

Christmas is now officially on its way (gulp!). Our trees are decorated and our corridors are festooned with the wonderful artwork created by your children in their classes. We have an exciting couple of weeks remaining before we break up on the 18th at 14:30. I hope that you have all managed to get tickets to see your children in the infant classes perform in their plays. They promise to be very good although the teachers all look very anxious! Raffle Tickets will be sold on the door with winners announced at the end of each show.

Thank you for supporting the PTFA Christmas Disco and to those that helped make it so successful. Our resident DJ is fabulous and gets the children up and enjoying themselves in no time. I feel redundant at these events and it is wonderful to see the children having a fun time.

We are still encountering more than our normal amount of sickness incidents. I am sorry if your child's class has been affected this week 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.

All teachers are given time away from their classes to assist with planning and assessments. Our new teachers and those with areas of responsibility in school have additional time which equates to a full day. Your children will be familiar with the routine of another teacher delivering their learning at these times. However, at times where we are covering absence caused by illness these usual days may be changed to allow for greater consistency.

Autumn Term 2016

Starts: 1st September 2016

Half Term: Monday 24th October - Friday 4th November 2016

Ends: Thursday 22nd December 2016

Spring Term 2017

Starts: Friday 6th January 2017

Half term: Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2017

Ends: Friday 31st March 2017

Summer Term 2017

Starts: Tuesday 18th April 2017 May Day - Monday 1st May 2017

Half Term: Monday 24th May - Friday 2nd June 2017

Ends: Friday 21st July 2017

Star of the Week scertificates have been awarded to:

Noah Penistone from Parrots	Bella McIlwrath from Herons
Olivia Shaw from Robins	Ben Middleton from Owls
Natalie Michelbach from Doves	Georgia Hale from Kestrels
Summer Holroyd from Hawks	Daniel Knight from Falcons
Eoin Ball from Eagles	Well done everyone!

We are very proud to learn that Ricky Barstow secured second place in the Motorcross Club Championship 2015 News for December:

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.

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

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

Tuesday 8th December at 09:30 and 18:00

Wednesday 9th December at 14:00

Our Nativity (performed by Little Chicks and our Ducklings) will be shown on:

Thursday 10th December at 09:30 and 14:00 and

Friday 11th December at 09:30

Tuesday 15th December ~ Christmas Dinner in school

Carleton Green's Christmas Candlelit Carol Service at Rossall Chapel. Raffle tickets will be sold on the door with winners being announced during the proceedings.

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

<u>Wednesday 16th December</u> \sim 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.

Friday 18th December ~ school closes at 14:30 for the Christmas holidays.

Gentle Reminders ~

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 three parents have voiced an interest in this. It would be really lovely if we could get this working for 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.