



Newsletter

Happy Holidays!

As we near the end of this term and as this is our last newsletter of the year, we wish all our families a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year and for those who celebrate the Jewish holiday, we wish you Happy Hanukkah. School will close at 2pm on Friday 16 December and reopen on Tuesday 3 January at 8:30am.



Just a reminder that Suffolks Tea Time Club will be closed on 3 January and will reopen on Wednesday 4 January.

Regarding staffing, one of our Assistant Headteachers, Arion Lawrence, will be working temporarily at Delta Primary School for the Spring term. Delta is part of Connect Education Trust.

School Hours

It has been brought to our attention that Google states Carterhatch Junior School is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. We are trying to have this corrected as Mondays and Tuesday are normal school days and we expect your child/ren to be in school. The correct school hours are as follows:

Monday to Friday 8.30am - 3pm. Please check the school website for term dates.

Parent Consultations - Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 December

Please book using SchoolCloud, a text has been sent with the link. Pupil reports will be given out to parents/carers at the consultation meetings. Please arrive 5 minutes early if you would like to look at your child/ren's books.

Raffle tickets - Snow White and the Seven Superheroes

From Monday 5 December until Friday 9 December, raffle tickets will be sold to parents/carers at the hut in the playground before school. The tickets are to enter the draw for 4 tickets to the above pantomime at the Millfield Theatre on Wednesday 21 December 2022 at 6.30pm. Raffle tickets cost £1 for a strip of 5, please have the correct money.

The draw will take place on Monday 12 December.



Christmas Disco - Monday 12 December

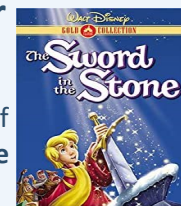
Our school disco will take place on Monday 12 December, 3pm - 4.30pm. Please send party clothes in a bag in the morning with your child. Tickets will be £5 which will include refreshments and juice. Letters have been sent out.

PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT BY 9AM ON 8 DECEMBER. PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE A TICKET AFTER THIS DATE - REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN.

Christmas Show & Carols in the Playground - Tuesday 13 December

Please join us from 8.20-8.35am for carols in the playground. Our choir will be singing too.

This year our in-school pantomime is "The Sword in the Stone". We are asking for a donation of £2 from each child to help towards the cost of the performance; letters have gone home. **Please bring your own cushion to sit on, if you would like to, as it will be a 1 hour and 30 minutes show!**



Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 14 December

Christmas lunch with Christmas crackers, will be served with a dessert of cookies this year, (as voted for by the School Parliament). This day will also be Christmas jumper day so **make sure you wear your jumper to school. If you have a Christmas Santa hat, this can be worn at lunchtime while eating - so bring your hats!**



Lateness

Unfortunately we still have a number of pupils arriving in the morning after the gate is closed and being collected late at the end of the day. Whilst we appreciate on some occasions or circumstances lateness cannot be avoided, please ensure that you are allowing enough time for your journey. Arriving at school late means starting the day unsettled and, most likely, missing the beginning of the first lesson. This makes it hard for children to understand what is being taught. We do not have the staff to sit with your child/ren if you are late which means staff are being taken away from their other duties.

We thank parents/carers and pupils who arrive on time at the beginning and end of the school day.

After School Clubs

Clubs finish at 4pm prompt, with the exception of Curious Maths, which finishes at 4.30pm. Please make sure your child is collected on time as if you collect your child late, they may lose their place in the club. We do not have staff to look after your child once they have finished the club. Good behaviour is also expected at clubs just as much as in school. If your child's behaviour at clubs becomes a concern they may also lose their place.

The Pantry

If your child has school dinners, whether free school meals or paid for, you must register online and select your child's meals as they will not be able to select their choice at the counter on the day if the meal has not been pre-booked. New Year 3 parents will need to register their child with their name and class online. To register your child online with The Pantry, [click here](#).



Children In Need

We raised £460.51 for Children In Need. Well done to all that supported by wearing PJs to school, those who bought smoothies and donated.



This money will be sent to the charity to help all those children in need. Thank you.

ScholarPack App

We use the ScholarPack Parents App to communicate with parents rather than sending text messages which incur additional costs to the school. The app is available free of charge on Apple and Google app stores.



If you are already using the ScholarPack App and you have a red notification which won't clear, please check you are using the latest version of the App. Also try clearing the cookies/cache. If this still does not work, please uninstall the app and install again. To download the app please [click here](#).

Latest News

Please view our latest Twitter news on our [website](#) for daily updates about activities and events taking place at Carterhatch Junior School.

Autumn Term Clubs

Autumn term clubs finish on Friday 9 December 2022.

Absence During Term Time

Please remember that holidays are not permitted during term time. Term dates can be found on our school website. Any leave requests during term time, for exceptional circumstances, must be applied for in advance. The Headteacher will consider if this will be authorised or not. Application forms for special leave can be obtained from the school office. Leave that is not requested in advance will be unauthorised and may result in a penalty notice

Congratulations!

Success Certificates

Congratulations! The pupils awarded success certificates so far this term are:

Year 3: James, Raseel, Zahra, Jacob, Ata, Delgado, Erim, Rojin, Reece, Dante, Joshua, Kaycie, Alex

Year 4: Andreas, Chance, Hodo, Tyrell, Lewis, Ceren, Abubaker, Eva, Kyron, Umaizah, Kamal, Safaa, Maria, Darcey O, Sadra, Teodor, O'Shane. Dinel, Aaniyah

Year 5: Angel, Felix, Gulderen, Eliz, Xavier, Kaya, Lema, Tavia, Esmeralda, Emir, Waris, Hasan, Remiah, Eleta-Santana, Ranbir, Karmen, Esin

Year 6: Dhyan, Luciano, Montell, Amina, Olympia, Tahira, Kai-Kelsey, Dolcie, Ehan, Mila, Natalia, Teighan, Vincent

Congratulations for best attendance in November

4.11.22	4 Khalo	98.35%
11.11.22	3 Khan	99.26%
17.11.22	4 Goldsworthy	97.6%
25.11.22	4 Ofili	98.98%

Dates for your Diary

6 December	3.15-6.30pm	Parent consultations - in classrooms
7 December	3.15-5.30pm	Parent consultations - in classrooms
8 December		Year 5 outdoor learning day
9 December		Year 4 outdoor learning day
12 December		Year 3 outdoor learning day
12 December	3.00-4.30pm	Disco
13 December	8.20-8.35am	Christmas carols in the playground
13 December		Year 6 outdoor learning morning
13 December	1.15-2.45pm	Christmas show—The Sword in the Stone
14 December		Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
15 December		Whole school Brain of Carterhatch quiz
15 December		Afternoon Christmas class parties
16 December		Last day - school closes early at 2pm finish



Term Dates 2023

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3 January 2023	Pupils return to school at normal time
13 - 17 February	School closed - half term
20 February	Pupils return to school at normal time
31 March	Last day of term - school closes early at 1.30pm
3 - 14 April	School closed - half term
17 April	Pupils return to school at normal time
1 May	School closed - Bank Holiday
8 May	School closed - Coronation Bank Holiday
29 May	School closed - Bank Holiday
30 May - 2 June	School closed - half term
5 June	Pupils return to school at normal time
20 July	Last day of summer term - school closes early at 1.30pm