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Word of the Month – Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,



This term we have been reminding the children about how we respect one another. We have looked at the benefits and the risks of using the internet, mobile phones, ipads and game consoles. We have an E-Safety Policy that can be found on our evolving website. All of the children are supervised at Carfield when they use technology and we have a firewall that is effective in preventing inappropriate material being viewed.

The behavior at Carfield is outstanding and the children all know how to behave respectfully with one another most of the time. The Peer Mediators do a superb job at break times helping the children if they have any disagreements. Children know that they can talk to any adults in the school and we will help if there are any disagreements.

The end of the Match Attack era :

Reluctantly I am making the decision that any collectables, like match attack cards, cannot be allowed in school. The reasons are :

- The cards are designed to be swapped and it feels akin to gambling when the children lose all of their cards.
- Children spend money on the cards and they are precious to them, if they are taken or swapped unfairly, lesson time is used to look for them or sort out any disagreements. Teachers don't have the time to sort the problems.
- It encourages a minority of children to steal. We need to remove this temptation.

Loom bands are acceptable as children make each other gifts but any " craze " that encourages the children to collect and/or swap their property, are highly valued and therefore likely to be stolen, is not allowed in school.



Class Assemblies:

Your child will perform to you in a class assembly this year. Y6DP and Y6KO have each performed to their parents. They performed a dance, a poem or rap, and showed how they learned about micro organisms in Science by posing as an alien. It was entertaining and educational. The classes each deserve a great big thank you. Your class assembly date has been included in our Dates for your Diary leaflet. The assembly begins at 9.15 and is finished around 9.35-40. We look forward to seeing you.

Parent Noticeboard:

In the Infant Building, at the playground end, you will find our Parent Noticeboard. We have provided copies of useful information like, ways to help your children with Reading, Writing, Spelling and Maths and how we can put you in touch with other professionals should you have any concerns. We hope that all parents will give the board a look and take copies of anything you think would help you. We will put these on our website in due course.

Thank you to all of the children who dressed up or came in their pyjamas and onesies to raise money for the Children In Need appeal.

The day had a wonderful atmosphere with the children looking very creative!

We raised £690.

Next year we will be more prepared and we will have some fund raising activities during lunch and playtimes like a sponsored silence! (Only a joke!)

Let's Celebrate: Stars of the Week

Our winners of the Carfielders Celebration are:

Week Beginning- 20th November:

Y6DP – Isaac Y6KO – Evie Y5DG – Ruby Y5/6TF – Renaya Y5KL – Polly Y4EW – Evie Y4CW – Louie Y3/4RS – Jess Y3LB – Faizwa Y3AS – Harrison

Reader of the Week – Isaac **Writer of the Week** – Dylan Condie
Carfielder of the Week – Olivia and Xianna for reporting a problem.
Head teacher Award – Sherridan for helping keep children's belongings safe.

Road Safety Polite Notice:

Remember: Please call **2736255** for the Parking Service of the City Council, if you are concerned about any traffic or parking issues.



Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 29th November 2014 12-3pm.



The Fair begins at 12 noon and finishes at 3pm. Please come along and have fun, buy presents, eat nice food and raise money for our playground development project. See you there! Santa is coming too!

Book Fair in office reception area:

The Scholastic Book Company book fair is open each morning and after school for orders and purchases for one week starting yesterday Wednesday 26th November. The school receives a 100% of the commission in books that are of good quality. The books will be located at the main school office.

Parents in Corridors.

Sorry, but we must ask for parents to wait in the playground at the end of the day and not on our corridors . We have a safeguarding duty where all visitors have to sign in and wear a pass. It also makes the movement of classes after the assembly problematic.

Holidays:

Christmas – Monday 22nd December 2014 returning on Monday 5th January 2015
February half term - Monday 16th February 2015 returning on Tuesday 24th February 2015
Easter – Friday 27th March 2015 returning on Monday 13th April 2015
Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 25th May returning on Monday 1st June 2015
Summer Holiday – Friday 17th July 2015

Dates for Diaries:

Training Days this year are:
Monday 23rd February 2015
Friday 27th March 2015
Monday 20th July 2015

Upcoming Events:

We are looking forward to welcoming a brass band to play to our Junior children on **16th December at 11 am** in our school hall. This will get us in the festive spirit!

Local Authority Review: On Tuesday 25th November, 3 inspectors from the Local Education Authority visited the school to assess our standards and provide a report to support our school improvement planning. Once it is received we will publish highlights and our response to the findings.

**Christmas Disco: Thursday 18th December 6-7pm – KS1
7.15-8.15 -KS2**

Please pre order your tickets and try not buy on the door. It means that getting the children in to the disco takes longer. If your child would like to go, put £2.00 in an envelope with your child's name and class written on the front. Their ticket will be delivered to class and they will be on a list in case they lose it. Place the envelope in the red box at the office by *16th December*.

Regards
Lorna Culloden



