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Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a restful summer break. Welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to the pupils and Parents/Carers of Year 3 pupils and to those families who are new to our school. Remember to check out our X (Twitter) account as we go this term.

NSPCC Kindness Challenge

This October we will be spreading kindness! It's so easy to take part. In their classes, pupils will pick up to nine kind acts and complete these during the first week of October. These kind acts could be - smile at someone in the morning, help someone with their work, be kind to yourself and do something you love, hold the door open for someone, say please and thank you.

Book Project - free books 2023-2024





The children's book project has delivered its first free pop-up bookshop for this term. All pupils have had a chance to visit it and choose this week. Thanks Children's go to the brilliant work they do.

Class assemblies

Our class assemblies start this term, with 5Goldworthy's on Friday 6 October. Parents/Carers please join us from 9.00-9.20am to celebrate and find out more about what your children have been learning. Other class assemblies coming up are:

13 October - 5Kahlo 20 October - 50fili 3 November - 4Turing 10 November - 4Lovelace

1 December - 4Vaughan

Secondary school application deadline - 31 October 2023

Applications for secondary schools must be made online at www.eadmissions.org.uk by midnight on Tuesday 31 October 2023. You will require an email address. Please continue to refer to the links on our website for further details of opening events and the Secondary Transfer Brochure, which contains all the information and guidance you will need to make an application.



You may nominate up to six schools in order of preference. Applying for only one school will not improve your chances of getting a place at that school so always make six choices.

School hours

The normal school hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am - 3pm. At the end of each **full** term, school will close at 1.30pm. Please make sure you have arranged for your child/ren to be collected at 1.30pm on the last day of each term. There will be no clubs or Suffolk's Tea Time Club on the last days of each term.

20 December Last day of Autumn term - Early finish (1.30pm) 28 March Last day of Spring term - Early finish (1.30pm) Last day of Summer term - Early finish (1.30pm) 23 July

Autumn term - after school clubs

Afterschool clubs this term will run on the following dates, finishing at 4pm:

1st half term - 19 September until week ending 20 October

2nd half term - 30 October until week ending 1 December

Free school meals for all children from September 2023

The Mayor of London knows Parents/Carers are really struggling with the cost-of-living crisis right now. From September 2023, funding has ensured all primary school children will receive a **free**, **nutritious meal**. <u>Click here</u> for the Mayor's letter.

School trips will also be covered by this initiative and packed lunches will be provided free of charge. Each packed lunch will contain a cheese sandwich, a savoury pastry, a piece of fruit and a sweet treat.

Please complete a free school meal application form as this will benefit the funding, which the school receives. It is also in preparation for September 2024 if the free meal initiative ends. Forms are in the school office.

MMR vaccine - Measles Vaccination Uptake

Measles can be very serious and spreads easily. Children and adults who contract measles can end up in hospital or suffer long-term health consequences. In rare cases, it can be fatal. Measles is completely preventable with the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. The first dose is offered to children at 1 year of age and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. Measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated and can be very disruptive in educational settings. The Government is grateful for the support of early years settings, encouraging families to take up the vaccine. Schools are also encouraged to remind Parents/Carers to check that their children's vaccines are up to date. You can catch up on your MMR vaccine through your GP whatever your age. Information resources (including in different languages) are available to download and share, including MMR parent information.

Flu vaccinations in school

All children from Year 3 to Year 6 are eligible for this vaccine and this will be delivered at school, by the school nurses, on **22 November 2023.** Parental permission is needed for all vaccinations. For further information, visit the website www.saisenfield.co.uk

Vacancy for Parent Governor

There is a vacancy for the role of Parent Governor on our Local Governing Body (LGB). To be a parent member you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills

LGBs meet termly (three times per year) and it is important that you are able to attend these meetings so that you are up to date and able to contribute fully to discussions. If you are interested in applying for the role, please click this link for <u>our website</u> where you can access an application pack. Your application should be completed and returned to enquiries@carterhatchjun.org by Friday 6 October 2023 and marked for the attention of the Helen McGovern, Headteacher.

Enfield Town Football Club

Enfield Town FC football school welcomes boys and girls of all primary school ages and abilities. The sessions run every Saturday morning at the popular Donkey Lane 3G venue. Email ram.ismail@enfieldtownfootballclub.co.uk for more information or contact Jon Doyle on 07809 600271.





SEND survey

Thank you to everyone who took part in the SEND survey last term. This was sent out to Parents/Carers of children on the SEND register. I am very pleased to report that 91% of you feel that what we do for your child is either Good or Excellent.

- 97% of you feel that staff listen to you and talk to you about your child's needs
- 89% of you think that we understand your child's needs and put the right support in place
- 88% of you are pleased with your child's progress and feel that we communicate well about this
- 87% of you feel that your child is happy at school
- 84% feel that staff support you in helping your child at home

These are very pleasing results and we will strive to reach 100%! I will continue to work with Parents/Carers and colleagues to improve the support we offer you and your children. As always, if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to raise with me, please feel free to get in touch by email, enquiries@carterhatchjun.org, and mark it FAO: Alex Volcker, or speak to me on the gate in the mornings.

