Carrington Infant School

Carrington Schools Federation

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Dear Families

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA and staff team for providing such a fantastic school disco yesterday. It was a delight to see our younger and older children dancing, laughing and enjoying the disco together. Events like this help to strengthen our school community and create special memories for all involved. We are extremely grateful to everyone who helped organise and support the event.

We are also pleased to share that both the School Council and Junior Road Safety Officers have their first meetings planned for Friday 27th. These groups play an important role in giving pupils a voice and helping to shape school life. We look forward to updating you on the exciting ideas, projects and plans that they will be developing throughout the year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Home Learning Challenge – Autumn Leaf Collage

As part of our learning challenge this week, we would like children to create an autumn leaf collage using leaves collected during a family walk or time spent outdoors. Children can arrange their leaves to create a picture, pattern or autumn scene, using a variety of shapes, sizes and colours. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the signs of autumn, develop creativity and spend time together enjoying the outdoors. We look forward to seeing the children's beautiful creations and celebrating their unique ideas in school.

Christmas Card Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the Christmas card competition, we had so many beautiful entries to choose from.

Our 5 lucky winners whose deigns will be used for the school's Christmas cards are Ricardo (Beech), Olek (Oak), Sienna C (Sycamore), Frankie (Sycamore) and Molly (Chestnut). The overall winning designer who will have the very special opportunity of switching on the Flackwell Heath lights is….. Frankie. Congratulations!!

PTA Tombola Bags

Your children will be coming home TODAY with white paper bags to be decorated and filled with small treats, gift or toy items to be used at the PTA tombola stall at Christmas on the Heath. Instructions and raffle tickets are included with the bags. Please drop the decorated and filled bags to the Office **week commencing Monday 23rd November.** If you did not receive this or need any extra bags or raffle tickets please come to the Office. Please bring completed raffle ticket stubs, money and any unsold raffle tickets to the Office by **Friday 27th November**.

Christmas Planning

The key dates for the diary are listed below as usual, however earlier this week a longer email was sent with more detail on the many activities going on for Christmas at school over the next few weeks. In case you missed it, it's copied again at the end of this newsletter.

Transforming Autism Parent Workshop
Families may be interested in a local workshop, **"Making Festivals Fun for Everyone",** led by Julia Beech, an Occupational Therapist from Transforming Autism on Wednesday 9th December 9.00am-12.00pm at Christ Church. The session will offer practical ideas and strategies to help make Christmas and other festivals less overwhelming and more enjoyable for autistic children, including managing sensory overload, navigating school holidays, using social stories, and exploring simple festive activities. To register or find out more, please contact julia.beech@transformingautism.org.

Complete Sports Camp is Back This Christmas at Carrington School!
Complete Sports will be running their action-packed holiday camp at Carrington School this Christmas! Drop your children off with trusted childcare and sports professionals and go off to get your Christmas shopping done - knowing the kids are safe, active, and having the time of their lives!
Winter Sports & High-Energy Action
We'll be playing all your children's favourites with a fun winter twist! Expect indoor foam snowball fights, Nerf wars, dodgeball, football, hockey, tennis, dance, cheerleading, gymnastics, ultimate frisbee, foam fencing, archery competitions, relay races, Mini Olympics, and so much more!
Special Festive Crafts to Take Home
Each day brings exciting hands-on festive creations to take home and enjoy with the family - including Christmas snow globes, tree ornaments & baubles, festive wreaths, beaded snowflakes, 3D cotton-wool igloos, painted wooden stockings & candles, and festive biscuit decorating! Plus, children can enjoy our daily Creative Zone, Christmas Bingo, and "How to Draw" workshops.
Early Bird Discounts & Mega Savings

- 10% Early Bird Discount: Book before Sunday 13th December to automatically get 10% off!
- Ofsted Registered: We accept Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare.

BOOK YOUR PAID SPACES HERE!!
For more information, visit www.completesports.co.uk or contact the Complete Sports team directly at sapphire1@completesports.co.uk.

Dates for the diary
w/c 23rd Nov – PTA tombola bags to be decorated, filled and returned to school
Weds 25th Nov – last tennis club
Mon 30th Nov – last gymnastics club
Tues 1st Dec – ARP unit stay & play 1.15-1.45pm for parents, sign up required, see email for link
Tues 1st Dec from 1.30pm - EYFS stay & play and Christmas crafts, sign up required, see email for link
Thurs 3rd Dec – last Create (art) club
Fri 4th Dec – last dance club
Fri 4th Dec – PTA cake sale & secondhand jumper sale after school
Mon 7th Dec – EYFS nativity 10am, sign up required, see email for link
Tues 8th Dec – EYFS nativity 10am, sign up required, see email for link
Weds 9th Dec – last football club
Weds 9th Dec – school Christmas lunch – order on Gateway, menu attached (not non-uniform)
Thurs 10th Dec – Save the Children Christmas jumper day for donation (not non-uniform)
Thurs 10th Dec – last choir

