



Dear Parents & Carers

December 2018

Message from Mrs Majcher

We are ready for Christmas with our Advent calendar and beautiful Christmas tree in reception from next Monday. There is much to look forward to during December. I can hear Year 3 practising for their nativity in the hall as I write, it will be wonderful. This time of year is very busy for us but it is lovely to see parents/carers coming into school to enjoy the season with us.

Cinema Night

Don't forget Cinema Night next week on Thursday 6th December. A great film, a snack, a chance to be with friends all for £4. Please send slips and cash/cheque to Mrs Williams. All proceeds will go towards the library.

Beyond Pearl

We have added a number of books to the library so that the children who have read the Pearl books continue to read good quality books, including classics, and improve their vocabulary. These books were bought from the money we earned from past book fairs, so thank you!

Commonwealth Tree

I would like to say a big thank you to Ms Tapping who supplied us with a Commonwealth tree. It is a rowan tree. At the moment we have planted it in a pot because it is very small and leaving it in its final place means that it could be stepped on or mown over. When it grows bigger then we will transplant it.

PTA Classlist APP

I hope you have signed up to the above app. This will give you all the information about the PTA and forthcoming events. It is GDPR friendly and many parents/carers have already said how useful they have found it.

Thank You

We raised £256.82 for Children in Need. Thanks everyone.

Recycling Pens

We are recycling plastic pens in school. Please help us collect as many as possible. We are then paid when we collect a certain amount.

Slimy Assembly

Last week we had an exciting workshop on the wonders of slime during an assembly - the educational purpose behind this had a more serious note. We had an inspiring talk followed by a practical assembly looking at the science behind 'Slime'. A local group of female engineers kicked off our STEM project by explaining how they got into Science. We would love you to help the children's thirst for science at home by encouraging them to explore their world around them.

Young Carers Success

Mrs Gonzalez took a group of Young Carers to Adam's Park for a special awards ceremony. Bucks Young Carers across the county gathered to pay tribute to our wonderful young carer champions in celebration of the hard work they do and in recognition of their perseverance and resilience. We won! The Gold award trophy is sitting proudly in our reception cabinet. I have been asked not mention how competitive Mrs Gonzalez got in the lively quiz they had to do... needless to say Carrington Cherries won!!!

Voluntary Contributions

A big thank you to all parents/carers who have been paying the voluntary contribution. So far this money has paid for some new chairs for Year 5.

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Football Matches

On Tuesday 13th November Carrington competed in a District Cup involving 16 teams. First of all they had to get through a group stage playing four matches, they didn't lose one game and finished top of the group. This meant they moved into the top four district teams. These four would play against each other to decide who won the overall tournament, Carrington again did not lose a game, drawing twice and very unlucky not to win both matches. This meant they finished in first joint place out of 16 teams. Very well done to all who competed and a special mention for players of the tournament Henry, Ashton and Is'Haq. Team – Charlie D, Is'Haq, William S, Henry, Ashton, Harrison E, Adam D and Sam C.

Car Parking Complaints from Residents

We are increasingly receiving complaints from local residents regarding parking over drives, parking on double yellow lines etc. For the safety of our children, all residents have been advised to call 101 and report any poor/dangerous parking and police will take appropriate measures.

FHRA Picture Winner for the Christmas Lights

Congratulations to Mazie who won the drawing competition to help turn on the Christmas Tree lights in the village. The Flackwell Heath Residents Association were very impressed by all of the pictures, well done.

A Book for Christmas ...

Mrs Sheddick, our chair of governors, came to talk to the children about being a refugee. Mrs Sheddick is very involved in working with refugees in Lesbos, Greece and goes out twice a year to work in the camp. Daphne Vloumudi who heads the charity wrote a book called 'Quilombo – the scruffy little elephant'. If you would like to buy a copy please pop into reception to let us know. The cost of the book is £10. Books will be available before Christmas. All proceeds will go towards bettering the life chances of the children.

Mrs Cameron's Catch Up: Times tables

All the children have been working hard at learning their times tables facts this half term following the re-launch of Mrs Majcher's terrific times tables game.

Times tables are an important foundation for all mathematical learning in Key Stage 2 and pupils are expected to know all their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4.

We have been teaching children to learn their times tables in different ways, since for different learners different methods will be successful, including:

- partner quiz
- writing them out
- learning them backwards (from 12x down to 1 x)
- making flash cards
- writing tables out several times in different colours
- using a different hand to write them out
- singing their times tables

When your child really knows their times tables well they should be able to easily recall facts out of order in under 3 seconds. This web link to the Mathmagician times tables challenge, will allow your child to challenge themselves against this standard. They can select a particular times table or do a mixed challenge if they are a true expert. If they can get 100% in a times table they can print out a certificate to prove how well they have done. We would love to hear about their successes in school.

http://coolsciencelab.com/math_magician

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Mrs Majcher and staff

| Dates for Your Diary | | |
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| Date | Event | Time |
| Wednesday 5 th December | Book Look | 3.30 pm to 4.00 pm |
| Thursday 6 th December | Book Look | 8.15 am to 8.40 am |
| Thursday 6 th December | Cinema Night | 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm |
| Wednesday 12 th December | Nativity Play by Year 3 | 2.00 pm |
| Thursday 13 th December | Nativity Play by Year 3 | 6.00 pm |
| Friday 14 th December | Christmas Jumper day | All day |
| Friday 14 th December | Christmas Dinner | Lunchtime |
| Wednesday 19 th December | School Closes for Christmas | 1.00 pm |
| Thursday 3 rd January | Children Return to School | |