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We are working towards our Leading Parent Partnership Award

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Assistant Headteacher  
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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## Word of the Month - Tolerance

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Ofsted Report 2016

Many of you will be aware that the latest Ofsted report is on our website. Thank you to all of our parents who have expressed their support and belief in us. Our Governors are keen to make you aware and keep you up to date with the improvements we have been working on before and since the inspection. A school improvement update will be a feature of the newsletter.



### School Improvement Update: Marking

The staff have been working tirelessly on our marking strategy. Our policy is to mark with the younger children where appropriate, providing verbal feedback so that the children can correct or make improvements. The pink pen highlights the positives and the green pen highlights the correction or improvement the child needs to make. Teachers provide children will blue pens to make their additions or alterations to the work. Children from Y2 to Y6 are given time to respond to the marking as research shows that children learn best when they correct mistakes or make improvements.

Teachers provide WAGOLLS. **What A Good One Looks Like** and children can find help to support their learning on our Learning Walls and Prompt Mats. We have Teaching Assistants who are deployed to work with children of varying abilities across the class

### Handwriting

Over the past year, our staff have received training on how to teach and nurture handwriting skills. In the digital age, keyboard skills are important too but handwriting boosts children's memory, supports concentration and enhances academic performance. It also fosters a pride and care in the written word and in their work. Our children's books are improving in their presentation and also in their content.

Handwriting allows children to write fluently and quickly. I have been impressed by the standards our children are reaching across the school.

Computing is taught specifically and we are not neglecting the digital skills our children will need to master.



### Able Writers Day at Prince Edward School – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Six pupils were invited to take part in a Writer's Workshop last Friday hosted by the published children's author Colin R Parsons. The children were selected by their class teacher from a pool of children who enjoy writing fiction. The children wrote the first draft of a short story from 10 am until 2.30 pm! Our children, Kiera, Herbie, Rosie, Oliver, Kyana and Isla were incredibly focused and inspired. As a school we would like to host a similar event for more of our own writers. The Y6 team are considering authors to run the day.

I would like to say a big thank you to our children. They were great ambassadors for the school.





Thank you to everyone - children, parents and staff - for supporting fundraising activities so far this year. The disco last term was very popular and we know some children were disappointed when tickets sold out. We are now thinking of ways we can increase access to discos without compromising Fire Safety.

We are continuing to support improvements to the outdoor spaces, paying for plants and benches and the Faunagraphic mural. We are also funding the annual theatre production visit

We rely on parents offering their skills and time to organise and run events and always welcome new members. If you would like to find out more about Carfield Friends PTA, or would like to get involved, please

Email: carfieldfriends@outlook.com

Facebook: Carfield Friends

Twitter: @carfieldfriends

**Thank you to Capita Educational Recruitment Service for kindly donating books to our Early Years. We have raised quite a lot of money for various charities already this year, including Children In Need, Unicef, Sheffield Children's Hospital and the Gleadless Valley Food Bank. The children have really enjoyed this side of school life. Thank you parents for encouraging this.**

Dates for your Diary:

**Dates for Your Diary – a leaflet is on the website and available from the school office.**

Our Class Assemblies are held on Friday mornings at 9.15 am in the **UPPER** hall:

**This term we have assemblies from:**

**Y5GH – Wrens-25.11.16**

**Our remaining training days:**

**Training Days 2017**

**3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**

**17<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**



### **Creative Curriculum**

Our staff are keen to find ways to deliver the curriculum imaginatively to spark the children's interest.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November the Y3 staff have arranged for weird and wonderful creatures to meet the children in our library as part of their Predators topic.

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December the Y2 children will develop their speaking and listening skills with a drama workshop. Alongside the skills lessons that the children need, our staff have a flair and creativity to keep the children interested.

### **Christmas at Carfield 2016**

It has come around very quickly this year!

**Nursery** – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the Nursery morning and afternoon sessions.

#### **Y1 Christmas Concert dates:**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Lower Hall – 9.45 am

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Lower Hall – 2.00 pm

#### **Y2/3 Carols by Candlelight**

Top Yard – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 3.30 pm

#### **Reception Nativity**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Lower Hall - 2pm RJA Butterflies

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Lower Hall – 2pm RCM Bumblebees

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Lower Hall – 2pm RKW Ladybirds

**Y5 Production – Out of This World Christmas will be performed at:**

2pm in the Lower Hall on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

2pm and 7pm in the Lower Hall on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Carfield Friends are providing refreshments as a fundraiser and the charity that the Y5 Year group are supporting is HARC – Homeless and Rootless at Christmas. (Bring plenty of change!)

