



# NEWSLETTER

## CARTERHATCH INFANTS SCHOOL

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25th October 2024

### Diary:

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - **School Closed** - Half Term  
Monday 4th November - **Children Return to School**  
Thursday 7th November - **Flu Nasal Spray** - Reception, Year 1, Year 2  
Monday 11th - Friday 15th November - Anti-Bullying and 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, Year 1, Year 2  
Thursday 21st November - **Parent Consultations** - Reception, Year 1, Year 2  
Friday 22nd November - **Individual School Photographs**  
Monday 25th November - **Fluoride Treatment** - Reception, Year 1, 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 - **Parents Invited**  
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**  
Monday 6th January - **Children Return to School**  
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - **School Closed** - Half Term  
Monday 24th February - **Staff Development Day - School Closed**  
Tuesday 25th February - **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.

### Applying for Year 3, Reception and Nursery 2025:

**School admissions is open – please apply for your child’s school place here - <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>**

**Reception:** Your child will start school in the **September** after your child turns **4**. You will need to apply for a place from the **October** before this. Please note that you do **NOT** automatically move up to Reception if your child attends our Nursery. Further information and applications can be found online via Enfield Council website [HERE](#) .

**School Nursery:** Your child can attend a nursery linked to a school for 15 hours in the **September** after your child turns **3**. You will need to apply for a place from the **October** before this. Further information and applications can be found [HERE](#) (If you are eligible for 30 hour funding you will need to apply before 31st August 2025). Please let school know that you require 30hours when you accept your 15 hour place in our school.

**Year 3:** Children in Carterhatch Infant School will need to apply for Carterhatch Junior School from the September when joining **Year 2**. Applications can be made online [HERE](#) .

**If you need help with applying for your child’s school place, please see Sandra, our Family Support Worker.**

### 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 am always looking out for the children who have 100% attendance. I want to say “you did a great job” to all the children who achieved 100% attendance awards in October.

Your award is on the Arbor App!!

## Learning Friends:



Congratulations to the children who have recently received a certificate for demonstrating our school values!

**Tiger Class:** Abass, Yousif

**Leopard Class:** Isaac, Ayse

**Jaguar Class:** Jenna, Ali, Ayshe, Lazar

**Rhino Class:** Aaliyahna, Candace

**Giraffe Class:** Milo, Senem

**Gorilla Class:** King, Elani

## Children in Need:

We are excited to share upcoming fundraising and awareness days for Odd Sock Day and Children in Need.

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November 2024 is Friendship and Anti-bullying Week; children will be learning about this topic through their Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education, and Thoughtful Thursday lessons. The idea behind odd socks is to celebrate that we are all unique. Anti-Bullying Week aims to raise awareness of bullying, this year's theme is 'CHOOSE RESPECT'.

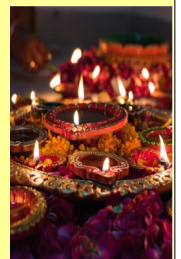
It is also Children in Need on Friday 15th November. We would like to take this opportunity to raise awareness and money for both these causes by asking that children and staff wear Odd Socks and/or an outfit of their choice, which can include wearing pyjamas on Friday 15th November.



## Diwali:

We are wishing all of our families who will be celebrating this half-term, "A Happy Diwali". May the festival of lights bring you peace, prosperity, and happiness.

Diwali is a major festival celebrating the triumph of light over darkness and the start of new beginnings for millions of people of the Hindu, Sikh and Jain faiths. The word Diwali comes from the Sanskrit word Deepavali, which means "rows of lighted lamps". The festival provides an occasion for families and friends to come together with sweets, gifts and good wishes being exchanged.



## Road Safety Week:

The children will be learning about Road and Rail Safety as part of their Thoughtful Thursday lessons. With the morning and evenings getting that little bit darker, we are all aware of the need to be safe and be seen when using the roads and pavements with the message Be Safe, Be Seen.

Road Safety Week, led by national charity Brake, takes place this year between 17th and 23rd November. The safety of all road users near schools remains a concern for everyone, and everyone has a responsibility to reduce the risk where possible. Inconsiderate or unsafe parking, even 'just for a minute' can result in serious consequences at any time of the year.

We ask that all of our parents and carers continue to be mindful of our local community when parking around our school.

## A Message from Year 2:

Autumn has made her presence known!

*'Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree'. Emily Brontë*



We have had a very eventful start to the Autumn Term and the children have had a chance to get used to 'being back' in school and a different year group. As your child continues 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.

### Reading

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss.*



Studies have shown that "the more words that are in a child's language world, the more words they will learn, and the stronger their language skills are when they reach nursery, the more prepared they are to be able to read, and the better they read, the more likely they will graduate from school".

Several studies have shown that boys enjoy reading less than girls. An important factor in developing reading for pleasure is choice. Please encourage your child to make choices about the books they would like to read as this will improve their motivation to do so. Parental engagement in the home environment is essential to fostering a love of reading. This activity is such a powerful force and one that impacts on the progress that your child makes at school.

