



Carrington Junior School



Yesterday was the first day of the Autumn Term and it has been wonderful to welcome everybody at the school gates. We would like to warmly welcome our new pupils and families to Carrington Junior School. The children settled into classes brilliantly and we have had our first assembly, where we remembered our important school words:

Believe. Achieve. Succeed.

We talked about what it means to believe in ourselves and others, how it feels to achieve the best we can, and all the successes we've had last year and over the summer.

The children have already started working in their books. I'm sure they will be able to tell you some of their successes when they get home today.

Mrs Cameron



Gold Sports Award

With the hard work of Mr. Reid, Mr. Meakin, Mr. Shand and Mrs. Pilgrim, we have increased the number and variety of sports opportunities across the school over the last couple of years. We are delighted that all our hard work last year has been rewarded with a gold award from the School Games organisation.

Well done to all our teams and the children who have taken part in tournaments and sports experience days over the last two years, that have helped the school to reach this fantastic achievement.



School Uniform

A quick reminder that our school uniform is now available from Different Class who have a shop near Jungle Mania in Bourne End. They hold a lot of stock and can also make up items to order on site. The link below will help you to order any missed items:

<https://www.differentclassschoolwear.co.uk/collection/carrington-junior-school>

While the weather is still warm, we do not mind if the children continue to wear summer uniform of shorts, polo shirts and summer dresses. Please ensure that your child wears correct uniform and uniform PE kit. This includes appropriate coloured simple hair ties and small studs if they have their ears pierced, to be removed on PE days (or taped if they have been recently pierced).

Nuts at school

We have some children with **nut allergies** in school, and we would like to remind you all that strictly **no nuts or products containing nuts are to be brought into school** for snack time or in your child's lunch box.

Many thanks for your cooperation in keeping our school safe for all.



Trees, leaves and other green news

Unfortunately, one of our older cherry trees alongside the playground had become weak and was no longer as safe as the others. The tree was removed and has opened up the space at the end of the play trail, which should make it much easier at collection time on the playground too.

The good news is that we have been selected to receive a selection of trees from the Veolia Orchard Project, who are donating trees to selected schools to improve wellbeing and environment. We will be receiving our new fruit trees later this term.

Mrs Randall has had yet more additions to Forest School over the summer, with more hammocks being added to our wonderful Forest School area.

Forest school sessions are temporarily paused at the start of this term. We will let you know when your child has sessions coming up closer to the time.



Staying safe online and in person

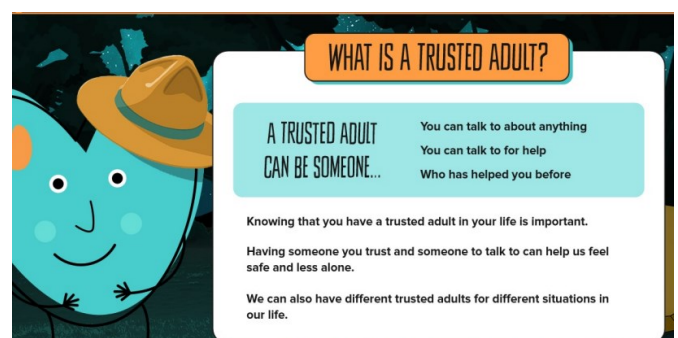
Some of you will be aware that there was an incident involving stranger safety during the last week, here in Flackwell Heath. During class time this week, the teachers will be talking about how to stay safe, particularly when children are slightly older and start to visit parks and local shops together unaccompanied.

Another aspect of personal safety is staying safe online. At the start of each year, all the children learn about online safety. This week the whole school are working to identify who their top five 'trusted adults' are, and discussing how to talk to adults if something worries them online.

'Think You Know' is one of the leading websites where parents can find out how to support online safety.

The parent information page is [here](#).

'Think You Know' has an interactive game you can play with your child to discuss online safety—[here](#).



Parking outside school

The church have kindly agreed that school parents can continue to use the church car park at busy times this year. We extend our thanks to them — the extra space really helps. They have asked that parents please be understanding of the times when they have occasional services such as funerals, and the car park is not available.

We thank all our parents for being considerate of other road users and residents at drop off and pick up times. There is plenty of space along Sedgemoor Road around the bend at the end of the road for additional parking and it is only a short walk to school.

Please remember not to park on yellow lines or across a residents driveway. Act as you would like people to act where you live.

Please can we also remind all families that **only those who need to access our disabled parking should be entering and leaving the school site by car for collection and drop off**. This is to ensure the safety of our whole school community.

If you are entering the site by car, please do this at a **slow speed** as children can be unpredictable at times. If you do need to park on-site, please also make sure **your engine is turned off** as per Rule 123 of The Highway Code ; drivers must not leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while the vehicle is stationary on a public road.

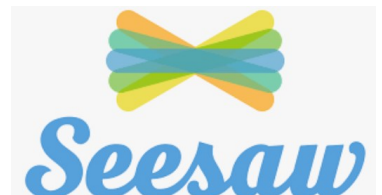
Would you like to get involved?

We are always appreciative of volunteers and helpers in our school. If you have a spare afternoon or morning, we would welcome volunteers to read with our children. The school will pay for DBS checks and give you training to help you get started. Please contact the school office if you would be interested in finding out more: office@carringtonjs.co.uk.



Contacting Teachers

Your child will come home with a SeeSaw login over the next two days. Please download the app and scan their new barcode, so you can see what they get up to in school and make contact with their teachers.



Dates to remember:

Wk/c Monday 11th September - First week of clubs and intervention groups
(more to follow)

Tuesday 12th September - Secondary transfer test practice papers

Wednesday 13th September - Meet the teacher meetings at 3:35pm

Thursday 14th September - Secondary transfer test papers

Tuesday 19th September - Meet the Senior Leaders drop-in session. Come for a cup of tea/coffee and chat with the senior leadership team at 2:45pm

Thursday 12th October & Thursday 14th December - SENDCo drop-in session 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Tuesday 17th October - Parents evening 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Wednesday 18th October - Parents evening 3:40pm to 6:10pm

Friday 20th October - Year 5 Harvest Assembly at 9:00am

Wk/c Monday 4th December - Last week of clubs and intervention groups

