



NEWSLETTER

CARTERHATCH INFANTS SCHOOL

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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 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. I would also like to introduce new members of our senior leadership team. Adam, Vicky and Rebecca have been with us for many years but have moved on to the next stage of their career and joined our senior leadership team.

Senior Leadership Team

Sarah Clements – Headteacher

Rebecca Castle – SENDCo

Sharon Kingham – Business Manager

Adam Porter – Assistant Headteacher

Sonia Furnaeux – Assistant Headteacher

Vicky Davis – Assistant Headteacher

Feel free to speak to any of us should you have any questions or concerns.

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 during the school holidays to prepare for the start of the autumn term and year ahead.

Parental Involvement

We have planned information sessions and events across the year as we strongly believe that it is important to build good relationships with families and communicate well. We value parental involvement, as this helps to enhance your child's well-being and education. We have been mindful to ensure these events are spread across the year so this does not impact too much on work and other family commitments. We also try to give you as much notice as possible so you can plan ahead.

Year 1 and 2 (Meet the Teacher and Information Sessions)

We look forward to welcoming year 1 and 2 families into school over the next few weeks. You will have the opportunity to hear your child read to a teacher, with a small group of children. 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. I am sure you will be very proud watching your children learn to read! After the reading session you will have the chance to speak to the Class Teachers to find out more about things that will be happening in your child's new class.

Year 2 – Monday 16th September to Friday 20th September

Year 1 – Monday 23rd September to Friday 27th September

You will receive a letter with all the information you need, including a date and a time.

Newsletters to parents and carers are sent every third week 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 each half term. This will help keep you well informed of all the things your child will be learning in school. They are also on our website under the **curriculum tab**. You have the option to click on 'What your child will be learning each term'. In this section there is a tab for each year group.

Please speak to staff if you have a skill/talent or interest that could enrich our curriculum. We are always happy to involve parents and the wider community.

Reception Families

You will be given the opportunity to see your child working with their teacher during a phonics session later in the autumn term.

Further information about future events will be sent out nearer the time, but for now, please make a note of the following:

Parents Consultations – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 19th November

Thursday 21st November

Tuesday 18th March

Thursday 20th March

However, please ensure you speak to your child's class teacher at any point throughout the year if you have any questions or would like advice or support.

We look forward to working with you to ensure your child/children have the best possible start in life.

Enjoy the rest of your week



Sarah Clements
Headteacher

Diary:

Monday 16th - Friday 20th September - **Year 2 Parents** Welcome and Daily Supported Reading Meetings

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th September - **Year 1 Parents** Welcome and Daily Supported Reading Meetings

Tuesday 17th - Monday 30th September - **Donations to Foodbank Collection are Welcome**

Tuesday 1st October - **Year 1 Visit to Food Bank** - Delivering donations collected

Monday 7th - Friday 11th October - Mental Health Week - Walk to School Week.

Tuesday 22nd October - Year 2 Parents invited to an information meeting in Junior School

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - **School Closed** Half Term

Thursday 7th November - **Flu Nasal Spray** - Reception, Year 1, Year 2

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November - Friendship Week

Friday 15th November - **Children in Need - Non-school Uniform - Donations Welcome**

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd November - Road Safety Week

Tuesday 19th November - **Parent Consultations** - Reception, Year1 Year 2

Thursday 21st November - **Parent Consultations** - Reception, Year1 Year 2

Friday 22nd November - **Individual School Photographs**

Monday 25th November - **Fluoride Treatment** - Reception, Year1, Year 2

Friday 29th November - Decoration Day - Non-School Uniform

Thursday 5th December - **Year 1 - Theatre Trip**

Tuesday 10th December - **Nursery** Winter Wonderland Event - **Parents Invited**

Wednesday 11th December - **Year 2** - Theatre Trip

Thursday 12th December - **Year 1** Christmas Performances

Tuesday 17th December - **Year 2** - Winter Wonderland Event - **Parents Invited**

Wednesday 18th December - **Reception** - Winter Wonderland Event - **Parents Invited**

Thursday 19th December - **Year 1** - Winter Wonderland Event

Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term - **School will be closing at 1:30pm**

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.

