



NEWSLETTER

CARTERHATCH INFANTS SCHOOL

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13th October 2023

Diary:

Tuesday 17th October - **Daily Mile Launch Event** - Parents Invited
Tuesday 17th October - **Fluoride Treatment** - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 (information to follow)
Wednesday 18th October - **Year 2 Parents** are invited to a meeting and tour of the junior school at 9am
Friday 20th October - **Wear Red to School Day** - "Show the red card to racism"
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - **Half Term Break**
Monday 30th October - **Children return to school**
Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - **Reception Parents** are invited to a phonics session
Wednesday 1st November - **Year 1** Forest School Begins
Thursday 9th November - **Year 1 Trip** to St James's Church
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 - Non school uniform /odd sock day- **Donations Welcome**
Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd November - **Reception Parents** Maths Week (further information to follow)
Friday 24th November - Individual school photographs.
Wednesday 29th November - Maths for **Parents Year 2**
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 - Thursday 14th December - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas performances and Winter Wonderland Events (details to follow)
Friday 15th December - **Year 1** Trip to 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 Club.

Attendance Matters for Every Child Every Day!

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

Wear Red to School Day:

At Carterhatch Infant School, we work hard to promote kindness to all. Teaching the children to value and respect the differences between us. Next week, as part of their Thoughtful Thursday lesson, the children will be learning about Black History Month; supporting the discussion around race and respect. On Friday 20th October, we are asking children and staff to show the red card to racism by wearing something red to school on that day. Parents please do not feel you must go out and buy an item of red clothing, something red can be as simple as a hairband or a pair of socks! If your child is not able to wear red, we will paint a small red symbol on their face, if they wish, so that everyone can feel part of 'wear red day'.



Daily Mile Launch Event

We are inviting parents, carers, family and friends to join their children in the launch of our Daily Mile on Tuesday 17th October at 2:30pm.

Join your child on the field at the rear of the school via Autumn Close

The Daily Mile is an inclusive, fun and social event where all children and adults can complete their run at their own pace. The aim of The Daily Mile is to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of our children regardless of age, ability or personal circumstances.

We hope that you are able to come and join in the fun, the children will love to have you there!!

Refreshments will be available for sale on the day 50p each.



Macmillan Afternoon Tea:

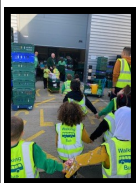
A big "thank you!" to all our parents and carers who were able to contribute and participate in our Macmillan Afternoon Teas, they were a huge success. The children had a wonderful time making cakes and really loved having you there to share them with you. Your continuing support helped us raise £452.00 which will be shared between Macmillan Cancer Support and School.

Congratulations to Archie, Nicole, Sophia and Reggie for winning the raffle, we hope you enjoyed your cupcakes!



Foodbank:

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to our Foodbank collection, it is very much appreciated. Some of the Year One children had the pleasure of visiting North Enfield Foodbank to deliver all of the donations we received.

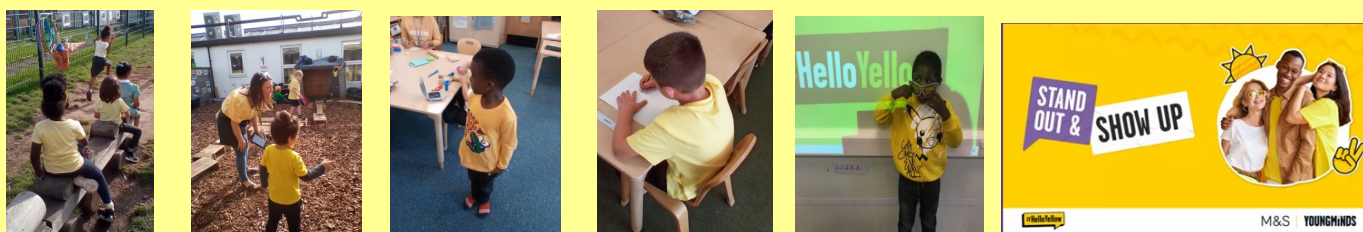


Enfield's Foodbank supports those in our community who are in sudden food crisis. To find out more about the foodbank please follow the link [North Enfield Foodbank - The Trussell Trust](https://www.northenfieldfoodbank.org.uk/). We are a registered referral agency for the Foodbank, please speak to Sandra our family support worker if you are in financial difficulty or a crisis and need help with food.



