

Carterhatch Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

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Home learning

Home learning is used to support, consolidate and extend work taking place in lessons and is differentiated by task/content, appropriate to the needs of the pupils. Homework is given out on a Thursday and should be returned on a Tuesday, for all year groups. The expectations for each year group are listed below.



Year 3	Read a book (20 minutes daily) & Multiplication practice (10 minutes daily) Written Maths (20 minutes weekly) & Spelling (weekly) English Reading/Writing task - alternated (20 minutes weekly) History/Geography/Science assignment (termly)
Year 4	Read a book (20 minutes daily) & Multiplication practice (10 minutes daily) Written Maths (20 minutes weekly) & Spelling (weekly) English Reading/Writing task - alternated (20 minutes weekly) History/Geography/Science assignment (termly)
Year 5	Read a book (20 minutes daily) & Multiplication practice (10 minutes daily) Written Maths (30 minutes weekly) & Spelling (weekly) English Reading/Writing task- alternated (30 minutes weekly) History/Geography/Science assignment (termly)
Year 6	Read a book (20 minutes daily) & Multiplication practice (10 minutes daily) Written Maths (30 minutes weekly) & Spelling (weekly) English Reading/Writing task - alternated (30 minutes weekly) History/Geography/Science assignment (termly)



Reading at home



Please continue to read regularly with your child and sign their reading record. In year 3 and 4, we ask parents to comment and sign and in 5 and 6, we ask the children to write comments about what they have read and parents to sign. There is a space at the bottom of the page for new/tricky words. Children should be keeping a running record of the books that they have read. Each child has also been given a bookmark with helpful questions that you can ask your child after they have read with you. They can also use these to help them review books.

Car safety

The law requires all children travelling in cars to use the **correct child restraint** until they are either 135cm in height or the age of 12 (which ever they reach first). After this they must use an adult seat belt. There are very few exceptions. Please refer to the following website for more information <http://www.childcarseats.org.uk>.



It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that children under the age of 14 years are restrained correctly in accordance with the law.

ESOL



ESOL classes will restart on Monday, 22nd January, 2018 at 9am **for those already registered**. If you are interested in learning English, please see Lynda at the gate or contact her on 0208 804 2101 or 07955 781 832.

IPAD club for parents/carers

We are hoping to run classes in the near future to help parents/carers gain basic computer skills. We would like to know how many of you would be interested, so please see Lynda at the gate or contact her on 0208 804 2101 extension 3 or 07955 781 832.



Regular attendance + good punctuality = good learning and progress
Lessons start at 8.50am. Children must arrive at school on time

Attendance: The top 3 classes last week were: Zephaniah - 98.5%, Rosen - 98.2%, Dickens - 98.1%

Punctuality: Every class had at least one incident of lateness

Year 6 parent/carer Maths Workshop



On Thursday 18th January 2018, 1.45 - 3pm, we will be running a workshop for parents/carers on calculation. It will be a fantastic opportunity to practise the calculation methods your child uses in school. If you would like to attend, please see Lynda at the gate or contact her on 0208 804 2101 extension 3 or 07955 781 832.

For the safety of your own children ...

Please may I remind you that children should not arrive at school before 8.30am as the playground gates will not be open. The office staff will open the gates at 8am for those attending breakfast club. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

New items are posted in red

18 January	1.45 - 3pm	Yr6 parent/carer Maths workshop
19 January	2.40pm	Class assembly - Simmonds
26 January	2.40pm	Class assembly - Fitzgerald
2 February	2.40pm	Class assembly - Zephaniah
9 February	2.40pm	Class assembly - Lennox
12-16 February		Half term - school closed
30 Mar - 13 Apr		Easter holiday - school closed
7 May		May Bank Holiday - school closed
28 May - 1 Jun		Half term - school closed
20 July		Last day of term
23 Jul - 31 Aug		Summer holiday - school closed
3 September		Start of Autumn term
22 - 26 Oct		Half term
21 December		Last day of Autumn term
24 Dec - 4 Jan		Christmas holiday - school closed

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18 - 22 Feb	Half term - school closed
8 - 22 Apr	Easter holiday - school closed
6 May	School closed - Bank Holiday
27 - 31 May	Half term - school closed
23 Jul	Last day of Summer Term

Dear Lynda ...

I am very concerned at the number of parents who drive to school without ensuring their children are wearing a seatbelt or restraint. Please could you remind parents of the danger they are placing their children in and that they are breaking the law.



Thank you for your concern. You are right, not only does it endanger the lives of the children and anyone else in the car, it can cause accidents to occur. On page 1 of this newsletter, I have detailed the law regarding children travelling in cars together with a website for more information.

Kind regards,
Lynda
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