### Macmillan Afternoon Tea

Once again, thank you so much for supporting our Macmillan Afternoon Tea. We're thrilled to share with you that the children have had a chance to learn about what it means to give 'something back' to others in the community. One of them shared that they felt really 'warm and fuzzy' from doing good! We would like to say thank you to all of our families that donated beautifully baked cakes, money and most of all their precious time. We really enjoyed hosting the event and are happy to announce that we were able to raise over £200 to share between Macmillan Cancer Support and School. It wouldn't have been such a success without all of you!



## A Message from Year 1:



Year one children enjoyed a range of activities during Mental Health week. We organised activities that could increase their levels of wellbeing - singing, physical games, a nature walk, plus sessions that would release emotions of calm and relaxation - Art and Yoga. The children enjoyed exploring their feelings and also listening to a range of stories related to mental health week such as Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival.

**"I like singing! It is making me smile!" - Ipek**

**"The Yoga was really relaxing; I did good stretches."- Leo**



**HOME  
LEARNING**

### Home Learning reminder

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who have supported their children with their home learning. Please can we have the completed spellings work back by Tuesday at the latest. We know some children were so keen, they returned finished work the next day! If you have any questions regarding the home learning spellings, please speak to your class teacher.

Thank you.

## Children's Flu Vaccine:

On Thursday **7th November**, the School Immunisation team will be coming into our school to deliver the flu vaccine for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. You can consent for either the **Flu nasal spray, OR the non-gelatine** IM Flu vaccine, by completing the consent form which can be accessed [here](#). Please make sure you complete the online form as soon as you can. The portal will close 48 hours ahead of the Flu session. **Flu** can be very unpleasant for children and can sometimes cause serious problems, such as **pneumonia**. Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies and older people.



Please be aware that children can NOT receive this vaccination with their GP unless they are clinically vulnerable.

For further information about protecting your child from flu please follow the link to our school website [here](#)

## A Message from The Reception Team:



We are so proud of how well the children have settled in to their new classes this half term. It has been wonderful to see friendships forming, children challenging themselves to try new activities and persevering with practising newly learnt skills. We have focused a lot on respecting their environments and becoming independent in things such as tidying, putting on their coats and going to the toilet. Please continue to support these skills at home.



The children loved making their own art work which we hope parents enjoyed being able to take home this week! The children learnt about the art technique of 'marbling', using drops of marbling paint in water to create a swirling, colourful paint effect for the background. The children then collected leaves on their Autumn walk around the school grounds and used these to print the leaves on to their background. I think we'd all agree that the end result was really impressive and the children were so proud of what they had achieved!

Please continue to work on the children's phonics skills - practising the **sounds** the letters of the alphabet make and how we can use these sounds to sound out and blend simple words e.g. c-a-t = "cat". Please refer to the weekly home learning sheets you have been given every Friday, if you are unsure what to focus on. The teacher will also be sending home on Friday, a copy of the assessment for this half term so you can see what sounds and words you need to continue to help your child with.

Have a lovely half term!

## A Message from The Nursery Team:

We are delighted to see so many of the children happy and settled into Nursery. We have seen some lovely progress this half term, with lots of children attempting to put their coats on independently and helping to tidy-up! Why not ask them to show you how to do their coat over half term? [How to Put Your Coat On #shorts - YouTube](#)

We are aware some items have gone missing in Nursery, including spare clothes and water bottles, if you come across anything that does not belong to your child please return it to Nursery and we will do our best to reunite it with it's owner.

To help prevent things becoming lost or misplaced PLEASE MAKE SURE **ALL** ITEMS ARE LABELLED CLEARLY, this includes water bottles, bags, spare clothes and coats as this helps staff to be able to support children quickly and effectively.

Children are expected to have:

- A warm, waterproof coat as the weather turns wetter and colder.
- A clearly labelled reusable water bottle.
- A drawstring bag with spare clothes including underwear and socks in case of toileting accidents or if children are particularly wet or dirty.

Please speak to the nursery team if you have any questions or concerns.

## Should I Send My Child to School?

The arrival of autumn has brought out the usual childhood illnesses and sometimes it can be difficult to know whether or not to keep your child off of school. Of course if your child is too uncomfortable to attend, then you should keep them off until they are feeling better. However, your child might be suffering from an illness that they can still go to school with, for example coughs and colds, ear infections, hand, foot and mouth disease and more. You can find a list of common childhood illnesses and the [NHS advice on whether or not to send them to school here](#).

You will be aware that we had a confirmed case of measles before half term [NHS advice on measles can be found here](#)



## Free Drop-in Sessions to discuss your child's Development:

Have you heard of the new Universal Therapies Team for Enfield residents? This team offers drop-in sessions where you can meet professional therapists to discuss your child's physical development and mobility, access support related to speech and language or talk about occupational therapy options. The advice and guidance is aimed at parents and carers of children up to the age of five years. The sessions are a partnership between North Mid in the Community, NHS and Enfield Council. [Find out where you can access these services and on which days](#).



**During October half-term**

*For youngfolk and their families*

***Wednesday 30 October***  
***12 noon to 3pm***

**Activities · Crafts · Games**

**Something for everyone!**

*Nibbles plus hot and cold drinks throughout*

**— ABSOLUTELY FREE ADMISSION —**

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