



Academy News

6th September 2019

Hello! Welcome to the Autumn Term! It is hard to believe we have started the first term of the school year 2019-2020. Those of you whose children have started Reception this week, I hope that they have enjoyed their first few days. Be prepared for them to be very tired! I think that can probably be said for the older children and staff too.

Each class will have had a newsletter of their own come home on the first day of term. They will also be available on the class page of the website. PE days will be noted, as well as homework days and class collective worship.

Badger Class will be open to parents every Friday afternoon from 2:30pm for you to come and see your child's work, play and find out more about their topic.

We were thrilled to receive a 'Good' outcome from our SIAMS inspection in July. This is a Church Inspection, reflecting on the Vision, Values, behaviours and well-being of all involved with Carbrooke Primary. A copy of the final report is being sent home with this newsletter. Many thanks to all who have supported the positive changes seen in the school over the last few years—it makes a significant difference to us all. Keep up the good work!

Residential

We offer a residential trip each year to children in Key Stage 2. For the last few years we have taken Years 4, 5 & 6

because of lower pupil numbers. However, this year we are limited to a number of spaces. We are offering the opportunity to all children in Year 5 & 6, with spaces being offered to Year 4 if there are some remaining.

The dates for the residential are Wednesday 20th-Friday 22nd November. This will be our third visit to Thorpe Woodlands, just outside Thetford. Next year, we have booked an alternate provider (Norfolk Lakes). The cost of the visit is highly subsidised for everyone, through fundraising. **The charge to parents is £100.** A £25 deposit will be required to hold your place with the remaining £75 to pay by Friday 15th November. Please pay your deposit in the office by Friday 20th September. Year 4 parents can register their name in case there are spaces. It is an amazing experience and is highly recommended. A payment plan can be set up for you to pay a small amount each week if this helps.

Our values this half term are:



Headlice...
Once a week
Take a peek



Our school meal providers, Chartwells have increased the cost of each meal to £2.30. We are continually monitoring the provision to ensure quality and quantity.



Children in school receive a gold team point counter worth 5 points when they are on gold 4 or 5 times from Friday to Thursday. Reception children will receive a small prize. The children in Years 1-6 will receive a sticker on a collection card so they can qualify for the end of term activities.

Watton Carnival

We welcome pupils and their families to join us in the procession for the Watton Carnival on Sunday 15th September. The procession starts at 1pm, so we will gather at the Willow House at 12:20. The theme this year is Colour. Please come along and join us, to represent our school. Team points awarded for taking part.

As you may know, we have had a very busy summer at school—replacement heaters in 3 classrooms, new playground markings and a new room added in a space at the rear of the school. The new room has been made into a reading room, including the library. The former library room is used for nurture, interventions and group work. We are very grateful to those who have worked really hard over the summer to get these works completed. A particular big thank you to Mrs Dawn Brand for her cleaning. It hasn't been easy with continual workmen in!

Pre-school update

We had hoped to have our application for the pre-school to be processed over the Summer break, but it will take place in mid September. With this in mind, the Committee will continue to run the pre-school until October. We welcome Georgia Schofield to the staff team.

Happy Birthday to:

Troy (6) Landon (6) Christina (9)
Mrs Schofield (??)





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A warm welcome to all the new children and families who have started with us this week. There are a few things that are unique to our school, and we sometimes forget that some people may not know the systems. If in any doubt, please ask any member of the school staff team, another parent or on the school Facebook Page. If you are not already on it please search for 'Carbrooke Primary' and send a friend request.

This newsletter is sent out fortnightly on a Friday, and will also be posted on the School Website. Class newsletters are sent out every term, usually on the first day. If you think you have missed a letter then ask Mrs Marham or Mrs Schofield in the office.

We will be moving over to electronic payments and text/email for information sharing. Please check the contact details we have for you, and be sure to update them if you change your number or email address.

Finally, we ask that children with long hair have it tied up, that every child has their name in their clothing and that PE kits are in school every day. Each child has a peg so their bag can stay there from Monday—Friday and washed at the weekend. Swimming will always be on a Tuesday morning.

We try to make sure that information is passed onto you in many ways. Social media, the noticeboard, the whiteboard, newsletters, Facebook and letters in book bags. If you can be pro-active and check these places regularly no one should miss anything.

Friday morning Collective Worship is our celebration of the week and parents/family of those receiving special well done are notified on Thursday after school—either by text or a note in the book bag. If your child is receiving this award you can join us for the celebration, starting at 8:55am in the school hall.

Please note we do not allow the use of mobile phones within school, or at school events. If you are visiting please turn your phone to silent. If you need to text or make a call, please move to the front of school and ask to be buzzed outside. Photographs are prohibited within the school grounds and at school events due to child protection reasons. While this can be frustrating, we do give you opportunities to take pictures following an event. Please respect this request as you will be challenged by members of staff.

Dates for the school year have been updated on the school calendar on the website. Search for Carbrooke School.

Dates for your diary:

- 09/09 Gym & Climbing for Yr 5 & 6—Full Fitness
 - 10/09 Swimming starts (Yr 4/5/6 non swimmers)
 - 11/09 Church Service—Respect & Humility**
 - 11/09 Applications for High School opens
 - 15/09 Watton Carnival**
 - 18/09 Cluster Cricket
 - 26/09 Harvest Festival 9am Church**
 - 27/09 Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2pm**
 - 27/09 Applications for Reception 2020 opens
 - 02/10 Reception Open morning for 2020 places
 - 02/10 Yr 3 & 4 to Norwich Castle
 - 09/10 Cluster Tag Rugby
 - 14/10 Year 6 Height and Weight
 - 14/10 Parents Evening
 - 15/10 Parents Evening
 - 18/10 Sport Cafe**
 - 18/10 School closes for half term
 - 28/10 School opens
 - 28/10 Individual and family photographs
 - 29/10 Swimming for Yr 3 & Yr 6 non swimmers
 - 30/10 Church Service—Compassion**
 - 31/10 Military vehicles visiting Yr 5 & 6
 - 31/10 Application for High School closes
 - 05/11 School Opera Project rehearsal
 - 06/11 Reception Open afternoon for 2020 places
 - 10/11 School Opera Project rehearsal
 - 13/11 School Opera Project—Albert Hall**
 - 19/11 Education Visit Yr R Norwich Playhouse
 - 20-22/11 Residential (Yr 5 & 6)
 - 20/11 Cluster Cross Country
 - 29/11 Christmas Café 1:45pm**
 - 03/12 Reception Open evening for 2020 places
 - 10/12 Christmas Play Performance pm
 - 11/12 Christmas Play Performance am
 - 13/12 Christmas Fair 2pm**
 - 16/12 Christmas Carols at Church 6pm**
 - 18/12 Christingle Church Service 2pm**
- Items marked in **BOLD**— parents are invited to attend.