Hello Yellow Day:

It was wonderful to see our school lit up with yellow on Tuesday 10th October for World Mental Health Day. So many children, parents and staff participated in our #HelloYellow event to raise awareness of Mental Health and funds for Place2B charity and the school. Thank you so much to all who participated and donated, it is amazing to support such a worthwhile cause. Throughout the day and as part of their Thoughtful Thursday (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education), the children learnt about lots of different ways to support their mental health, resilience and well-being, including acts of kindness and why big feelings are important! #HelloYellow and WMHD are tools to raise awareness of mental health, but looking after our mental health is for every day not just one day. If you feel you need support contact <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>, <https://www.place2be.org.uk/> or <https://www.mind.org.uk/>



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.

From The Nursery Team:



The children have settled well into nursery over the past few weeks. They have enjoyed exploring their new surroundings and getting to know the staff and other children. At first, some of the children were a little apprehensive about being away from their parents and guardians for the first time. However, the staff have been very supportive and have helped them to feel comfortable and at ease. They have also worked closely with parents to make the transition as smooth as possible. Now, the children are all happy to come to nursery and look forward to their day. They enjoy a variety of activities that are on offer and are developing new skills every day, such as sharing, taking turns, and following simple instructions.



Over the next week we will be reading 'Happy Birthday Maisy'. On Friday 20th October we are planning to have our own birthday party for Maisy Mouse, the character in the story. The children can come to school in their own clothes for the party. Please ensure that their clothes are named, they are wearing something suitable for outdoor play and something they can take off independently for the toilet. This means no onesies or dressing up costumes like spiderman or princess dresses. Please could you upload a photo on to tapestry of your child's most recent birthday. Thank you for your continued support.

From The Reception Team:

Through our core book 'Meesha Makes Friends', we have been thinking about how we can be a good friend and linking this to our Carterhatch Value of kindness. Please encourage your child to tell you about our class rules at home and why they are important in helping us all to feel safe and happy at school.

The children are also designing and making a 'friend' out of junk modelling. This is a great opportunity to show how we can reuse packaging and not just throw things away. Why don't you encourage your child to make something at home using some of your recyclable packets such as cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes, bottle lids. We'd love to see what they make so don't forget you can upload a photo to their Tapestry online journal!

From The Year One Team:

The year one team would like to thank parents and carers that attended their child's DSR reading session and the year one meeting. The children loved sharing their reading with you and letting you see the strategies they use, along with discussions about the story. Hopefully we have given you some ideas and tips whilst sharing weekly reading books with your child.

**HOME
LEARNING**

"I felt really proud!" – Dexter
"I am good at my reading." – Isaac

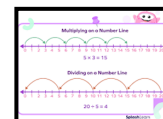


Home learning spelling books will be sent out this week. We have 3 words a week for children to practise. Please read the challenges at the front of the books to support your child.

Home learning books need to be returned every Tuesday to be updated and marked

From The Year Two Team:

This week in Mathematics, we are beginning to teach children different methods for addition. Each topic covered will reflect what your children will be covering for home learning. Again, please let us know if we can help you with anything.



Please continue to bring your child's reading record in every day. We may read with your child on different days other than what has been allocated to them. Therefore, it is important that they have their reading books with them every day. Please make sure you are reading with your child every day and that you are signing their reading record. Thank you.

From Joey and Kangaroo Class:



Kangaroo and Joey Class have been learning all about Autumn. They have been exploring the changes of nature around them by going on an Autumn ramble to see what they could find. The children found leaves, sycamore seeds and conkers. They have also had the opportunity to explore inside a pumpkin using a range of tools to take out the seeds. We then planted the seeds to see if we can grow our own pumpkins for next year.



