

Academy News

November 2023

Wow! What an amazing start to the school year, and time is literally zooming by. Apologies for the slight delay to the end of October newsletter—we wanted to get all our 'Christmas' dates together so you had lots of time to consider what and when you can join in with us. I don't like using the 'Chr' word in November; since bonfire night is over it seems the retail world ramp up to full-on festive mode. The youngest children in the school are already learning some songs for their nativity plays.

School is always a really busy place and we try to restrict our activities 'off timetable' to the final week of term, or the children can miss a large number of teaching days. Please check out the calendar dates on the reverse to see what we have planned for December, but also the notes explaining some of our activities that you may not fully understand if you haven't been at Carbrooke for a December before.

Milk Bottles: What's it all about?

Reception Class have been requesting used (but clean) 4 pint milk bottles. This is a project that has become a labour of love by the staff. The idea is to glue them together to make an igloo for a reading/writing/play area for the children. It is starting to curve in now, which I am told is the tricky bit! It doesn't fit out of the classroom door, so the recycling of it afterwards could be fun!



Our value this half term is:



Parking

Please park considerably and safely outside school. After school particularly so, as the children are actively leaving site. We also have concerns raised about parking on the corner and near the bus stop (Broadmoor Road).

Photographs

The individual and family photographs have now been returned for parents/families to see. If you haven't received yours please confirm with the office (and check that they were in school on 30/10/23).

From what we have seen they are really lovely and most have captured serene-looking images of your children. Hoping that they aren't too expensive to purchase as they do make lovely gifts for family members at Christmas.

Christmas crafts that were ordered have also arrived in school. These will be distributed directly to the children this week. Hoping everything is there, but please let the office know if you don't receive your expected order by Friday afternoon (10th).

Special Festive Event

We always endeavour to give the children the best possible experiences throughout the school year, and we think that this December won't be easily beaten. All children from Reception to Year 6 will be taken out of school on Tuesday 19th December for an event in Norwich. We are expecting to ask for a £5 donation for each child to attend. Children will need to have a packed lunch with them that day. Nursery will have their own special event in school on a different day so they won't miss out on a treat!

What are we learning?

Each year group has its 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.

Nurs: Topic is Once Upon a Time, texts are Three little pigs, Goldilocks, Ugly Duckling.

Rec: Topic is Once Upon a Time, texts are Shhh! & Giant Jam Sandwich

Year 1: Topic is English History, texts are Elmer, Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge

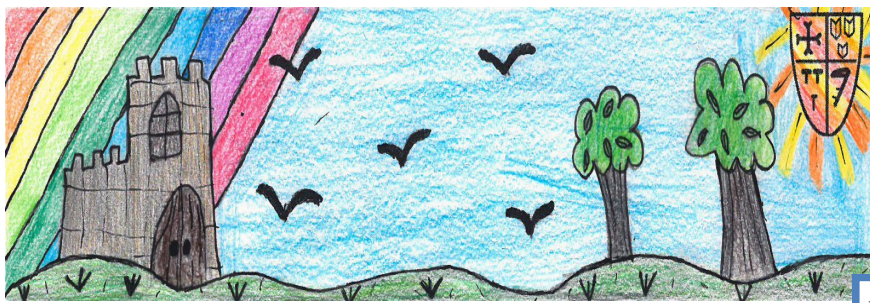
Year 2: Topic is Light & Dark & Celebrations, texts are Peace at Last, The owl who was afraid of the dark, Toby and the Great Fire of London

Year 3: Topic is Mighty Mountains, text is The Abominables

Year 4: Topic is Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, text is The Iron Man

Year 5: Topic is World War 2, text is When the sky falls

Year 6: Topic is Extreme Earth, text is Everything Volcanoes and Earthquakes



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What is D.U.A.B?

Dress Up And Bring!

In the lead up to the Christmas Fair we ask families to help us create stalls for the children to run during the afternoon. It is always a really popular event. We have a great raffle too, with quality prizes only! The Classes each have a class stall with games. We ask that children (and staff) dress up or change their appearance in a particular way, and bring something for that. On 'bottle' day it can be anything that is in a bottle—squash, ketchup, beer/wine, shampoo. Chocolate is for a tombola, so anything goes for that one (as long as it hasn't been munched first!) Cakes/ Savouries are for us to have a stall selling goodies for people to take home and enjoy. If you have something more substantial that would make a great raffle prize then that would be wonderful too.

Secret Santa

Every year we offer the children the opportunity to buy a present for members of their family from our 'shop'. A letter will be sent out for them to indicate how many presents and for who. We order these and have them wrapped. The children can select them, write a label and take them home as presents to give. We have always tried to keep the cost low, so this year each gift will be £2.50. We have a group of 'wrappers' ready and waiting—it can be as many as 500 gifts! Look out for the letter coming home.

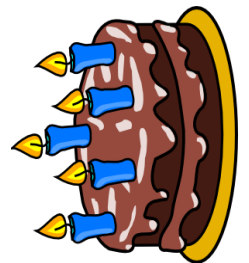
Dates for your diary:

31/10 and every Tuesday for 6 weeks Year 5 Swimming
 08/11 Year 6 weighing and measuring
10/11 Remembrance Service, led by Year 5
 13/11 Secret Santa letters sent home
 15/11 Carbrooke Reception 2024 Open Afternoon 1:15-2:15
 17/11 Flu Immunizations (Rec to Year 6)
 17/11 Children in Need
 27/11 Secret Santa returns in by today
 01/12 Christmas Decorations up —bring a dec for the tree
01/12 Christmas Cafes 2pm
 04/12 D.U.A.B. Christmas hats/socks : Chocolate
 07/12 Reception 2024 Open Evening 4pm-5pm
 08/12 Bikeability—Year 3 & 4
 08/12 D.U.A.B Christmas Hair : A bottle
11/12 pm Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity Play 1:45
12/12 am Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity Play 9:15
13/12 pm Nursery & Reception Nativity Play 1:45
14/12 am Nursery & Reception Nativity Play 9:15ish
 15/12 D.U.A.B Christmas Jumper—Cakes/Savouries
15/12 Christmas Fair 2pm
 18/12 Secret Santa gifts distributed
18/12 Year 6 Play and KS2 Carols 9am, Village Hall
18/12 Christmas Party Day & Special Visitor, party lunch
 19/12 Reception to Year 6 out—special festive event
 20/12 School Christmas Dinner
 20/12 Christingle Making & Service
 20/12 End of Autumn Term
 21/12—03/01 School Closed

Birthdays in November

Happy Birthday!

Tirzah	6
Maeve	4
Kaiden	11
Oliver	11
Cassiel	5
Akio	6
Emma	5
Roman	4
Faith	9
Charlie	9
Taylor	10
Myles	10
Oliver	4
Isla	11
Roy	5
Molly	10
Alexia	8



Birthdays in October

Happy Birthday!

Kaylum	4
Libby	9
Saffie	6
Leyla	8
Ivie	6
Leala	7
Scarlett	8
Maddy	8
Bellah	4
Emelia	9
Grace	10
Kian	6
William	11
Daisy	9
Maggie	3
Logan	3
Lewis	10
Elodie	8
Mia-Li	8
William	8
Caleb	6
Aila	10
Esmee	10
Ivy	5

