contain a range of basic provisions to support families for a couple of days. If you would like to register for these, please let the office know. Funded by the U.K Government Household Support Fund.

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## Learning Friends:



Kindness Kai

Challenge Chico

Perseverance Polly

Resilience Ruby

Congratulations to the following children who have received a certificate this month for demonstrating our school values!

**Dolphin Class:** Amarise, Senem, Kiyan, Leo K, Ipek, David, Maddie, Evina, Noah

**Panda Class:** Enrico, Millie, Shayan, Elena, Raizel, Eva, Ela, Alanah

**Penguin Class:** Salih, Kubilay, Masal, Aden, Toprak, Amar

**Rhino Class:** Isabella, Tyler, Bassam

**Gorilla Class:** Isaac, Hailey, Angel, Arlo

**Giraffe Class:** Charlotte, Huseyin, Ali, Emiliya

**Tiger Class:** Luis, Asel, Talha, Ayaz, Alara, Yusuf, Kaidan, Cemre, Marie-Ann, Jonathan

**Leopard Class:** Claudine, Ayana, Alin, Betsalot, Tyra, Kaleb, Reniya, Evia, Noshita, Shaylen, Jaylen, Kyla

**Jaguar Class:** Victor, Elizabeth, Elisa, Sophia, Amarie, Mehmet, Talia



**Attendance Archie will continue to look out for all of the children attending school every day!**

During the month of February, 87 children received an award for 100% attendance

## Blue Cross:

Years one and two enjoyed a visit from Pat Gregory, a volunteer at the Blue Cross animal charity. She spoke to the children about being kind to animals and how to keep them safe. Children talked to her about their own pets and had a chance to meet Bluey the dog!



## Thank you:



Thank you to everyone that makes our school a no smoking zone. We ask that parents and carers do not smoke outside our school gates, which helps to de-normalise smoking in the eyes of children, making them far less likely to take up the habit later in life.

### Online Safety Top Tip:

Each month we will be sharing an online safety tip to support parents/carers knowledge of different apps that are available.

#### **SNAPCHAT**

Snapchat is a photo sharing app for phones and tablets. The app allows users to share photos, videos and messages with friends.



#### **What do you need to know?**

The app states users must be minimum of 13 years old.

However, Common Sense Media rates Snapchat OK for teens 16 and up, mainly because of the exposure to age-inappropriate content and the marketing ploys, such as quizzes, that collect data.

National Online Safety said in a study, Snapchat was ranked 4th worst app in terms of having an impact on young people's health and wellbeing, with children feeling they can use the app to "make you look pretty".

For more information, please visit <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat>

### **Holiday Celebrations:**

As Ramadan draws to a close, Muslims all over the world will be celebrating Eid al-Fitr, which is expected to fall this year around 9th and 10th April.

Easter is regarded as the most important holy day by Christians, Easter Sunday this year falls on 31st March.

**We would like to wish all members of our community who are celebrating over this festive period a joyful time. We hope that you are able to make many precious memories with your families and friends.**

### **Dance Festival:**

We would like to say a huge "**WELL DONE**" to our pupils who performed at The Enfield Schools Dance Festival this year. The children all performed with great enthusiasm and skill, evidencing all of the hard work they've put in to learn their dance "Rise of the Robots!" We are very proud of them!! Thank you to Lucas too, for putting in so much work to give the children such a valuable and fun experience.



### **Parent/Carer Courses:**

Please continue to check out our school website for available parent and carer courses. Many of them are free to Enfield residents!! [Courses for Parents and Carers | Carterhatch Infant School and Children's Centres](#)

### **Parking Around School:**

Thank you to parents/carers who continue to be considerate of our neighbours when parking around school. Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention, that a few parents/carers from Carterhatch are parking on double yellow lines, blocking driveways and emergency exits when collecting and picking up their children. Although we are aware that these times can be busy, we ask that you be mindful and consider the safety around where and how you are parking.