

Newsletter - 5th September 2020

A big welcome to all of our new children and their families, they have all settled really well over the last few days and are gaining in confidence each day. We look forward to seeing this continue next week. We are all very proud of how they have settled in, especially during these very strange times.

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 four 'Golden Rules': We are kind

We share the toys

We tidy-up

We walk in the classroom

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.

Over the next few days we will be putting lots of photographs of 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 photographs of Little Chicks sharing stories with 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! m.catterall@carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk or s.lees@carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk or j.stock@carleongreen.lancs.sch.uk - Many thanks.



STARS OF THE WEEK
Jacob Willis and Dylan Gray





Ducklings' PE

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

Menus

A copy of the school menu has been emailed out to you, so that you can chat with your child about the choices that are available each day. It also helps if you talk about the choices that they like and dislike. Unfortunately, we don't have the facility to choose the meals each day, but we find that talking about it, does still help them.

New Starters Photograph

On Tuesday the Gazette photographer will be coming to take class photographs of the new **Ducklings**. These will then be published in the paper over the next few weeks. Please email the class teacher if this is something that you **do not** want your child to be a part of.

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 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. More than one photo is very welcome, if needed, from both sides of the family. Many thanks!

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. 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.

Communication

As the children become more settled over the coming weeks, we ask that under the current circumstances, if you need to speak to us about any matters (big or small!) that you email or telephone us, so that we can maintain social distancing at the start and end of the day and can just focus on bringing the children into school and hand them over to you safely at the end of the day

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.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 8th September - Gazette New Starters photograph

Friday 16th October - 3.30pm school closes for pupils. Reopens Monday 2nd November.