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Dear parents and carers

Who can believe it - we are nearing the end of this year! Over this year we have been slowly getting back to “normal”. It’s now time to reflect on the year’s school events and on what we have all achieved together.

We have been gradually finding our way back to all the things we did before the pandemic. Our pupils have enjoyed so many trips locally and into London; they have embraced our “outdoor learning days” using the field and our new outdoor classroom. They have enjoyed art lessons in our new art studio and have been overwhelmed by our new artwork – our history timeline and our world map. Our new library has really had a real impact and our pupils love their weekly visits.

Now, news for September. Today our classes in Years 3-5 had their “class swap” morning to meet their new teachers as below. Year 2 classes will visit us on Monday.

Current Y2 class – Y3 class named after dancers	Moving to	Y3 teachers - Sept 22	Class Name
Leopard	→	Arion Lawrence & Claire Huntington	Josephine Baker
Jaguar	→	Victoria Tei Coleman	Ashley Banjo
Tiger	→	Regina Manuel	Akram Khan

Current Y3 class – named after artists	Moving to	Y4 teachers - Sept 22	Class Name
Andy Goldsworthy	→	Kelsie Morris	same
Frida Kahlo	→	Victoria Tapp	same
Chris Ofili	→	Ketsia Itseli	Same

Current Y4 class – named after explorers	Moving to	Y5 teachers - Sept 22	Class Name
Isabella Bird	→	Ezgi Ates	same
Matthew Henson	→	Emily Humberstone	same
Helen Sharman	→	Shelly Soni	same

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Current Y5 class – named after scientists	Moving to	Y6 teachers - Sept 22	Class Name
Tim Berners-Lee	→	Aleyna Onay	same
Marie Curie	→	Marian Switonski	same
Jane Goodall	→	Louise Draper	same

At the end of the term, we will bid farewell to Lynda Hannaford, Anna Chrystal, Esme Keeley-Fermor and Davide DeSantis; we thank them for everything they have done at Carterhatch and wish them all the best for the future.

We would like to welcome new staff to our team. Victor Olagunju (our old music teacher) is coming back to our school full time. Victoria Tapp will join us as 4Kahlo teacher and Shelly Soni as 5Sharman teacher and Assistant Headteacher. Nicola Tillbrook, Diana Barbe and Pinar Bektas-Altundal will be joining our teaching assistant support team. Geraldine Cameron will be our new Family and Pastoral Support Officer and Maria Shala and Darina Stoilova will be joining our cleaning team.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils great success in their secondary schools. They have worked incredibly hard this year and they are definitely ready to move on to the next phase of their education. Despite two years of disruption to their learning they have done remarkably well and their SATs results show their determination and sheer hard work. The Year 6 staff team have also shown their commitment and dedication to our pupils working so hard to make sure their pupils fulfilled their potential and were engaged and happy in school. Hadid, Levet and Mackintosh classes will be greatly missed by everyone and, as I always say, and believe - whilst they will be sad leaving us, the schools receiving them will be so lucky to have them – they are such good role models and a credit to Carterhatch Junior School. We are proud of them, as I know you are.

Thank you for all your support this year. Parents are invited to drop in on Tuesday 19 July between 3-4pm to say goodbye and thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants who all continue to work tirelessly for Carterhatch Junior School. No appointments are necessary.

We wish you all a happy and safe summer break. We look forward to seeing you on **Monday 5 September at 8.30am when the school gates open**. On the first day back on Monday 5 September, teachers will collect their classes from the playground. The school day finishes at 3pm. Only Year 6 pupils can walk home alone if parents fill out the permission slip (available from the school office).

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully

Helen McGovern

Headteacher