

Newsletter

February Half Term

It has been a brilliant term and finishing with our amazing fundraiser today has shown how well we work as a community. We wish you all a happy and safe half term. See you on Monday 20 February at 8.30.

Value of the Spring Term - Thoughtfulness

Thoughtfulness is our value for the second half of the Spring term - respecting, caring and thinking of others covers it! Being kind to others and giving a helping hand when we can see others need it.



Turkey and Syria Earthquake

We offer our condolences to all families that have been affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Our non-uniform and cake fundraiser on Friday 10 February was a great success! Thank you so much to all the families who generously contributed. We were overwhelmed with donations. The School Parliament has decided that donations will be split 50/50 between a local charity called the British Alevi Foundation and the Disasters Emergency Committee, which involves 15 charities all working together.

Goodbye Nicola

Teaching Assistant, Nicola Tillbrook, is leaving Carterhatch Juniors and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her the best of luck.

Science Week

To celebrate Science Week, we are inviting parents/carers to an open afternoon where you can see science investigations in action. Drop in at any time on **Monday 13 March from 1.40 – 2.50pm**.

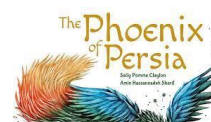
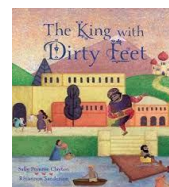
World Book Day Celebrations



We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3 March at Carterhatch Juniors.

Pupils are asked to dress up as a character from their current school library book to celebrate the books they have been enjoying from our school library.

We look forward to this event and thank you for your support in making it a very special occasion. Half term will be a great opportunity for pupils to prepare their costumes. All pupils will receive an official World Book Day token on the Friday.



On **Tuesday 28 February**, Years 3, 4 and 6 will be having workshops with Sally Pomme Clayton. Year 3 will focus on the book 'The King with Dirty Feet' and Years 4 and 6 will be focusing on 'The Phoenix of Persia'. Some parents/carers have already ordered and paid for one of Sally's books, to be signed when she visits. It is too late to order from us now but feel free to order book/s yourselves and bring them along on 28 February to be signed. Unfortunately, books cannot be purchased on the day at school.

Movie Night 28/29 March 3pm-5pm

We will be having a movie evening on 28 and/or 29 March. Depending on the number of tickets sold, we may have to do 2 evenings rather than one. Tickets will be £5, which will include popcorn, a choice of chocolate bar and juice.

The movie voted for by pupils will be **Hotel Transylvania: Transformania**. Pupils are welcome to bring a cushion/blanket to sit on and bring non-uniform in a labelled bag to change into before the start of the movie.



All pupils must be collected after the movie; no children can go home alone.

February Half Term Homework Project

Calling all young artists' at Carterhatch Junior School

February half-term project - once completed please bring in your artwork



Our school has entered into the Royal Academy of Arts - Young Artists' Summer Show 2023. This is a free, open submission exhibition for artists aged 4-19 years old.

Rules: The work must be your own. You can submit one piece of artwork; it can be anything you like - there is no theme. **The artwork can be made using any material; it can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing, or a combination.** You must have some information about it such as title, size and a little bit about the artwork and why you made it.

Once we submit your artwork, it will be seen by a panel [of judges](#) at the Royal Academy of Arts and the selected pieces will be shown on their online exhibition. Some of the artworks will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Previous submissions to the Royal Academy Arts - Young Artists' Summer Show 2022.



Please [click here](#) for further information. For information on the judges, [click here](#). Have fun drawing, making, creating, painting, or sculpting - the choice is yours. Good luck!

Free Cycle Training

We have been offered free cycle training for parents/carers and children. Please [click here](#) for the link and to book your place for this half term. Places are limited so book early.



Netball Tournament

On Tuesday 7 February, our Year 5 and 6 Netball team made their way to Hazelwood School for the second round of knockout stages. We played an amazing game and fought until the end, however we didn't make it through to the next stage. The way the children represented Carterhatch Junior School made us all so incredibly proud and they should be so happy with their performance. A huge thank you to the parents/carers who were able to come along and cheer on our team. Thank you to the adults involved for organising the event and taking the children to the match.



School Hours

The normal school hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am - 3pm.

At the end of each **full** term, school will now close at **1.30pm**, not 2pm. **Please make sure you have arranged for your child/ren to be collected at the new time of 1.30pm on the last day of each full term.**

31 March 2023 - School closes at **1.30pm**

20 July 2023 - School closes at **1.30pm**

Please check the school website for [term dates](#) - 2023-24 are now available.

Uniform

We have noticed that children are wearing legging as part of the school uniform. School uniform is either trousers or skirts and tracksuit bottoms for PE. Please ensure your child/ren are dressed in the correct uniform. 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](#)

Packed Lunches

We are still finding nuts in packed lunches. Please can you ensure that NUTS, NUTELLA SANDWICHES/PANCAKES, NUT CRISPS or anything that says NUTS are not put into packed lunches. We have children with nut allergies and this can cause a serious allergic reaction.

We will also confiscate any sweets and chocolate bars from children; these will need to be collect at the end of the day. Thank you.

Latest News

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



Congratulations!

Success Certificates

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

Year 3: Sophia, Salah, Philip R

Year 4: Mia, Efe, Tye

Year 5: Kuzey, Taibah, Sophia

Year 6: Vetri, Narin, Ozan

Always Star Awards

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 so far this year are:

Year 3: Lutfa Year 4: Jaiden, Michael, Nabila Year 5: Nahla Year 6: Tiana

Congratulations for best attendance in January/February 2023

6 January	4 Goldsworthy	96.6%	
13 January	5 Henson	100%	Extra library session given
20 January	5 Henson	98.3%	
27 January	5 Henson	97.4%	Top spot for 3 weeks!
3 February	3 Khan	97%	
10 February	4 Kahlo	98.44%	

Dates for your Diary

27 February	Year 3 Rocks workshop
28 February	Sally Pomme Clayton, author workshops for Years 3, 4 and 6
3 March	World Book Day - dress up as a character from a library book you are reading! Year 5 poetry workshops
13-17 March	Science week
13 March	Open afternoon – parents/carers invited for Science Week 1.40 - 2.50pm
17 March	Red Nose Day

Term Dates 2023

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