



Yet again we have enjoyed another fabulous week with lots of fun learning. I have been most impressed with the poetry in Robins. Dexter Briggs stood out in class with his enthusiasm and his creative ideas.

Our dancers performed in the Winter Garden's on Tuesday evening and yet again were wonderful. The staff and children involved have displayed such a high level of commitment throughout the process where events run well beyond the school day together with the time put into rehearsals.

We also have had a successful afternoon out with our Athletics Team from Years 5 and 6. The children competed against 8 other schools on Wednesday in races involving agility as well as speed.



They behaved wonderfully and worked very hard to excel. We didn't get a place in the top two but we were told it was close between the other schools. There will be no athletics club this Friday or on the 4<sup>th</sup> as I am attending meetings but they will run as normal for the remaining two Fridays this term. After Christmas we will commence with running club on Friday mornings.

I know I am incredibly lucky to work in a school like Carleton Green with enthusiastic and dedicated staff and keen children. I am also very grateful for the ongoing support we get from our families. Assisting with transportation to and from venues, supporting us at the actual events and helping us with costumes or props is invaluable and we are very appreciative. We are thrilled to have received our first parental feedback on the Robins Class blog. Please try and find the time to look at what your children are doing and leave us your thoughts.

Over this past week you will have received a few texts regarding our preventative measures when attempting to reduce the spread of infection. We have had more than our normal amount of sickness incidents that have spread amongst pupils and our teachers and I am sorry if your child's class has been affected with their teacher being absent because of this bug. We always endeavour to provide consistency for your child's learning and ask that our absent teachers send in their plans to school. Please help us by keeping your child off school until they have had 48 hours clear of sickness or diarrhoea.

It has been mentioned on earlier newsletters about uniform and lost property. Please take care to name your child's clothing. I am aware that despite all your best efforts some items are still waylaid. If you find your child has come home with another child's jumper we would be very grateful if you could return it to school at your

earliest convenience.



Parking is an issue for all schools but please be mindful that residents of houses nearby need access to their homes and driveways. It is also a repeat feature of our newsletters to remind you that our carpark is for the staff at this school. Last week one of our parents parked their car in the school carpark and their car was hit and damaged by an anonymous driver. We ask that you please drive carefully and park on the roadside outside the school gates.

#### Next Year's Term Dates:

I wanted to confirm our dates for next year as we are definitely running a two week October Half Term holiday next year in an attempt to assist our families in organising vacations within our designated holiday periods. We have been in the process of liaison with the authority and our neighbouring schools to confirm our dates. I wanted to start back on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 to prevent a single day week (Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July) but the authority have insisted school must begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and so I have opted for a return to school on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

#### Autumn Term 2016

Starts: **1<sup>st</sup> September 2016**

Half Term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Ends: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

#### Spring Term 2017

Starts: **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Half term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Ends: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

#### Summer Term 2017

Starts: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017

May Day - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Half Term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

Ends: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

#### Star of the Week 🏆 certificates have been awarded to:

Sadie Hill from Parrots	Freya Lee from Herons
Annabel Billington from Robins	Kitty Eliffe from Owls
Matthew Anderson from Doves	Georgia Jackson from Kestrels
Gabriel Abo-Elazm from Hawks	Mason Griffin from Falcons
Jamie Rigby from Eagles	Well done everyone!

#### News for November:

*If your child is successful in an out of school event please let the office or your class teacher know.*

#### Dates to note

*This list is forever being added to so please ensure you keep checking.*

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December ~ Christmas Disco.

Week commencing the 7<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas productions for our infants and Little Chicks.


Infant Play (Years 1 and 2 children) will be shown on:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 09:30 and 18:00

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 14:00



Our Nativity (performed by Little Chicks and our Ducklings) will be shown on:  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 09:30 and 14:00 and  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 09:30

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas Dinner in school 

Carleton Green's Christmas Candlelit Carol Service at Rossall Chapel.

*Pupil drop off at 17:00 with mince pies and a festive drink being served in the dining hall for a start of 18:00.*

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December ~ Whole school trip to see A Christmas Carol. We have had a fantastic response to this and are very excited to be going as a whole school to enjoy a show together.

Gentle Reminders ~



It is coming round to that time of year where evidence of glitter can be found everywhere! We want to hold a competition for the best design of front cover for our Carol Service. Please hand designs into classes by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The winner will be announced in our celebration assembly that day and in the newsletter.

A lot of our families live locally to our school and are able to walk to and from school. I am looking into the feasibility of setting up a walking bus. <http://www.walkingschoolbus.org/>

If you think you could support this venture please let me know by registering your interest with reception. So far only one parent has voiced an interest in this. It would be really lovely if we could get this working for us.

We have added a new feature on our website where you can notify school about your child being absent. This can be found at the top right hand corner of our full website or if using your mobile device it is the first drop down underneath the contact us link.



Once you fill in the details about your child's absence an email will be sent straight to school. However you can still simply phone us.

Earrings are not part of our school uniform so if your child is wearing earrings can they please either be removed on the days where sport is taking place or ensure your child has the facility to cover them up? This request is to purely keep your children safe.

Thank you for your ongoing support with all that takes place in and out of school.

Susan McGrath

Headteacher at Carleton Green Community School.