Attendance



Recently we have seen an increase in pupils missing school for common colds, runny noses and sore throats. Most minor ailments tend to improve as the morning goes on. Please be reassured that Parents/Carers of a pupil who really is not well enough to remain in school will be called.

Please see the useful link from the NHS should you be unsure whether your child is too ill for school?

Attendance and punctuality have a direct impact on a pupil's learning and on the smooth running of the school. Pupils are expected to be in school at the times below ready for the start of the school day. Please <u>click</u> here to see how every minute counts.

Monthly Parent/Carer wellbeing and information session

Our Family and Pastoral Support Officer, Gerry Cameron, is starting a monthly information session for Parents/Carers to come and gain information on different topics each month.

All sessions will take place on a Friday Morning 8.45am – 9.15am Friday 6 October – Year 6 secondary transfer information and guidance Friday 3 November – Attendance matters

The first session will start on **Friday 6 October at 8.45am** and is aimed at Year 6 Parents/Carers. In this session, we will discuss the transfer to secondary school. Please come along if you need help completing the online admission application, which must be submitted by **31 October 2023.**

Harvest Festival - Food Bank

We will be having a whole school assembly next week about harvest festival and sharing. We will talk about the role of the foodbank in our local community. If you are able to donate, can your child please bring their donations into their class, in a carrier bag and the donations will be displayed in the hall. Your child can bring their donations until Wednesday 11 October.

Food banks currently need:

Mixed beans, pasta sauce, tinned fish, tinned fruit, noodles, jam, tinned veg, tinned soups, packet ready meals, sweet and savoury snacks. No fresh items such as bread or milk please.

We thank you in advance for your donations

Congratulations

Pupil Leaders

Most of our pupil leaders groups have now been appointed. Congratulations to all of them!

School Parliament

Welcome to our new Members of Parliament:

Year 4 Daniella, Izayah, Penelope, Salah, Emilia, Ahmed

Year 5 Mia, Ardlon, Yara, Djaune, Elisa, Dayyaan

Year 6 Derisa, Isaiah, Almina, Hassan, Taibah, Ciaran

Year 3 Will be voting after half term for their members

Eco Council

Our new Eco Councillors are:

Year 3 Alya, Elias

Year 4 George, Mackenzie, Lutfu

Year 5 Yvonne, Mila, Archie

Year 6 Tavia, Ellise, Karmen, George, Carrado, Imaan

Peer Mentors

The new Peer Mentors are: Year 5 Eden, Chance Year 6 Sophia

School Librarians

The new School Librarians are: Ates, Hodo, Kaan, Kyron, Melek, Narin

Success Certificates

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

Year 3: Muhammed, Evelyn, Aaliyah, Omar, Elias, Roneta, Khloe

Year 4: Lutfu, Rahul, Anastasia, Zahra, Joshua, Cidem, Philip R, Alex

Year 5: Jamal, Eden, Andreas, Yusuf, Esther, O'Shane

Year 6: Tavia, Remiah, Jahlana-Jade, Lily, Emir, Louis

Congratulations for best attendance in September

8 Sept 4 Lovelace 98.09% 15 Sept 4 Lovelace 98.85% 22 Sept 4 Lovelace 98.47% 29 Sept 6 Henson 99.56%

Dates for your Diary

6 October Year 5 Goldsworthy class assembly 9.00-9.20am

13 October Year 5 Kahlo class assembly 9.00-9.20am

18 October Year 2 Parents'/Carers' meeting and tour 9.00-9.45am

20 October Year 5 Ofili Class assembly 9.00-9.20am

23-27 October Half Term - school closed

31 October Year 5 residential briefing 9.00-9.45am
3 November Year 4 Turing class assembly 9.00-9.20am
10 November Year 4 Lovelace class assembly 9.00-9.20am

11 November Armistice Day Assembly - 2 minute silence at 11.00am

13-16 November Anti-bullying week

13 November Odd Sock Day & Children in Need fundraiser

17 & 20 November Inset Days - school closed for pupils

1 December Year 4 Vaughan class assembly 9.00-9.20am

1 December Pupil reports go home5-6 December Parent/Carer consultations

20 December Last day of term - 1.30pm finish - No Suffolks Tea Time Club drop-off

21 Dec-7 Jan Christmas Holidays - school closed

8 January Pupils return to school

Term dates

2023

23-27 October School closed - Half term 30 October Pupils return to school 17 & 20 November School closed - Inset days

20 December Last day of Autumn term - Early finish (1.30pm)

21 Dec-5 Jan School closed - Christmas Holiday

2024

8 January Pupils return to school
 12-16 February School closed - Half term
 19 February School closed - Inset day
 20 February Pupils return to school

28 March Last day of spring term - Early finish (1.30pm)

29 March-12 April School closed - Easter Holidays (Including bank holiday)

15 April Pupils return to school6 May School closed - Bank holiday

27-31 May School closed - Easter Holidays (Including bank holiday)

3 June Pupils return to school

23 July Last day of Summer term - Early finish (1.30pm)

24 July-31 August School closed - Summer holidays

Please check the school website for <u>term dates</u>. 2023-2024 dates are now available on our website.

Latest News

Please view our latest Tweets by visiting Twitter - https://twitter.com/CarterhatchJun for updates about activities and events taking place at Carterhatch Junior School.



