Carrington Infant School

Carrington Schools Federation

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Dear Families

Welcome back everyone. We hope you all had a lovely, restful half term and enjoyed some special time together. It has been lovely to welcome the children back, and we are already looking forward to a busy and exciting half term ahead.

The children have made a fantastic start to the week and thoroughly enjoyed a special Perform workshop with a superhero theme. There was lots of enthusiasm, imagination and confidence on display, and the children had a wonderful time taking part.

We have extended the deadline for School Councillor applications until Monday 9th, giving children a little extra time to put themselves forward for this exciting opportunity. We are looking forward to reading their applications and seeing who is keen to represent their class and make a positive difference to our school.

Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating Kindness Day on Friday 13th. Kindness is something we love to encourage and celebrate every day, and we are excited to make this occasion extra special. We will have a kindness tree in every classroom and would love the children to bring in a little message to hang on their class tree. The message could share an example of how they have shown kindness at home; perhaps helping someone, sharing with a sibling or doing something thoughtful for a family member. No act of kindness is too small, and we can't wait to see our trees filled with lovely messages.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

OPAL Parent Play Leader

As part of our OPAL Play journey, we are looking for a Parent Leader to help support and champion the initiative within our school community. This role is a fantastic opportunity for a parent to work alongside staff, encourage other families to get involved, share information and help promote the many benefits of OPAL Play. Having a parent representative will help us strengthen the partnership between home and school, raise awareness and ensure that parents have a voice in our journey towards creating exciting, creative and enriching play opportunities for all children.

The role would involve a commitment to attending three meetings during the academic year, as well as sharing ideas and helping to promote OPAL Play within our parent community.
You don't need any previous experience or specialist knowledge – just enthusiasm, a positive attitude and a willingness to get involved!

To find out more about OPAL Play and the benefits it brings to children, visit the official OPAL website.

Home Learning Challenge

Collect conkers, leaves or acorns during an autumn walk and use them to create a thoughtful gift for someone special. Children could make a picture, decoration, bookmark, nature frame or another creative masterpiece using their natural treasures. As World Kindness Day is being marked on Friday 13th November, children may wish to create their gift for a teacher, teaching assistant, family member or friend as a simple act of kindness. This challenge encourages

creativity, develops fine motor skills, and helps children reflect on how small, thoughtful gestures can brighten someone's day.

Safety stars
As we are now approaching darker mornings and evenings your child has been given a reflective safety star at school this week to attach to their school bag or coat to help them be seen.

EYFS Class Names – Beech (group 1) & Hazel (group 2)
We are delighted with how well our EYFS children have settled into school this term. They have embraced new routines, formed lovely friendships and approached their learning with enthusiasm and confidence. We are very pleased to officially announce that Group 1 will be Beech Class and Group 2 will be Hazel Class. The children have already made a wonderful start to their school journey, and we look forward to seeing them continue to grow and thrive throughout the year.

Children in Need
Next week we will be supporting BBC Children in Need. On Friday 13th, children are invited to come to school wearing spots or spotty clothing and bring a £1 donation to support this fantastic charity. Every pound raised helps make a difference to the lives of children and young people across the UK. We look forward to seeing lots of spotty outfits and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Discount available for Perform Workshops
We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Wednesday. To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Superheroes*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click here to download it free.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering **a special introductory discount** to all parents of Carrington Infant School if they come along for a free trial session before Thursday 24th December. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **CISV241226** or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.

Here are some of the nearest Perform classes to the school:

Perform Beaconsfield **Fridays at 4pm**	St Michael's Church Hall Grenfell Road, HP9 2BN
Perform Marlow **Mondays at 4pm**	All Saints Church Hall The Causeway, SL7 2AA

Wycombe High School's 125th anniversary event
For the first time in seven years, the WHS Frost Fair is back and promises to be a wonderful opportunity for families, friends and members of the local community to come together. The fair will feature an exciting range of local market stalls offering gifts, fragranced items, jewellery, clothing, books, artwork, homeware, handmade crafts, cakes, cookies, chocolates and much more. Visitors will also be able to enjoy a variety of refreshments, including hot and cold drinks,

snacks and tasty food stalls. Throughout the day, live music performed by students will help create a truly festive atmosphere.

Tickets for the event are free and can be booked in advance via Eventbrite, which helps us manage numbers and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all visitors. Booking details can be accessed via the Eventbrite link https://whsfrostfair.eventbrite.com/

Autumn 2 - P.E. and Forest School Days
This change is for years 1 and 2 only this half term and the new schedule is below.
P.E.
Sycamore – Tues pm AND Weds am
Oak – Thurs pm AND Fri am
Birch – Fri pm AND Thurs am
Chestnut – Weds pm AND Tues am

Forest school
Sycamore – not this half term
Oak – Tues pm
Birch – Weds pm
Chestnut – not this half term

Dates for the diary
Fri 13th Nov – Children in Need – wear something spotty
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

Community events - https://www.carrington-inf.bucks.sch.uk/local-clubs-courses-inc-holiday-clubs for flyers and more information on the below events
Sat 7th Nov from 5.30pm – Flackwell fireworks extravaganza
Tues 17th Nov – Childhood anxiety (primary) free webinar
Sun 22nd Nov – Aylesbury Christmas on the Cobbles event
Sat 28th Nov – Wycombe High School Frost Fair 10.30am-2pm

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
Beech	Ambi	Cassie
Hazel	Bella	Maisie
Oak	Harley	Billy
Sycamore	Theo	
Birch	Maisie	Reuben
Chestnut	Luna H	Harry
ARP Unit	Jacob	

Kind regards
Mrs A Barron and Mrs K Buckley
Co-Heads of School