Music:

Zeynep Gedizlioğlu will be the composer for the month of October

Born in Turkey



1977 - present day

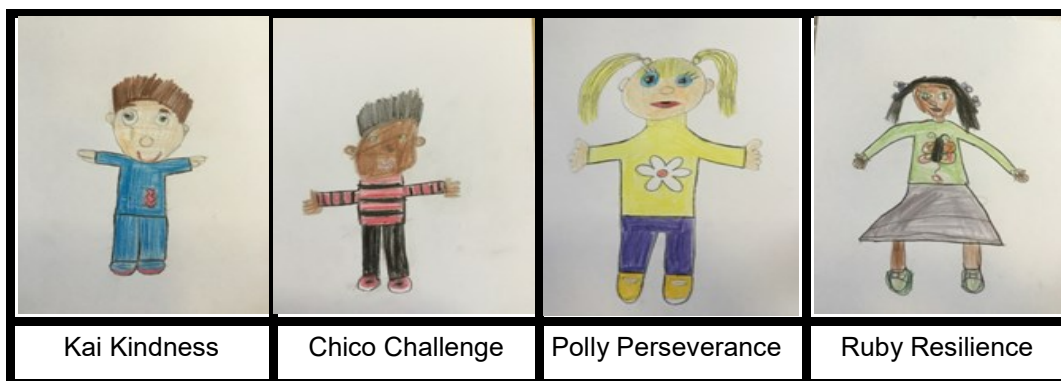


Zeynep Gedizlioğlu won composer of the year in 2012

Did you know she composes her music in public places such as cafes or libraries?

She explored her Mum and Dads music collection when she was 8 years old. Listening to this music inspired her to become a composer

Learning Friends:



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

Rhino Class: Isabella, Alayah,

Gorilla Class: Kaleb, Halifatu, Ayse

Giraffe Class: Simon, Samarah, Huseyin

Tiger Class: Safwaan, Maryam

Leopard Class: Ela, Daniella, Joshua

Jaguar Class: Dolly, Derin, Amarie

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

As part of our PSHCE and our role in keeping children safe, the school uses the NSPCC message of Talk PANTS to support and teach all children from Nursery to Year 2 about how to keep themselves safe, privacy and appropriateness. The NSPCC says "Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that they have a right to say no and if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen. We know that a simple conversation can make a BIG difference, and that's what Talk PANTS is all about."



For further information please visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

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.

Applying for Year 3, Reception and Nursery 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**. You are invited to visit the junior school on **Wednesday 18th October at 9.00am**
Applications can be made on line <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Online Safety and Screentime:

We encourage the positive use of technology at school and often talk about the fun that goes on in lessons, but we also discuss the less positive and sometimes scary/inappropriate things that occur too. As we approach the half-term break why not find out how you can help your child stay safe online, whether by setting parental controls, time limits, and age controls.

On the NSPCC website there are lots of useful advice and tips around; starting conversations about online safety, setting parental controls, and information about all the social media platforms. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Lots of parents have concerns about today's technologies, the ease of access and how quickly children learn to use them; sometimes before they can even walk or talk. There are lots of ways you can help your children to stay safe online – one of the key ways is to keep conversation open. We also have a lot of parents say that their child is 'addicted' to technology. We now live in a technology-based society and it is impossible to get away from it completely. However, it is important to remember that as a parent you DO have the power and control.

Some useful tips to keep technology fun and save the meltdowns:

- Limit the amount of screen time and stick to it e.g. 15 mins a day (or however much you are comfortable with!)
- No screen time in the hour before bed (this helps the brain switch off ready for a good night's rest)
- Screen time and technology is great, but so is getting a good balance of other things like; imaginative play, fresh air, drawing, colouring, reading real books, garden play/trampolining, interaction with other members of the family and being able to take part in conversations.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing online – what are they watching and talking about and do your own research. Are they talking about Rainbow Friends or Skibidi toilet? Just give the videos a watch and decide if they're too scary and inappropriate for any younger kids in the house before you hand over full YouTube control.

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.

MMR Vaccine:

On behalf of the Director of Education and the NHS, you will have received an email from us containing an MMR vaccine letter and information leaflet. A copy of the letter and leaflet can be found by following the link [Letters to Parents and Carers | Carterhatch Infant School and Children's Centres \(secure-primariesite.net\)](#) Please take time to read and consider the information carefully. If you would like a printed copy, please ask at the office. Thank you.