



NEWSLETTER

CARTERHATCH INFANTS SCHOOL

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10th November 2023

Diary:

Monday 13th November - Flu Nasal Spray For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children

Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th November - **Parent Consultations**

Friday 17th November - Children in Need - odd sock/pyjama day- **Donations Welcome**

Friday 24th November - Individual school photographs.

Thursday 30th November - **Year 2** Trip to Chicken Shed

Friday December 1st - Decoration Day - **Non School Uniform** - Donations Welcome

Wednesday December 6th - **Year 1 Parents** invited to **Forest School** (further details to follow)

Tuesday 12th December - **Year 1** Christmas performances and Winter Wonderland Event

Wednesday 13th December - **Year 2** Christmas performances and Winter Wonderland Event

Thursday 14th December - **Reception** Christmas performances and Winter Wonderland Event

Friday 15th December - **Year 1** Trip to Artsdepot Theatre

Wednesday 20th December - **Last Day of Term** - Non School Uniform - Donations Welcome

Monday 8th January - **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

Attendance:

Well done to the 110 students who achieved 100% attendance in September and October, an attendance award will now be showing on your Arbor app. Moving forward these will be awarded monthly. We have a new buddy to support our attendance called Attendance Archie, he too has achieved 100% attendance and as you can see is very smartly dressed for school. Regular and punctual attendance is so important, to support your child's wellbeing and learning, please only keep your child off of school if they are unwell, we will always call you if your child becomes ill during the school day. Keep a look out for Archie as he will be appearing all around the school. Who will receive an award in November?



Last Day of Term:



On the last day of term (Wednesday 20th December) we will be having a non-school uniform day, children can choose to wear a Christmas jumper if they wish. Donations are very welcome.

To support our families who have children in the Junior School, on this day school will be closing at 1:20pm. If you need your child to stay until 3:15pm, please let the office know. There will be no after school club on this day.

Diwali:

Best wishes to all our families who will be celebrating Diwali, which begins on Sunday 12th November this year. 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.



Bagel Bar:

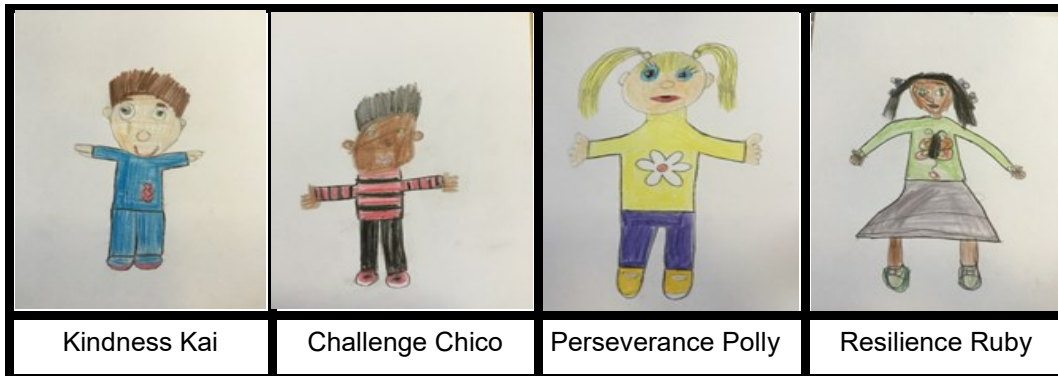
To help support a healthy breakfast, we are providing bagels to all of our children each morning. As long as the weather allows, our Bagel Bar will be at the front of the school from 8:30am. However, if you can't find us there, we will be in the main playground underneath the shelter. Please continue to visit us, it is so lovely to see the children's smiling faces eager to get their bagel each morning!!



Parent Governor:

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. If you are interested in becoming a School Governor could you please speak to Sarah or Adrienne. We can then share information about a Parent Governor's role and answer any questions you may have.

