

12 July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of Years 3-5 classes

As we come to the final weeks of this year, I am writing to you to give you information about the remaining days of summer term and to let you know about staffing for September 2024.

Firstly, the staff and I would like to say it continues to be a pleasure and privilege working at our school, with such amazing children.

On behalf of all the staff, we wish all our Year 6 pupils success in their secondary schools. We hope they remember their time here as they move on to the next phase of their education. Bird, Henson and Sharman classes will be greatly missed by everyone and they will be a credit to our school as they join their secondary schools.

In these last weeks, we are still busy. Pupils are auditioning for the end of year talent show, outdoor learning days are due to happen and class parties are planned for Monday 22 July. Please do not send party food as school will be providing snacks. We previously requested a £1 cash donation towards the cost of the snacks. Please send in as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

You are invited to drop in on Monday 22 July between 3-3.45pm to take the opportunity to say goodbye and to thank the teachers and teaching assistants who all continue to work tirelessly for Carterhatch Junior School. Also please drop in if you would like to discuss your child's report, which will go out next Friday. No appointments are necessary.

As we plan for 2024-2025, we say goodbye to two members of staff leaving at the end of this term, Ezgi and Helin. On behalf of the pupils and their families we thank them for all they have done for our school and wish them all the very best for the future. An experienced teacher, Ruby Burgess, will be joining us in September.

Next Monday, 15 July, classes in Years 3-5 will have a chance to meet their new teachers and teaching assistants. Year 2 classes will also have the same opportunity.

Y2 Class	Moving to	Y3 Teachers - Sept 24	Y3 Class Names (named after historians)
Jaguar	→	Kelsie Morris	David Olusoga
Leopard	→	Louise Draper	Mary Beard
Tiger	→	Victoria Tei Coleman	Janina Ramirez

Y3 Class	Moving to	Y4 Teachers - Sept 24	Y4 Class Names (named after environmental activists)
Baker, Banjo, Khan Classes	→	Arion Lawrence	David Attenborough
	→	Regina Manuel	Wangari Maathai
	→	Ruby Burgess	Greta Thunberg

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Y4 Class	Moving to	Y5 Teachers - Sept 24	Y5 Class Names (named after mathematicians)
Dorothy Vaughan	→	Emily Humberstone	same
Ada Lovelace	→	Marian Switonski	same
Alan Turing	→	Rebecca Amdetsion (Tues - Fri) Chloe Timanti (Mon)	same

Y5 Class	Moving to	Y6 Teachers - Sept 24	Class Names (named after artists)
Andy Goldsworthy	→	Ketsia Itseli	same
Frida Kahlo	→	Shelly Soni	same
Chris Ofili	→	Aleyna Onay	same

Pupils will be taking home their school books and homework projects on Monday 22 July, so it would be helpful if they could bring in a plastic bag to carry them home the day before or on that day.

All lost property will be displayed in the playground on the last couple of days of term. Please check for your child's belongings as when the school is cleaned over the summer holidays, all uncollected items will be disposed of.

Just a reminder, school reopens on **Tuesday 3 September at 8.30am**. On the first day back, teachers will collect their classes from the playground. The school day finishes at 3pm. Only Year 6 pupils can walk home alone if parents and carers fill out the permission slip (available from the school office).

During the first week of September, we will have our "Be Proud Week" and teachers will inform pupils what days they will be having PE lessons. On PE days, pupils should come to school wearing their PE kits and will keep them on all day.

As part of "Be Proud Week" classes, in the first week back, will be celebrating our school community and cultures. **On Friday 6 September, we are having a Culture Day for parents, carers and pupils.** We will be embracing the rich diversity and heritage that makes our school community vibrant and unique! You are all invited to wear clothes that are important to your home life and culture. It could be traditional attire, Brownies or Scouts uniforms or the colours of a country's flag. Parents and carers are invited to come into the classrooms to meet the teaching staff and hear about the work pupils have been doing as part of "Be Proud Week" from 8.30-9.45am.

During the first few weeks of Autumn term the kitchen shared with the infants, is having work done, therefore we are talking to the caterers about options and we will let you know when this has been organised and will update you in the [final newsletter](#) due out on Monday 22 July.

Finally, again, thank you to all our families for your commitment and support over the last year. Wishing you a happy and relaxing summer break.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully

Helen McGovern

Headteacher