



Carrington Infant School

Carrington Schools Federation

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Dear Families

As we reach the end of our first half term, it has been wonderful to see how well our Reception children have settled into school life and how our Key Stage 1 children have made such a flying start to the new school year. We are incredibly proud of the children's enthusiasm, positive attitudes and achievements so far.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of our families to parents' evening this week. Thank you for taking the time to meet with us and for your continued support in working together to ensure the very best for our children.

Our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) held their first meeting at the church on Wednesday. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and thoughtful ideas from Sarah, Elsie, Molly & Kyra suggesting creative ways to tackle illegal parking around our school. The police welcomed their idea of designing posters to educate adults about road safety. This is a wonderful example of our children taking responsibility and helping to keep our school community safe. We look forward to seeing their ideas develop.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PTA for hosting their first meeting of the term yesterday and for the time, energy and enthusiasm they are already investing in our school community. It was lovely to see Mrs Sidley and Mrs James sharing exciting new ideas and discussing how we can make this our best fundraising year yet. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication and generosity of everyone involved. The support of our PTA makes such a difference to the opportunities and experiences we can provide for our children, and we look forward to all that we can achieve together.

As we head into the half-term break, we would like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable holiday. We also want to extend our sincere thanks to all our staff for their hard work, commitment and dedication throughout the term. Their continued efforts make such a difference to the children and our school community.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term! Wishing all our families a wonderful and restful half term.

Learning Challenge Reminder

With the autumn weather becoming a little wetter, half term can be the perfect opportunity to spend some cosy time together completing our Kindness Learning Challenges. Whether it's making a thank-you card, creating a kindness tree, collecting autumn treasures, or carrying out small acts of kindness in the community, there are lots of fun activities to enjoy.

If your child has missed any of the challenges so far, this is a great chance to catch up. For those who are keen to get started, you could even get ahead and try some of the upcoming challenges too, such as making a gift from natural materials, creating a bird feeder, or learning about how we can help wildlife during winter.



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We love seeing the children's efforts, so please remember to upload photos to Dojo or send their creations into school. Every act of kindness, big or small, helps to make a positive difference to others and supports our school values of Kindness, Respect and Honesty.

School Council Applications – see poster below

Thank you to all the children who have already submitted their applications. We are delighted to see so much enthusiasm and excitement for this opportunity.

A gentle reminder that applications close on 2nd November. If you're looking for a rainy-day activity over the half-term break, why not encourage your child to complete an application? This is a fantastic opportunity for children to share their ideas, represent their classmates, and play an active role in helping to make our school an even better place. We encourage all interested children to have a go. We can't wait to hear their wonderful ideas.

Children can apply in lots of creative and age-appropriate ways, such as:

- Drawing a picture of themselves helping others in school.
- Creating a poster showing why they would make a good School Councillor.
- Writing a simple sentence about why they would like the role.
- Making a list of ideas they would like to improve in school.
- Recording a short video message and sending to Mrs Barron.
- Creating a speech bubble with their ideas and goals.
- Drawing and labelling the qualities they have, such as being kind, helpful, a good listener, or a team player.
- Making a collage that represents what they would bring to the School Council.

Knowledge Organisers

The knowledge organisers for this half term's topics across the school are now available on our website. We encourage you to discuss the content with your child at home, as this will help reinforce their learning and support their understanding of the topics being covered in school.

EYFS – Festivals

Yr 1 – Marvellous Me

Yr 2 – Arctic Adventure

<https://www.carrington-inf.bucks.sch.uk/topic/children>

PTA Christmas cards

The proofs for the cards that your children have designed were sent home in book bags this week. Each card will show you the proof of your child's design and contains instructions for viewing, approving and ordering the cards online. Go to shop.classfundraising.co.uk/unlock and enter the codes from the card, confirming your child's name and class as on the proof. This will be how it appears on the final card so please make any necessary amends at this step.