Learning Friends:



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

Rhino Class: James, Aren, Mason, Yousif, Jewel, Theo

Gorilla Class: Nerayah, Melanie, Veli, Esther, Alara, Zainab

Giraffe Class: Aren, Scarlett, Abdihakim, Dena

Tiger Class: Tyreese, Nicole, Kaidan, Hilmi, Isaac

Leopard Class: Karl'el, Reggie, Yigit, Claudine, Freya, Zack

Jaguar Class: Victor, Sophia, Luca, Ceylla, Aras, Tyler, Lily, Rodin, Abdullahi

Children in Need, Odd Sock and Pyjama Day:

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

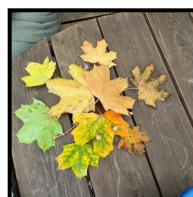
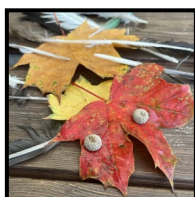
The 13th – 17th November is Anti-bullying Week; children will be learning about this topic through their Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education -Thoughtful Thursday lessons. The idea behind odd socks is to celebrate that we are all unique. Anti-Bullying Week aims to raise awareness of bullying, and this year's theme is 'MAKE SOME NOISE'.

It is also Children in Need on Friday 17th November 2023. 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 pyjamas on Friday 17th November. Charity boxes will be available for donations on the day. Children will be learning about these charities over the coming weeks. Please note that all donations are split between school fundraising and the chosen charity.



Forest School:

Year 1 children and staff have been enjoying their Forest School sessions, being out in all weathers. They have been exploring leaves from a variety of trees, last week they made their own characters, potions and wands from the book 'Room on the Broom'.



Thank you to everyone who has sent their child in with suitable clothing.

A Message from the Co-Heads:

Goodbyes

We hope you had a good half-term break. At the end of the half-term, we said goodbye to two learning assistants. Sam has been with us since January 2014. Her new house is too far for her to travel into school each day. We will really miss her kind and nurturing ways and the ability to make all children feel valued. Emily joined our school in September 2014. We will miss her creativity, ideas and making learning fun for the children she supported.

We would like to thank Sam and Emily for their passion, dedication and commitment, and the impact they have had on hundreds of children over the years. We wish them well and look forward to hearing from them in the future.

Welcome

Welcome to our new learning assistant Chloe who joined the nursery team this week. We are sure she will enjoy her new role. We know that she is looking forward to getting to know the children, parents and staff.

Lots of things to look forward to this half-term! Keep an eye out for dates of events happening this term.

Many thanks,
Adrienne and Sarah

A Message from the Nursery Team:



Turtle class has been a buzz with excitement over the past two weeks with the arrival of Sam our pet snail. The snail is an African land snail so quite large. The children have had time observing Sam and some of the braver members of the class have held Sam. We are going to start looking at a new core book next week all about snails and looking at the abstract artist Matisse.



We have also now set up our Turtle class library on Wednesdays. Please read this book to your child as much as possible discussing the setting, characters, what might happen next and linking the story to situations in their own lives. Thank you for all your support.

A Message from the Reception Team:

We firstly want to say a big thank you to all the parents who attended our phonics workshop. It was great for your children to be able to show you what they have been learning in phonics so far this year; hopefully we have given you some further ideas and support in how you can continue this learning at home.

We cannot say enough just how important it is for you to be reading and practising the letters and words they are learning in school, at home as well. Children that practise at home regularly will progress far quicker in their reading skills (as well as in their language and writing) than those who do not. Please sign and comment in your child's reading records every week.

We are hoping to give you similar support and home learning ideas for maths, in a maths workshop at the beginning of the Spring term. More information will be shared nearer the time.

Over the last two weeks we have been looking at our core book 'Lunchtime' and the children had great fun making and tasting soup they made themselves in school last week. Why don't you share with us on Tapestry any cooking opportunities the children have at home. This could be your child helping to cook the family dinner or cakes at the weekend or decorating biscuits. We would love to see what they do.



Arbor:

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the Arbor App. If you haven't done so yet, please use 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.

A Message from the Year 1 Team:

Year one have been busy collecting findings from their Autumn ramble. They visited the school field and observed the changes they could see around them.



