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NEWSLETTER



Rules



Ready



Respectful



Safe

Values



Confidence



Communication



Creativity

KS1 Assembly – National I Love You Day

On 14th October, our KS1 assembly focused on National I Love You Day and how we can show care through kindness and respect. Using the story *The Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig, we explored how it might feel to be left out or unnoticed, and how small acts of kindness can help others feel included, happy and valued. We discussed the importance of looking out for one another and recognising opportunities to show kindness through our actions, not just our words.

Our challenge is to be the person who notices, the person who includes and the person who shows kindness. By treating others and our school environment with care and respect, we can help ensure that everyone feels happy, safe and valued.

As we reach the end of our first half term, we couldn't be prouder of how wonderfully children have settled into school life. It has been fantastic to see them establishing positive daily routines, making new friends, and building strong relationships across their classes.

Children have worked incredibly hard over these past few weeks, settling straight into their learning and showing great enthusiasm, curiosity, and determination every day.

Looking ahead, the upcoming half term is always an exceptionally busy and exciting time of year. We have a fantastic range of events planned as we head towards Christmas. To help you plan ahead, a separate key dates list will be sent out shortly.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our families for your ongoing support and partnership. We know that the changing autumn weather brings the usual seasonal bugs and illness, and we appreciate your cooperation and efforts with attendance during this time.

A reminder we break up for half term on Wednesday 21st October. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.



Nursery

Thank you all for your continued support during this important transition period. We are so proud of how brilliantly children have settled into nursery life over these past few weeks. It has been wonderful to see children building confidence and beginning to make lovely friendships. Throughout the term, they have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new learning environment—both indoors and outdoors. From creative messy play to building adventures, their curiosity and enthusiasm have been amazing to watch.

We have also been singing up a storm! They have loved learning and practicing a variety of classic nursery rhymes, which has been great for developing their listening, memory, and language skills.

Reception

Reception children have embraced their new daily routines with such confidence and independence, and it has been a joy to watch them flourish and begin to build some truly special friendships along the way.

Our learning journey began by taking a wonderful "peek into our past," sharing family photos and exploring our own personal timelines to celebrate how much we have grown. Our Design and Technology project was a delicious success as children chopped and prepped to create their very own healthy vegetable soup. More recently, we have had endless fun exploring autumn—jumping into seasonal discovery through nature walks and colourful art projects.

Year 1

We are so proud of how brilliantly children have adjusted to the transition from Reception into a more structured learning environment. It is wonderful to see them confidently using our classroom 'help stations'.

In English writing has focused on using capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces. In Maths we have been strengthening our place value knowledge within 10, exploring 1 more and 1 less, as well as comparing numbers using *greater than*, *less than*, and *equal to*. In Phonics, children have consolidated their Phase 2, 3, and 4 sounds (including consonant blends) and have made a great start with our new Phase 5 graphemes. In History children have been thinking about their own personal histories and had a brilliant time comparing how we celebrate birthdays today with birthday traditions from the 1960s.

Year 2

As expectations continue to rise, children are building their independence and stamina for longer periods of focused work. There have already been so many lovely moments of joy as we celebrate their successes, kindness and the progress they have made in such a short time.

In Maths, children are developing their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. In English, we have enjoyed exploring *Troll Swap* and *Look Up!* as inspiration for our writing, with some super progress in sentence building and descriptive language. We are revisiting Phase 5 phonics before moving on to our *Bridge to Spelling* programme, and it is lovely to see increasing confidence and automaticity in reading. Thank you for your continued support at home.



IMPORTANT UPDATES

Attendance

Whole school - 92.21%

Saplings - 97%

Acorn - 95%

Chestnut - 98%

Birch - 89%

Oak - 85%

Alder - 98%

Willow - 85%



Harvest Festival

This year we are collecting items for York Foodbank. Please bring any donations in to school from Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st of October.

Suggested items are:

Cereal
Tins of fruit and vegetables
Juice
Longlife milk
Biscuits
Pasta/Rice
Soup



Allergies and Benedicts Law

Benedict's Law is a set of national protections designed to improve allergy safety in schools. At Carr Infants we have recently undergone whole staff training around allergies and anaphylaxis. As always, **we urge parents to communicate any allergy, dietary or medical needs via the main office** so that our records are up to date and so that we can make staff aware.

For more information about our updated allergies policy, please visit our website.

Nut-Free School Reminder

Please remember that we are a strictly nut-free school.

To protect children and staff with severe allergies, please ensure that packed lunches and snacks contain no nuts or nut products (including peanut butter, Nutella/hazelnut spreads, cereal bars containing nuts, or sesame products). Thank you.