

Carrington News: December 2023

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we can look back on a fantastic Autumn term with pride. It has been a busy term full of Christmas performances and hard work! Below is a summary of our achievements this half-term. On behalf of all the staff at Carrington, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again in January!

The new Carrington Curriculum!

Our staff continue to work incredibly hard to deliver the new school curriculum. These are the topics our children from year 1 to year 6 are learning after Christmas:

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Great Fire of London	Hot and Cold Places	Volcanoes and Mountains	Fair Trade	Deserts	Local History Study

Attendance Matters!

So far, our school attendance this academic year is 95.7% which is just short of our target of 96%. School attendance is so important in giving our children the very best chances of success and we thank you all for your commitment to promoting the importance of this with your children. See the [attendance section](#) of our website for a summary of information for families. Visit the [policies](#) section to read our attendance policy to view procedures and expectations in full.

2023-24 (Year to date)	Carrington	National
Average Attendance	95.7	94.7
Persistent Absence (less than 90%)	16%	16%

Stay and Read!

We were blown away by the fantastic turn-out of the community during our Stay and Read session. Thank you to all that attended - it is lovely to see our children sharing a love of reading with their families in school! We will be holding another Stay and Read session in the Spring term and will invite you to another workshop to give you further insights into how reading is taught here at Carrington.



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Friends of Carrington (FOC)

A huge thank you to all of the people involved in FOC. Not only were Christmas performances supported by much-appreciated tea and coffee but two brilliant events have been organised this half-term: Both the Christmas Disco and the Christmas Fair were really successful and well-supported by the community once again. The school is so lucky to be supported by the FOC. Please do contact school if you would like to get involved with future events. Thanks to Sara and the team!

Christmas Performances

There is no better way to get into the Christmas spirit than to watch such heart-warming performances from our younger children. Class 1 & 2 led the way with an excellent Christmas performance before foundation wowed us all with 'Whoopsadaisy Angel!' A massive well done to the children involved and a huge thank you to the staff who supported them. Also, a special mention goes to the girls who gave us an amazing performance of Silent Night on violins during our Christmas Tree Assembly!



Area Band

Not only were our children performing in school, but they were also impressing audiences at the Albert Hall in Nottingham with an incredible 'Christmas in the City' concert. The children involved are so committed to learning their instruments and make us very proud. A special mention should go to Mrs Tamplin for supporting the children during Area Band this year.



Christmas Carols by Class 3 & 4

Classes 3 and 4 did a wonderful job of opening the Christmas Fair with carols on the playground. Having the energy to complete the entirety '12 days of Christmas' at the end of a long term is some achievement! A huge well done to the children and teaching teams in 3 & 4.

Superstars and stars of the week

Our values continue to play an integral role in school life this year and congratulations goes to all the children who have gone above and beyond to earn a star certificate or even a purple 'Superstar' jumper this term.



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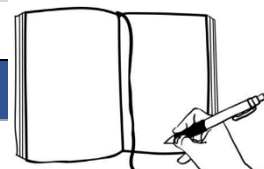
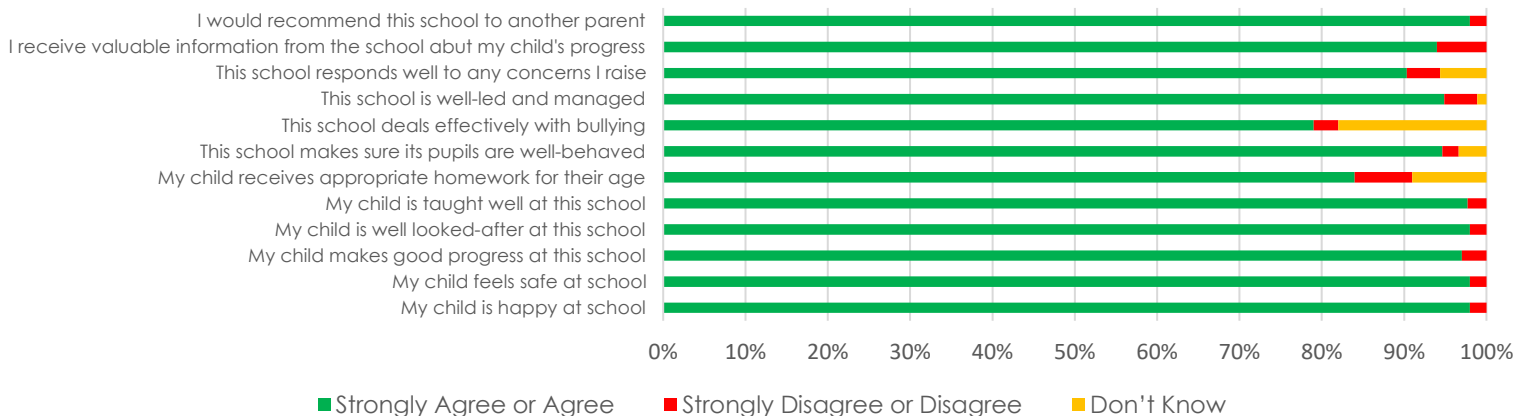
Goodbye and Good luck!

Mrs Foster is leaving Carrington this term. We wish her the best of luck as she begins a new chapter. Thanks Mrs Foster for all of your hard work and dedication during your time with us!

Parent Survey

Thank you to anyone who completed our parent survey in November. We had 89 responses. The results are really positive and we really appreciate the feedback given. For those unsure about the school's approach to bullying, the anti-bullying policy can be found on our [website](#). We will reflect on the school approach to homework and on the additional comments made.

Parents Survey November 2023



Dates for the diary!	
First day back after Christmas	Thursday 4 th January
Stay and Read	Tuesday 30 th January 8:30am
INSET Day	Friday 9 th February
Half-Term	Monday 12 th - Friday 17 th February
INSET Day	Monday 19 th February
Carrington Art Exhibition	Thursday 29 th February
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March
Rocksteady Gig!	Thursday 14 th March
Stay and Learn: Maths	Tuesday 19 th March
Last day of Spring Term	Thursday 28 th March

* More information about events will be communicated nearer to the time.