

Carrington News: October 2023

It has been a fantastic and busy start to the new school year! The children are working so hard and are already making excellent progress. Take a look below at some of the key messages and main events of the term.

The new Carrington Curriculum!

Our new curriculum is underway - all the staff have worked incredibly hard to deliver new knowledge-rich topics. These are the topics our children are learning before and after half-term from year 1 to year 6:

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Autumn 1	Where I Live	Great Britain	Oceans and Seas	Polar Regions	Incredible Animal Journeys	Coasts
Autumn 2	Toys	The Gunpowder Plot	Great Expeditions	The Ancient Greeks	The Vikings	WW2

Carrington Values

We celebrate the achievements of our children every week and those children who have demonstrated the Carrington values are awarded with a star of the week certificate!



We also award 1 or 2 children with the 'Carrington Superstar' award each week - this is for children who have really stood out as role models and show our values every day. Alongside a certificate, the children are also given a special school jumper to wear for the week. The superstar logo was designed by one of our creative year 6 children! You may have already seen children proudly wearing our new 'Carrington Superstar' jumpers!

Well done to all those children that have been awarded a star certificate or a superstar jumper - you make us all very proud.

Attendance Matters!

So far, our school attendance this academic year is 96.3% which is fantastic! 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
Attendance	96.3%	95.3%
Persistent Absence (90% or less)	12%	15%

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Phonics Meeting for Parents

A huge thank you to all of you who attended the phonics meeting for parents this half-term. Another fantastic show of commitment from our community! As always, we hugely appreciate your involvement in the children's learning.

Pupil voice

It is so important that our children have a big say in school life! Children have had the chance to apply to be a part of one of the action groups below which, as an extension of the school council, will enable more children to have their voices heard. They will attend regular meetings and lead assemblies to drive school improvement ideas that have come from the children. As soon as the council have read the applications, children will be informed if they have been successful. We are delighted that so many children are keen to get involved!



Residential

Our Y5&6 children went on a residential trip to Edale: scaling the peaks at night, weaselling, canoeing and much more. Every child was a credit to the school and showed the Carrington values throughout their trip. We couldn't be prouder of how they applied themselves. They certainly had a lot of fun too!



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Road Safety

More and more cars are being noticed driving past the planters before and after school. We appreciate the busy schedules a lot of parents and carers juggle but please avoid driving past the planters and on the school roads, particularly at the start and end of day. These times are always very busy and many of our families walk to school. The increase in cars driving, parking and turning around on these roads puts children at risk. Thank you in advance for helping us to keep everyone in the school community safe.



Wear Red Day - 20th October 2023

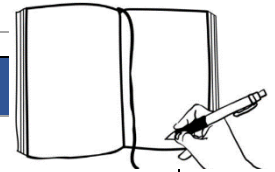
It was amazing to see Team Carrington in red today to 'show the red card to racism!' We have spent time today celebrating the fantastic diversity of our school community and reinforcing messages of unity, equality and anti-discrimination.



Water only in school

We ask that all children are only sent with water to promote habits of healthy drinking in school.

Thank you all for your support.



Dates for the diary!

First day back after half-term	Monday 6 th November
Lime Trees After-School Parent Forum	Thursday 9 th November 3:15pm and 5:30pm
Odd Socks Day! (Anti-Bullying Week)	Monday 13 th November
Parents Evening	Tuesday 14 th & Wednesday 15 th November
'Stay and Read'	Tuesday 21 st November 8:30am
Christmas Disco	Friday 1 st December
KS1 Christmas Afternoon Performance	Tuesday 12 th December 13:30
KS1 Christmas Morning Performance	Wednesday 13 th December 09:30
Foundation Nativity Afternoon Performance	Thursday 14 th December 13:30
Foundation Nativity Morning Performance	Friday 15 th December 09:30
Carrington Panto! 'Sleeping Beauty'	Monday 18 th December 09:30
Christmas Parties	Monday 18 th December 13:30
Christmas Fair	Tuesday 19 th December (after-school)
Elf Day! (Last day of term)	Wednesday 20 th December

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