"The conkers are falling." – Guney

"The trees that still keep their leaves are evergreen trees." – Yasmin

The children used their collections to then paint an Autumn picture using the water colour paints. They have been experimenting with mixing the correct oranges, yellows and browns to create an observational piece of artwork.



A Message from the Year 2 Team:

Reading

Please spend quality time with your child on this task at home.

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 in 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.



Music:

The composer of the month for November is Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Born in England



1948 - present day



Composer, pianist, violinist, and hornist.

Did you know that Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber started playing the violin and piano aged three?

He has composed and staged over 20 musicals and won many awards for them.

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber has a star on the Hollywood walk of fame!



Book now for lessons in the Spring term!



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- ☒ Express ourselves
- ☒ Be creative

EMS Instrumental & vocal lessons start from around £7 per week

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<https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore>

Closing date: 3rd December 2023



Applying for Reception, Nursery and Year 3 2024:

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 in from the **October** before this. Please note that you do **NOT** automatically move up to Reception if your child attends our Nursery. Applications can be made on line via Enfield Council website, <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

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. Applications can be made on line <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/> (If you are eligible for 30 hour funding you will need to apply for funding before 31st August 2024. Please let school know that you require a place 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 on line <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Parking Around School:

Thank you to our parent/carers who continue to be considerate of our neighbours when parking around the 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 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 police if parking continues to be a nuisance. Residents have also made us aware that they will be locking access gates to private car parks and you will be risking your car being blocked in if you park on their property.



Holiday Activities and Food Programme:

As part of Enfield Council's holiday activity funding (HAF), funded by the Department of Education - children eligible to receive benefits related free school meals will be able to access free holiday camps and activities during the winter school holiday. Activities will include a range of sports and physical activities, enrichment activities, healthy food workshops and lunch each day. Eligible parents will be able to book to attend up to 4 days of free sessions between 19th December 2023 and 4th January 2024. The booking platform will go live on **Friday 17th November 2023**, you will **not** receive your vouchers before this date. For more information about the HAF programme and how to book the activities, please follow the link [Letters to Parents and Carers | Carterhatch Infant School and Children's Centres \(secure-primariesite.net\)](https://secure-primariesite.net)

Felix Project:

Each week the Felix Project donates food to the school. We choose names from a hat, so any family may receive a bag. Everyone is entitled to access the Felix Project, please let school know if you would like to receive a bag of food regularly or if you would like your name removed from the project. For more information on what to expect please visit [Felix Project | Carterhatch Infant School and Children's Centres](#). We are in need of carrier bags for the project, if you have any spare please bring them to the school office. If you are accessing the Felix Project, please return the bags that are given to you. Thank you.

We are a registered referral agency for the Foodbank, please speak to Sandra our family support worker if you are in financial difficulty or a crisis and need help with food.

Makaton:

Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs, and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports spoken language rather than replacing it. We use Makaton throughout school.

Next week we will be learning the word: to think

https://makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/SOTW/SOTW_To_Think.aspx



Chace Community Regeneration Project:

Chace Community School is hosting a Public Exhibition about the school's regeneration project. This event will be held at Chace Community School on Thursday the 16th November from 5.00pm - 8.30pm.

Parents and members of the local community are invited to review the plans.

For more information please visit www.chace.enfield.sch.uk



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
NOVEMBER 2023

Planning for our future

Artist's impression of proposed entrance approach




PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Bowmer + Kirkland has been selected by the Department for Education as the main contractor on plans to regenerate Chace Community School in Enfield and would like to invite local people to review the plans at a public exhibition or via our website.

Please come along to meet the project team on:

 Thursday 16th November 2023

 5.00pm - 8.30pm

 Chace Community School,
Churchbury Lane,
Enfield EN1 3HQ








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Have your say at:

www.chacecommunityplans.co.uk

HAF Enfield Winter 2023

19th December
– 5th January

FREE* places available on
Enfield's Holiday Activities and
Food (HAF) programme this
winter. For more information
visit

[www.enfield.gov.uk/
services/children-and-
education/holiday-activity-
and-food-programmes](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/holiday-activity-and-food-programmes)

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