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### School Values

**Responsible Excellence Share Polite Encourage Communicate Truth**

## Newsletter – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year at Carpenters. I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. EID Mubarak to all our families who celebrated this special time last Friday.

This week we welcome Miss Obi Laryea, who will be working in the school office along with Mrs O'Neill and Mr White.

In this week's newsletter, I have included lots of information to share with you. This year we will continue to work hard to make the school even better so that all children are able to receive an enjoyable education, in an environment where every child feels safe and secure. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please do come and see myself or a member of my team. I am looking forward to working with you all again this next year.

Diane Barrick - Headteacher

### Dates for your diary

Attached is another outline of the dates for this academic year. We are trying our very best to give parents/carers as much notice as possible. While some of these dates may need to be changed, we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible.

### Parent/Carer Information Session

Years 1-6

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

3.30pm- 4:00pm

This will be an opportunity for you to meet the teachers, find out the school and teachers' expectations, as well as what your child will be learning this term. During this session you will be given a class newsletter containing information that you will find useful, as well as, important documents that need your approval/signature.

### Special activities

Next week we will see two different activities in school which celebrate the great achievements of some of our children.

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, the children who received the 'Child of the Year' award will be taking a trip on the cable car over the River Thames before dining at the O2 for a special lunch.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, the children in last year's Marigold class who won the 'Best Attendance for Summer 2017' award will be visiting the cinema. The children in last year's Daisy & Fern class will be bowling as a special treat for 'Best Attendance for the whole year'. Enjoy children and keep working hard to attend school every day.

### School Uniform

It is lovely to see all our children arriving at school looking so smart at the beginning of the year and I would like to thank you all for your support with this; it really does make a difference in as much as it creates a sense of belonging. Today, members of the leadership team walked around the school to check on children's uniform. Any children wearing incorrect uniform will be given a letter detailing the changes to be made. Please do not hesitate to contact the member of the team should you wish to discuss this further. Please also ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school and it stays in school for the whole half term. Most items of uniform can now be purchased online at [www.orchardschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.orchardschoolwear.co.uk).

### Safe Collection of Children

Today you will receive a letter regarding the safe collection of your children. Please complete this form with details of the names of adults who will normally collect your children from school and include a password to share with them. In order to keep our children safe, any adult collecting your child/ren will be required to know the password before your child/ren are allowed to leave their classroom. Children in Years 5 & 6 will also have the option to walk home by themselves. **Forms must be returned by Friday 8th September.**

### Newsletters

A reminder that newsletters are sent out to all parents/carers every Friday. These are also displayed at the three entrances to the school and on the school website. If you do not receive a weekly newsletter, please let your child's class teacher know. The next newsletter will be sent on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016. However, in the meantime, this week you will receive a newsletter from your child's class teacher detailing key dates and plans for your child's class this next half term.