



Academy News

January 2024

Our value this half term is:

An incredible start to the new year and new term. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and motivation, as well as inquisitive and compassionate. These are all qualities that we celebrate here at school. The first two days were all around embedding our school vision, and the values we hold in our minds each and every day. We will be using the language of 'vision' and 'values' a lot more in the coming months, including in our marking and rewards so be sure to look and listen out for it.



Gold!

We have been thinking about our rewards recently and spoke to the children about the need for us to 'up our game'. Great effort is rewarded, great attitude and behaviour is rewarded, and working towards our vision is also rewarded. We have decided that team points and golds need to work together to compliment each other, so getting onto 'Gold' is more of an achievement rather than just doing the bare minimum. Although there is likely to be a few more greens, hopefully striving for Gold will become the new normal. It certainly has worked in Years 2 and 5 today—well done!

Carbrooke CARES with Friendship, Thankfulness & Perseverance.

Creative, Achieve, Respect, Enthusiasm, Spiritual

This links to the bible text known as 'The fruit of the spirit', from Galatians Chapter 5 vs 22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Have you considered spending a half day each week in school? No? Well, read on!

If you have capacity to come in for just an afternoon each week you can help us hear children read.

There are many children that do not read regularly at home, and we like to hear them at school as many times per week as we can. With large classes it isn't always possible for the school staff to listen to them all individually. We know that children thoroughly enjoy reading to visitors, and that they enjoy the conversation around the book.

If reading isn't for you then there are always other jobs that need doing—why not ask at the office how to go about volunteering?



Have you met Pete? Pete is our punctuality penguin.

Pete greets children at school when they arrive on time. As a reminder, this is between 8:35 and 8:45am.

He loves getting high fives and his assistants give out penguin stickers. He also does a funny little jump in celebration of the children being punctual.

What are we learning?

Each year group had it's own topic each half term, and we share these with parents and families through the school website and through Google Classroom. We also share the topic and books on the newsletter.

Nursery: Topic is Wonderful Weather, texts are We're going on a bear hunt, Polar Bear Polar Bear, Rosie's hat

Reception: Topic is Space, texts are Goodnight Moon, Whatever Next

Year 1: Topic is Toys, texts are Dogger, Knuffle Bunny, Gorilla

Year 2: Topic is Our World, texts are Lost and Found, Meerkat Mail

Year 3: Topic is Shang Dynasty, text is The Firework Maker's Daughter

Year 4: Topic is Mayans, text is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Year 5: Topic is New York New York, text is The Good Thieves

Year 6: Topic is Victorians and the Railways, text is Street Child



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Parental and Pupil Surveys

Before Christmas we asked parents and pupils to complete a short questionnaire about our school.

In the parent survey we asked the 14 'Parentview' questions and the majority of these were incredibly positive across all questions. The lowest response was about clubs and activities. I wanted to remind you that the children do get offered a club to attend every lunchtime. These vary from Computers, story, colouring, board games, trim trail, sports and construction. We also offer additional experiences within school—such as the 3 this week. Please do ask your child what they have been up to.

Friends of Carbrooke Primary School

Although it has taken a lot of time for the paperwork to come through we are now up and running with fundraising! The account has our donations in it already, as well as grants that we have received—from Carbrooke Parish Council, Tesco's and Rix petroleum, as well as the lovely ladies who fund raised from the community hub. Presently the Parish Council and the hub money is being allocated towards our forest school provision. The school council have talked about what else the children would like to access with these monies. Suggestions have been mostly around off site visits. Watch this space.

Dates for your diary:

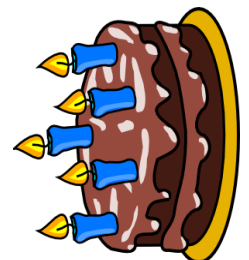
- 29/01 Hinduism Day
- 30/01 Year 1 Collective Worship**
- 31/01 God's Planet day
- 02/02 Space Planetarium to visit school
- 13/02 Year 5 Collective Worship**
- 14/02 Animation Nation for Years 3 & 4
- 19—23/02 school closed for half term
- 26/02 School opens for Spring 2 Term
- 26/02 New value—Wisdom
- 28/02 Visitors in for Year 2
- 04/03 Parents Evening (3:30-7pm) Years R-6**
- 04/03 Year 4 bake sale**
- 05/03 Year 4 Collective Worship**
- 05/03 Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew
- 06/03 Nursery Parents Cafe**
- 06/03 Parents Evening (3:30-5:30pm) Years R-5**
- 07/03 World Book Day
- 11/03 British Science Week
- 12/03 Year 2 Collective Worship**
- 13 & 14/03 Nursery Parents evening
- 15/03 Red Nose Day
- 18/03 Reception Vision & Hearing checks
- 19/03 Year 3 Collective Worship**
- 25/03 Easter Cafes 2pm Year R-6
- 27/03 Term ends

Anything in a bold font means that parents/family are welcome to join in.

Birthdays in January

Happy Birthday!

Teddy	9
Annabelle	5
Freya	8
Llewella	9
Grace	9
Joseph	8
George	10
Millie	12
Reggie	7
Corban	11
Mila	9
Arthur	6
Harry	4
Poppy	7
Harry	9
Edward	9
Arabella	3
Jack	5



Birthdays in December

Happy Birthday!

Leina	10
Kaila	11
Alina-Mae	5
Alex	5
Layton	10
Tamar	4
Isobel	5
Aaron	5
Mason	10
Joshua	8
Ella	9
Lacey	6
Olivia	8
Annabel	7
Ava	3
Louie	9
Emily	11
Thomas	8
Henry	10
Beulah	10
Erin	11
Thomas	11
Hetty	9
Ethan	8
James	5