

Newsletter - 10th September 2021

A big welcome to all of our new children and your families. They have all settled really well over the last week and are gaining in confidence each day. We look forward to seeing this continue. We are all very proud of how they have settled in, especially after such a short induction for some of them.

This is our EYFS newsletter for Little Chicks and Ducklings. This newsletter will be sent out every fortnight, usually on a Friday. It will inform you of the themes, activities and learning the children have been partaking in and those which we will be covering. There will also be suggestions as to how you can support your child's learning at home. Requests for items they/we may require, dates for your diary and lots more information.

Over the next few weeks we will continue learning about our rules, as well as routines and will hopefully be starting to put them into practise!

Our 'Golden Rules': We are kind.

We share the toys.

We tidy-up.

We walk in the classroom.

We use our manners.

So far this week, we have been making lots of new friends, learning the names of our new friends and staff, finding out where we put our belongings in our classrooms and learning all about our daily routines.

We have put some photographs our first few days in school on our blog on the school website www.carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk. Throughout the year the blog will be the place to look each week to see how the children are learning and what they are up to. Have a look each week with your child.

'We are reading!' - 'Little Chicks are story sharers' and 'Ducklings are everywhere readers' are our mottos for reading. It would be really lovely if you could send in or email photographs of your child reading for our display. So for e.g. photographs of Little Chicks sharing stories with different members of their families and Ducklings sending in photographs of them reading everywhere, for e.g. reading a street sign, a birthday card or reading a story in the garden! The more unusual, the better!

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STARS OF THE WEEK



Jett Bancroft from Brown Ducklings and Theo O'Byrne from Yellow Ducklings.



Ducklings' PE

Ducklings will have PE every Friday. Please remove all earrings before coming to school. Long hair needs to be tied back ideally **every day** and not just on PE days. Thank you.

Ducklings' Teachers

Mrs Catterall and Mrs Lees each have some time out of class each week to plan, prepare and assess. During these times Mrs Stock (who the children know) will teach the Ducklings.

Menus

A copy of the school lunch menu can be found on the school website -

<https://www.carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk/school-meals-menu> The children have been very good at listening to the different options each day to help them choose what they would like. They are showing how willing they are to try different foods too.

Reminders

Wellies and Puddle Suits- If you haven't yet sent in a pair of wellies for your child or a puddle suit, please can you do so as soon as possible? The children learn outdoors every day and in all weathers!

Names - Please make sure that all items of uniform, coats and other belongings, including shoes are named.

Our Families Wall -We would love to celebrate and share all of our families together by having a family photograph wall in our own home corner. It would be lovely if each child could bring in or email in a photo of them with their family. Many thanks!

Our Homes - As part of our 'All About Me topic' we will be looking at where we live and our homes. It would be lovely if you could send in or email a photograph of your home as the children will be talking about them and drawing/painting them.

Snack Time - Please be aware that we are a nut-free school and therefore we ask that any snacks brought in are free from nuts, including in packed lunches. We are also a healthy school

and ask that children only bring in **fruit or vegetables**. We also ask that children bring just water in their bottles. Each child receives an item of fruit provided by school each day. You know your child best and over the next few weeks will be able to decide whether or not you need to send them in with an additional snack. They probably will not need more than one snack bringing in from home each day. If sending grapes into school for snack, please make sure that they are cut in half lengthways to prevent choking.

Spare Clothes - Please can children attending Little Chicks make sure that they come with a bag that has a change of clothes in each day? Thank you.

School Milk - All Little Chicks and Ducklings (until the term that they turn 5 years old) are entitled to free school milk. The children need to be registered with Cool Milk to receive this though. <https://www.coolmilk.com/>

Picking up - The playground is very busy and crowded at home time. Please can you help your child by coming forward to collect them so that it is not so daunting for them. If you also have older children in school to collect, it is best to collect your child from Ducklings first and then collect the older ones.

Dressing up - We are in need of some traditional dressing up for our home corner. We do not need costumes but items such as hats, scarves, handbags, waistcoats, ties and old shirts. Any donations will be most welcome!

How can you help?

You can help your child learn by: spending time to talk about their day. What have they enjoyed doing? Who have they played with? Don't be surprised or worried though if they say "I don't know!" It is a natural response and we can assure you they have all been very busy!

Practise putting on and taking off your coat, especially if the sleeves are inside out and zipping or buttoning up your coats and getting dressed and undressed.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6th October - Talk about Phonics, Reading and Writing for Ducklings' Parents in the school hall - 9-9.45am.

Monday 18th October - Parents' Evenings via Zoom

Tuesday 19th October - Parents' Evenings via Zoom

Friday 22nd October - School closes for half-term at 3.30pm

Monday 8th November - School re-opens

Friday 26th November - Ducklings and Little Chicks Fairy Cake Friday. Bring in homemade or shop bought cakes to sell.