



This has been yet another incredibly busy week. Our Year 6 parents have recently met to talk through the arrangements for SATs. Although it is important for our children to all work as hard as they can to achieve their very best, we do not want your children to feel pressured or worried about the tests. They have been taught well and when the time arrives in May they will be ready.

Our school day begins with our gates opening at 08:45. Children **need** to be in their classrooms ready to start learning at 09:00. Please ensure that this is possible by arriving at school on time. We have some families that have made considerable effort since Christmas to improve their child's attendance and already this has noticeably impacted on their child's attainment in their learning. <https://www.gov.uk> :There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement. Of pupils who miss more than 50 per cent of school only three per cent manage to achieve five or more GCSEs at grades A* to C including Maths and English. 73 per cent of pupils who have over 95 per cent attendance achieve five or more GCSEs at grades A* to C.

The Sports Page @ Carleton Green

Another busy week in PE for our children!

The year 3 children are really enjoying their throwing and catching sessions and the children in year 5 are currently learning how to Be Active and Stay Healthy. These sessions are being provided by Fleetwood town. Blue Moose academy will be here on Friday to provide dance opportunities for all children during Fun Friday and after school. The children in year 1 and year 2 are really enjoying their hand/eye co-ordination skills sessions, again provided by Fleetwood Town.

The children in Owls class have created some super sequences in gymnastics; take a look on the blog for their video.

Thank you to those children who have applied for the Rossall Biathlon which takes place on Thursday 4th February. We wish all the children taking part the best of luck. If you have entered please read the following.

* Children who are taking part to have a packed lunch and they will eat this in school before they go.

* Parents/carers to pick your child/ren up at school at 12pm. Registration will take place at 12:30pm. The events will start at 1:15pm.

A reminder of the events: * Year 4 children 600m and swim 25m. * Year 5 and 6 800m run and 50m swim.

Thank you to everyone who has already brought their photograph to me, it is lovely to see what amazing sports you take part in outside of school. It is lovely to see so many footballers and even the odd cheerleader!! I would really like to promote the variety of sport our children are involved in outside of school, so please send in a photograph of yourself participating in your favourite sport.

I know so many of you are keen horse-riders, excellent footballers, strong swimmers and many more. Let's see who does what sport outside of school. These are to be no bigger than 6 x 4 inch and to be sent to MISS HOWARTH please.

Kind Regards,

Miss Howarth PE and SSP Co-Ordinator

We were thrilled when approached by the Gazette to discuss our school developments. They were excited to hear about our vision for our school and how the possibility of extending our hall will enable us to achieve all we aspire for our children. They are coming in again today to photograph the vast range of activities we run for 'Fun Friday'. Therefore I cannot fail to be upset by the comments seen on Facebook made by parents of children from this school. We ask in our home/school agreements that as parents of children at our school, you support us and respect the hard

work we put in to best meet the needs of each individual. I totally understand that over the seven years, you will have times where you may feel aggrieved however, Facebook and other social media sites are not the best forum to vocalise your concerns or queries. Every decision that is made for our school is always made with the children as our priority. As mentioned in our newsletters way back in September we are continually striving to move our school forwards to become truly outstanding. Developments in our school curriculum and environment are designed to promote high standards whilst ensuring the children are safe, happy and enjoy school life. The trips and events that will take place throughout your child's seven years here at Carleton Green are to enhance the teaching and learning that are taking place.

We have a rolling programme planned for classrooms to be redecorated and refurbished with technology updates and along with these plans it has been our intention to refurbish and extend our heart space (school hall) to meet the needs of our growing school. We have thirty five more pupils attending school than we did just three years ago along with wanting to involve Little chicks more.

This much wished-for development for our school has been something that has been shared with all at Carleton Green in either earlier newsletters, PTFA meetings and during many family assemblies. We all will feel the benefit of this should it successfully go ahead. Occasions such as productions, celebration and class assemblies will feel less crowded. There will be storage provided for Sports equipment along with an improved sound system to support PTFA events. Areas already existing within school that will be absorbed to accommodate the new hall space will be extended onto the outside, in line with our current building line, so that not only will we gain in hall space but we will gain by having a larger learning space with disabled toilet facilities that will be used during the school day for our invaluable Nest (our Nurture Room) and can be also used for our breakfast club and afterschool club. As a community school I believe we should be able to offer the local community the use of our amazing facilities beyond our school day and the planned work will enable us to achieve this. These plans are now with the school planning team at Lancashire County Council and we are excitedly awaiting further information as to whether these plans can go ahead and when.

We also want to develop our outdoor facilities over the next few years and have had several companies come and look at our existing provision and our desired provision (wish list). Again we have to wait to hear about cost and timing implications. Each class and our school council will be involved in the developments.

Achievements in January 2016

We have another proud owner of a Blue Peter Badge! Freya Fields was awarded her Badge earlier this month after writing to the show about her passion for all they do and her interests. Well done Freya!!

Star of the Week  certificates have been awarded to:

Ruby Kaye from Parrots	Sophie Stenton from Herons
Kemi Amu from Robins	Mariella Boi from Owls
Archie Walsh from Doves	Oliver Ibbison from Kestrels
Joseph McClelland from Hawks	Ruben Perry from Falcons
Mia Dale from Eagles	Well done everyone!

Dates to note

(this list is by no means exhaustive so please keep looking for additional events and information)

Tuesday 9th February - Parrots Class assembly 15:00-15:30

Thursday 11th February - meeting for Yr 5 parents regarding Ghyll Head trip. 15:30



Friday 12th February - Monday 22nd February Half Term Holidays

Wednesday 24th-Friday 26th February - Residential Ghyll Head Trip for year 5.

Tuesday 1st March - Herons Class Assembly 15:00

Monday 7th March - Year 2 Parents meeting for 2016 SATs arrangements from 15.45

Tuesday 15th March - Robins Class Assembly 15:00

Tuesday 22nd March -Years 3 & 4 Productions 14:00 & 18:00

Thursday 24th March - Finish at 14:30 for Easter break.

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

Susan McGrath Headteacher at Carleton Green Community School.