

**Carlisle Infant School**  
**Weekly Communication**  
**29th September 2023**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly update.

Please see our forthcoming events. We look forward to welcoming Y1 & Y2 parents to our Macmillan coffee morning and phonics workshop on Friday 13th October at 9.15am.

There will be also be a phonics workshop/coffee morning for our Reception parents on Friday 20th October. Please note the amended dates from previous communications.

We would welcome donations of cakes for these events. We will be collecting money for Macmillan Cancer Charity and for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity in memory of Ms Fadil's daughter, Scarlett Lill. (Please follow this link for further information). <https://www.justgiving.com/remember/201125/Scarlett--Lill>



### Attendance

Good attendance at school is crucial for a child's success both personally and academically.

Since Covid, absence rates have increased by 2% with requests for term time holidays increasing significantly. In order to help address this, we have made the decision with our federation governing body to introduce the option of Richmond borough's FPN (Fixed Penalty Notice).

The FPN option will be included in our updated attendance policy and is due to be introduced in the spring term.

The FPN enables parent/ carers to discharge potential liability for conviction of an offence of unauthorised absence by paying a penalty of £60 per parent, per child (if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice) or £120 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days of receipt of the notice).

It can be used for:

- a. unauthorised absence of 5 days or more (10 sessions)
- b. unauthorised term time leave
- c. unauthorised delayed return from authorised extended holidays
- d. persistent late arrival at school

Please follow the link for further guidance:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19Ks6aVc8YNhYd29hmdpQAcmvTmo5Nq7/view?usp=sharing>

### Wraparound Care

If your child is attending any of the wraparound care at either Carlisle or HHJS, you may wish to set up payment via the Government Childcare Voucher Scheme.

We are able to accept payment via the Government voucher scheme through your salary. You will need to register on the Government website and for your information our Ofsted/URN is 102883. I have attached the link for your assistance.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

### Term Dates

As there has been some confusion regarding our term dates, please see the attached for clarification.

**Diary Dates-Please see page below for CSA events, including Firework ticket ordering**

**October**

**Thursday 5th—CSA Parent Mingle Event—8pm-10.30pm**

**Wednesday 11th—Harvest Assembly for children-Donations from Monday 2nd Oct**

**Friday 13th—Macmillan Coffee Morning/KS1 Phonics Workshop for parents 9.15am**

**Sunday 15th—Dig Day—11am-3pm**

**Friday 20th—Macmillan Coffee Morning/YR Phonics Workshop for parent 9.15am**

**Friday 20th—Show Racism the Red Card-Children can wear red clothing to school**

***Half term holiday Monday 23rd October-Friday 27th October 2023***

**November**

**Tuesday 7th—Don Rae Dance Workshop-Whole School-Reception finish 3.15pm on this day.**

**Saturday 11th –CSA Firework Event-Tickets can be purchased online**

**Individual and Sibling Photographs-Thursday 28th September**

Fraser Portraits have taken photographs of your child/ren. The proofs will be sent home with your child once received. All orders must be done online by the parent/carers.



**Harvest Festival**

There will be a Harvest Festival assembly for the children taking place on Wednesday 11th October. We are collecting donations for 'The Upper Room' charity which provides a broad range of services for homeless, vulnerable and socially disadvantaged people in West London. Please see the donation wish list attached to this newsletter.

For further information about the work of the charity, please click on the link below.

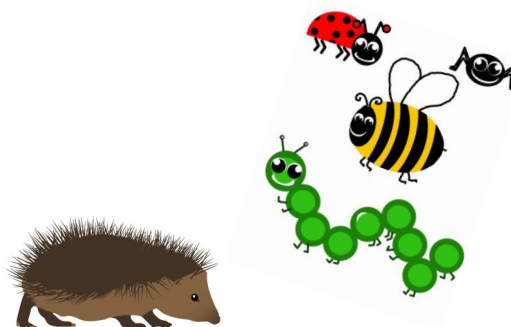
[www.theupperroom.org.uk](http://www.theupperroom.org.uk)

**There will be a table at the front foyer for donations from Monday 2nd October until Thursday 12th October. Please ensure all items are received by 9am on Thursday 12th October as they will be collected soon after. Thank you**

**Requests-Year 2 Wildlife Habitats**

**Year 2** are requesting items for their animal habitats they will be making. They would like **small cardboard boxes**, cardboard tubes, plastic pots/ bottles etc.