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,
- Black sweatshirt or hoody.

Our P.E. Days for Year 1 and Year 2 are Mondays and Tuesdays. Children should come to school dressed in their P.E. Kits.

All children should have a warm waterproof coat.

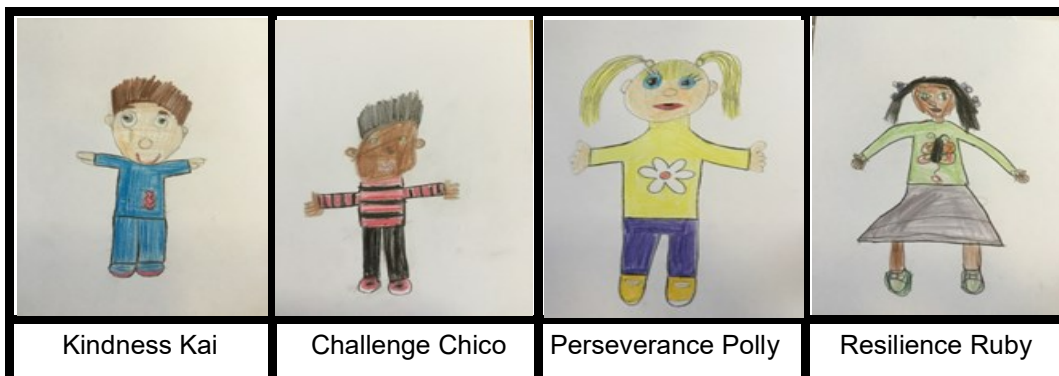
Earrings: Due to the health and safety for all children, only small studs will be permitted, no hoops or dangling earrings are allowed.

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, pre-loved items are often available.

Learning Friends:

Our learning friends help promote positive attitudes to learning. They are also linked to our school values.



Children's achievements are celebrated with our learning friends' certificates. The certificates are linked to the areas our learning friends are promoting – kindness, challenge, perseverance and resilience. Staff, governors and children were involved in the decision making of what our learning friends should represent and what they should be named.

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; it is so lovely to see! 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.

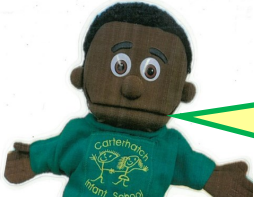
Did you know that a healthy breakfast helps provide children with the energy and nutrients they need to thrive; improving concentration, behaviour, attendance, punctuality, well-being and educational attainment?



Attendance Matters for Every Child Every Day!

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

For useful "what should I do?" information please follow the link to our school website by clicking [here](#)



Hello! My name is Attendance Archie and I am in school every day! I will be looking out for all of the children who have 100% attendance and I look forward to presenting them with 100% attendance rewards each month.

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.

Scooters:

It is lovely to see so many children riding their scooters to school each day. Actively travelling to school helps children to reach their daily exercise goal of 60 minutes and helps them to concentrate better at school! For health and safety reasons and to stop any accidents from occurring, we ask that scooters are not ridden on school property. We are happy for scooters to be stored on the front school fences however, school cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage that may be caused by doing so.



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.

2 Year Old Provision:

We are very pleased to announce that following on from our Early Years Age Change Consultation, we have been granted permission to offer 2 year old places in our school nursery!

We are currently getting our nursery space ready and look forward to our local community's two year olds joining us here at Carterhatch Infant School very soon.

If you would like further information regarding our school nursery, please speak to the school office.

Please click [here](#) for information around Government Childcare Entitlements

Asda Cashpot for Schools:

We have joined Asda's Cashpot for Schools. You can help school by downloading the Asda Rewards App.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, when you do your shop using the rewards app either instore or online, Asda will kindly donate 0.5% of what you spend to a school of your choosing. Asda will donate £1 into our cashpot for every customer who chooses Carterhatch infant School. There are also many savings and benefits to you by using the app.

If you are an Asda customer, we would very much appreciate your support with our school fundraising. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

- Download the Asda Rewards App and Sign Up
- Select Carterhatch Infant School as your Chosen School
- Shop instore or online.