Fri 11th Dec – Choir event at Cliveden, please complete the form sent by email
Fri 11th Dec – Lost property, please check out the tables outside school at pick up for any lost items
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 21st Nov - Bourne End Junior Sports Club Have a Go Day, 2-5pm
Sun 22nd Nov – Aylesbury Christmas on the Cobbles event
Sat 28th Nov – Christmas on the Heath 3-6pm, choir perming at 3.15pm in the community centre
Sat 28th Nov – Wycombe High School Frost Fair 10.30am-2pm
Sat 5th Dec – Flackwell Scouts pantomime Aladdin – booking link - https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/1st-flackwell-heath-scouts/aladdin-1st-flackwell-heath-scouts
7th, 10th, 12th, 14th 17th and 19th Dec – Gymnastics drop & shop in Denham or Seer Green
Weds 9th Dec 9am – midday – Making festivals fun learning session for parents/carers of autistic children, sign up required
Mon 21st – Weds 23rd Dec – 9.30am-3.00pm – Little Elves Christmas Crafts by Calm Little Minds
Mon 21st – Weds 23rd Dec – 8.30am-3.30pm – Sports and arts & crafts Christmas Camp by Complete Sports
Tues 29th & Weds 30th Dec – 8.30am-3.30pm – Sports and arts & crafts Christmas Camp by Complete Sports

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	Logan	Lily G
Hazel	Max	Rio
Oak	Sebastian	Olek
Sycamore	Zain & Milo	
Birch	Layton	Freya
Chestnut	Molly	Luna H
ARP Unit	Ethan	

FHRA Christmas on the Heath
The Flackwell Heath Residents' Association are holding their Christmas event on **Saturday 28th November from 3-6pm.** There will be street food and a Christmas market, as well as carols and live music and a visit from Santa of course. The event will include the annual switching on of the village Christmas tree lights, which will be carried out by a representative of all the local schools including the Infants. This year our representative will be the overall winner of the school Christmas card competition. Our school choir will also be performing at 3.15pm (performers please arrive at 3.00pm latest), so please support the event if you can.

ARP Unit Christmas Stay & Play
On **Tuesday 1st December** in the afternoon there will be a stay & play Christmas session for the families of everyone in the ARP unit. A parent is invited to join their children for a fun activity session at school from 1.15-1.45pm. An invitation and sign up form has been sent, please complete the form to advise of your attendance before Friday 27th November.

EYFS Christmas Craft Session
On **Tuesday 1st December** in the afternoon there will be a stay & play Christmas session for Beech and Hazel classes. Only one parent or family member per child is able to attend due to limited space. Please see the individual emails sent for your time slot and complete the form here to advise of your attendance before Friday 27th November.

Christmas Cards
This year, rather than children writing individual Christmas cards for every member of their class, we are inviting them to write one card to their class if they would like to take part. Children are also welcome to write a card for each class across the school if they wish. The card/s can be put in the Christmas postboxes as usual.

This approach still allows children to share Christmas cheer and enjoy writing for a real purpose, while also being a more environmentally friendly option. We hope this will help us celebrate the festive season together in a thoughtful and sustainable way.
The postboxes will be available from **Wednesday 2nd to Wednesday 16th December**. Please use the box in the office for EYFS cards and children can post KS1 cards in the postbox in the library.

PTA Cake and Secondhand Christmas Jumper Sale
On **Friday 4th December** after school the PTA will be holding a cake and pre-loved Christmas jumper sale at the top of the drive. Please drop any jumpers that your children have outgrown to the Office **week commencing Monday 30th November.** This is your opportunity to grab a bargain in preparation for Save the Children Christmas jumper day.

Early Years Nativity
Beech and Hazel classes will be showing their nativity to parents on **Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December at 10am.** Please sign up to attend one of these performances on the online form here by Thursday 3rd December. At the end of the performance we will be doing a charity collection in case you would like to bring any small change.

Christmas Lunch
A hot Christmas lunch will be available for all children on **Wednesday 9th December.** The meal is served to the children by staff who then join with the children to eat, so it's a lovely experience. Please use the normal booking system on School Gateway to sign your child up for this (please check your booking for this day if you've already pre-ordered as it may need to be updated).

Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th December is Christmas Jumper Day and we would like to encourage all children to wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform on this day in aid of Save the Children. Parents are asked to bring any monetary donation to support this charity, all will be gratefully received and all monies donated will be given to Save the Children by the school.

Carrington Choir at Cliveden
If your child is part of the school choir please ensure you have completed the online form sent by email to give them permission to attend the event at Cliveden on the afternoon of **Friday 11th December.** We will also ask you to confirm on the form who will be collecting your child from school and from Cliveden.

Lost property
On **Friday 11th December** staff will be placing all the lost property we have found around the school on a table at the pick up gates. Please come to look for any items that may have gone missing during the term. On **Wednesday 16th December** the tables will be out again in the morning and at the end of the day for you to help yourself to any items still unclaimed at this point.

RockSteady Performance
If your child takes part in the RockSteady music classes they will be doing their performance in school on **Tuesday 15th December** at approx. 1.00pm. You will be receiving an invitation to this show directly from RockSteady.

Wycombe Swan Pantomime
If you bought the discounted tickets from the PTA for the pantomime this year, the performance is on **Wednesday 16th December** at 7pm. If you have not yet received your ticket please check with the school office or speak to a member of the PTA committee**.**

School Pantomime
The Market Theatre Company have been invited back for their ever popular **pantomime** in school on the morning of **Friday 18th December** for all the children to enjoy. There is no cost linked to this for parents.

Last Day of Term
Friday 18th December is the last day of term and it will be a half day.
All years will be **finishing at 1pm** on this day after lunch.

2027
Term starts again for all children on **Monday 4th January 2027.**

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