Please drop off any donations at the school office. Thank you.



## Notices/Reminders

### School Absence-Important Procedures

Please could all parent/carers ensure they let the office know every day that their child is unwell and the nature of the illness. Medical evidence may be required for absences longer than 5 days and when attendance falls below 90%.

Please also provide written proof of any appointments and advise whether your child will be requiring a school meal.

May we also remind you that if your child has vomiting and/or diarrhoea, you must wait 48 hours from the last episode before bringing your child back to school.



### Toys in School!

Toys are not allowed in school. Toys are a personal item and there is a risk of them being lost or damaged and are a distraction in class.

### Cool Milk—Reception Children-IMPORTANT INFO

Please remember that all children under the age of 5 will receive free Government funded milk. **When your child turns 5, or if they are already over the age of 5, you have the option to pay for their milk directly through Cool Milk.**

If you would like your child to receive milk, then please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) and select “register your child for milk here” then follow the on-screen instructions to register and pay.

Please be aware the cut off date is Tuesday for milk orders to commence the following week. All parent/carers must contact cool milk if they have any problems.

### Important

*If your child is no longer wishing to have the milk that you are paying for, please log into your account with Coolmilk.com and cancel.*

### Reminder

Please ensure your child has **everything** with them when they come into school **every morning**. This includes packed lunch, water bottle, book bag, coat, afterschool club items etc. The office is very busy and your child's items will not be taken straight to their classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Instagram

Please don't forget to follow Carlisle Infant School on Instagram.



**Safeguarding concern?** Are you concerned about the safety or welfare of a child? Please contact the SPA (Single Point of Access):

Phone 020 8547 5008 Online referral \*

If you think a child is in immediate danger you should call 999.\*The form is hosted by Richmond Council for both Kingston and Richmond.

**Reminder for Year 1 parents** - The reading folder/ book change day is on Mondays week. Please return the books in the reading folder along with the reading diary on this day every week.

In addition, we will be sending home a Spelling/Handwriting book which will contain common exception words and letter formation practice for the week. Please look out for this in your child's reading folder.

**Meal Choices** - Please can all parents ensure they are choosing their children's meals every day. Please note **this includes** if your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home.

Thank you for your support with this.

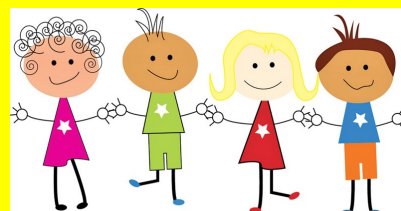
## **CSA-Events**

**For all CSA Events and bookings please see the new website: <http://carliseschoolassociation.org.uk>**

**Fireworks tickets now available to buy online: <https://tinyurl.com/fireworkscsa>**



- **Saturday 30 September** - deadline for ordering your Pizza and Cookie Dough kits - [order here](https://doughies.co.uk/products/carlisle-infant) : <https://doughies.co.uk/products/carlisle-infant>



- **Monday 2 October** - 8:30pm Virtual CSA Special General Meeting - see CSA Website for more details <http://carliseschoolassociation.org.uk>
- **Thursday 5 October - Parents' Social evening (all years)**; drinks and nibbles in the school hall (8pm - 10:30pm) - more details to follow
- **Friday 6 October** - After school Pizza Kit collection (3pm)
- **Friday 13 October**- Mufti day - bring sweets & bottles for fireworks tombola
- **Sunday 15 October** - Dig Day (led by Dramacube) - 11 - 3pm - refreshments by CSA, drop in or bring a picnic
- **Friday 20 October**—After school halloween trail (3pm)