

# Newsletter

## Happy New Year

Welcome back to school. It was lovely seeing all the children return with the projects they had been making over the holidays; there are some amazing models.

## Goodbye Linda!

Linda has been a midday supervisor for over 38 years and will now be taking a well-earned rest following her retirement. We wish her all the very best and would like to thank her for her dedicated service to Carterhatch Junior School. She will be greatly missed by pupils and staff.

## Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6 February, with lessons based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. The Met Schools' Police will be presenting to Years 5 and 6 on "Social Media, online safety and the law". Please see important tips for keeping children safe whilst online – click [this link](#).



## Save the Children Fundraiser

We raised £79.09 on Christmas Jumper day! Many thanks for your donations.

## Winter Sale

Our first winter sale was a huge success and we raised £760 for the school. The winning classes will choose a "wet play" board game. The School Parliament are asking their classes what they would like to buy.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 6 Henson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 3 Banjo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 4 Vaughan

## Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to Carterhatch Junior School. The fair will be held **from 5 - 8 February**, 3.00-3.20pm in the Tony Buzan room.

Payment by cash on the day (please bring change).

Thank you in advance for your support, we look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair. Each book you purchase will help towards the school receiving free books.

## World Book Day - Friday 8 March

Paul Lyalls, a poet will be joining us on our World Book Day. He has been poet in residence for the Roald Dahl Museum and has worked and performed with Michael Rosen, Arsenal FC and Benjamin Zephaniah.

Pupils will have the chance to read their favourite book or library book with other pupils from their school family (Citrine, Emerald and Garnet). We will also be asking pupils to bring in a book they no longer want, from home, so they can take part in a "book swap" event. **We are not asking pupils to dress up as book characters, but just to wear comfortable clothes to relax and read books during the day.** Parents and carers - you do not have to worry about making or buying costumes.

## Letter from the Mayor of London - Universal Free School Meals

We are pleased to let you know that the Mayor of London has extended this programme until 2025, which means all children will receive a free school meal until July 2025. Please [click here](#) to read his letter.

## Housing and Homelessness in Enfield

The policy for homelessness is changing in Enfield due to the current housing crisis in Enfield. Please [click here](#) to read the new policy. If you need any further help or advice, please speak to Gerry.

## Measles Outbreak

There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action to increase the uptake of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles, for children and adults, is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The NHS has the following advice for parents on measles - [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

The DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](#) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents, nurseries and schools.

# Congratulations

## Congratulations for Best Attendance in January

12 January	4 Lovelace	99.23%
19 January	5 Kahlo	99.21%
26 January	5 Ofili	98.81%

## Success Certificates

**Congratulations!** The pupils awarded success certificates since our last newsletter are:

Year 3: Kaitlyn, Sean, Hediye, Muslim, Christian

Year 4: Ahmed, Sadra, Aneelia, Dilvin, Riley

Year 5: Narin, Zara, Ardlon, Umut, Thomas, Krisztian, Nehir, Waris, Ebenether

Year 6: Karen, Ailean

## Always Stars

Our "Always Stars" are awarded an enamel badge to wear to school every day to show that they always work hard and uphold our school values, are a good role model and are proud to be part of our school. They are always a credit to our school and their families. Our pupils have the opportunity to become an 'Always Star' once during their time in Years 3 and 4 and once again during Years 5 and 6.

The pupils awarded an "Always Star" badge since our last newsletter are:

Year 3:

Year 4: Teddy, Elson, Hayat

Year 5: Ikra, Deena

Year 6: Esin

## Dates for your Diary

29 January	Year 6 trip to Bletchley Park
Friday 2 February	3 Banjo class assembly at 9am
5-8 February	Book Fair after school
6 February	Internet Safety Day
Thursday 8 February	3 Baker class assembly
12-16 February	<b>School closed - Half term</b>
19 February	<b>School closed - Inset day</b>
20 February	Pupils return to school
6-7 March	Parents consultations
8 March	World Book Day
15 March	Red Nose Day
21 March	Movie Night (details to follow)
28 March	<b>Last day of spring term - Early finish (1.30pm) No Suffolks Tea Time Club drop-off</b>
29 March-12 April	<b>School closed - Easter Holidays (Including Bank Holiday)</b>
15 April	Pupils return to school <b>No Suffolks Tea Time Club - closed for staff training</b>
6 May	<b>School closed - Bank Holiday</b>
27-31 May	<b>School closed - Half term (including Bank Holiday)</b>
3 June	Pupils return to school
23 July	<b>Last day of Summer term - Early finish (1.30pm) No Suffolks Tea Time Club drop-off</b>
24 July-31 August	<b>School closed - Summer Holidays</b>

School term dates are also on [our website](#)