NOTE: the ordering deadline for our school is **12 noon on MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER**. After this time the online shop will be closed and no further orders will be accepted.

Accessibility Strategy Consultation for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

The Council are keen to hear from parents on the key things you think should be included in this strategy. Complete the consultation **by 15 November**:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/schools/accessibility-strategy-2027-2032>



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Accessibility Strategy Consultation

We are reviewing our Accessibility Strategy for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and would like to hear your views.

The Accessibility Strategy outlines how we will work together to increase access to the curriculum, physical environment, information, enrichment, extended provision and wider school life.

Search 'accessibility strategy 2027-2032' on yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com or scan the QR code to share your views.

Questions: educationconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

☎ 01296 383225

Consultation closes on 15 November 2026



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Half Term Activities

We have been receiving information and flyers from companies running activities and camps during the half term holidays. Please take a look at our website under the 'parents' pages for lots of ideas for keeping the children entertained during the break. <https://www.carrington-inf.bucks.sch.uk/local-clubs-courses-inc-holiday-clubs>

Dates for the diary

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct – HALF TERM

Weds 4th Nov – Superheroes workshop in school, all years

Mon 16th Nov – last forest school club

Weds 25th Nov – last tennis club

Thurs 26th Nov – last choir

Mon 30th Nov – last gymnastics club

Thurs 3rd Dec – last Create (art) club

Fri 4th Dec – last dance club

Weds 9th Dec – last football club

Mon 7th & Tues 8th Dec at 10am - EYFS nativity

Weds 9th Dec from 1.30pm - EYFS stay & play and Christmas crafts

Tues 15th Dec 1pm – RockSteady concert to parents

Fri 18th Dec – panto in school for all years

Fri 18th Dec – 1pm school finish for holidays



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Community events - <https://www.carrington-inf.bucks.sch.uk/local-clubs-courses-inc-holiday-clubs> for flyers and more information on the below events

Sun 11th Oct – Sun 1st Nov – Pumpkin hunt trail at Wycombe museum

Mon 19th – Thurs 29th Oct – Premier Education Half-Term Holiday Camp at The Downley School

Weds 28th Oct - Halloween event at Adams Park with pumpkin carving, arts & crafts, apple bobbing and screening of Scooby-Doo

Sun 25th Tues 27th & Weds 28th Oct – Half term activities at Wycombe museum

Mon 26th – Weds 28th Oct – AJD football half term camp at Cressex football centre

Weds 28th – Fri 30th Oct – Treasure Island holiday club at Christ Church

Sat 7th Nov from 5.30pm – Flackwell fireworks extravaganza

Tues 17th Nov – Childhood anxiety (primary) free webinar

Awards

The following children have received awards in school this week. They will be bringing home certificates with the details of their achievements.

Class	Values award - Kindness	Hard-to-get-into book
Group 1	Rogue	Bethany
Group 2	Maisie	Arely
Oak	Mirha	Lanai
Sycamore	Evie I	Layla
Birch	Lara	Ellie
Chestnut	Charlie	
ARP Unit	Tymon	

Kind regards

Mrs A Barron and Mrs K Buckley

Co-Heads of School



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School Council We Need YOU!

Do you want to make a difference at our infant school? Join the School Council!

What is the School Council?

The School Council is a group of children who work together to:

- ★ Share the ideas and thoughts of other children
- ★ Help make our school an even better place
- ★ Look at what's working well and what could be improved
- ★ Take part in exciting projects and special events

Who can apply?

We are looking for friendly, kind and enthusiastic children from across our infant school (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2).

Skills you might have:

- A good listener
- Happy to share your ideas
- Kind and respectful
- Willing to help others

How can you apply?



Tell your teacher why you would make a great School Councillor and what ideas you have to improve our school.

Remember...

You don't have to be the loudest person to be a great leader!

Your voice matters!



Your ideas count!



Apply by Monday 2nd November
to Mrs Barron & Mrs Buckley



Together we can make our school amazing!

