

9 July 2021

Dear parents and carers of current Years 3-6 pupils

I know you will agree it's been a year like no other, but Carterhatch staff have given 100% to make sure that it has been a successful one. However, I would like to extend our heartfelt thoughts and sympathies to all our families who have struggled with the lockdowns, self-isolation and illness.

Notwithstanding the challenges of this year, it has been a pleasure teaching your children and I know you are proud of what they have achieved. The staff are also immensely impressed with what they have achieved in very difficult and challenging circumstances. I know that you have all appreciated the continued hard work and commitment our whole staff have shown during a year of exceptional challenges and fast-moving situations. Through all of this your children have continued to learn and progress, and above all they have shown our school value of resilience. They always come into school happy and smiling. Many of them are so keen and ready to learn they have taken to running, so I am having to remind them to slow down, they are not to worry, their teachers are in their classes ready and waiting!

We are all now busy planning for September and some arrangements have already had to be altered. Due to some classes self-isolating we have had to re-arrange their "class swaps".

Some classes have spent this morning outside their classrooms meeting their new teachers and playing teambuilding games (Covid-safe). Due to members of our staff being off-site due to self-isolating, Hadid class and all of the current Year 3 classes will meet their teachers on Monday 19 July.

In September we are delighted that Kelsie Morris, Arion Lawrence and Marian Switonski have been appointed as Assistant Headteachers. They will be members of the Senior Leadership Team. Congratulations to them.

Julien Mealey, Alex Dawson, Zoe Young, Scott Langley and Victor Olagunju (our music teacher) will be leaving at the end of this term. On behalf of the pupils and their families, we thank them for all they have done for our school and wish them all the very best for the future. Some have achieved promotions and some are leaving to work nearer to their homes in other boroughs.

In September we will welcome our new class teachers Ezgi Ates and Ketsia Itseli. We will also welcome Esme Keeley-Fermor who will teach Art and Design lessons and will develop our art studio. Anna Chrystal, a trainee teacher, will be teaching in class alongside Kelsie Morris, one of our new Assistant Headteachers.

If your child is in school, reports will be going home today. This year, due to Covid, attendance and punctuality are not published on the reports. We hope you have made an appointment with the class teacher, via SchoolCloud, for either next Wednesday 14 July or Monday 19 July.

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If your child is out of school (Hadid, Bird and some pupils from Henson and Sharman classes) your child's teacher will go through the report with you at the virtual SchoolCloud parent meetings. Although some teachers may be self-isolating, the virtual parent meetings will go ahead as planned. We will give out actual copies when pupils return to school.

In September the gates will open at **8.35am** and classes will finish at **3.00pm**. Pupils will enter and exit by the main gates. At the start of the day, pupils will come in alone and will go straight into classrooms. Members of staff will be present on the playground directing pupils to their classrooms. At the end of the day parents and carers can come into the playground to collect. Again, members of staff, in the first week, will direct you to where the classes will line up.

For your information, Year 4 are named after Explorers, Year 5 after Scientists and Year 6 after Architects.

Current Y3 class	Moving to	Y4 teachers - Sept 21	Class Name
Isabella Bird	\rightarrow	Kelsie Morris/Anna Chrystal	same
Helen Sharman	\rightarrow	Aleyna Onay	same
Matthew Henson	\rightarrow	Ketsia Itseli	same

Current Y4 class	Moving to	Y5 teachers - Sept 21	Class Name
Tim Berners-Lee	\rightarrow	Louise Draper	same
Marie Curie	\rightarrow	Claire Huntington	same
Jane Goodall	\rightarrow	Ezgi Ates	same

Current Y5 class	Moving to	Y6 teachers - Sept 21	Class Name
Zaha Hadid	\rightarrow	Arion Lawrence	same
Amanda Levete	\rightarrow	Rebecca Amdetsion	same
Charles Rennie Mackintosh	\rightarrow	Marian Switonski	Same
Additional teacher		Fez McLoughlin	

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils success and happiness in their secondary schools. Despite the disruption of the past year and them missing two terms of inschool learning, they rose to the challenge of the school SATs and the results were outstanding; this is due to their continuing perseverance and hard work both in school and during the remote learning months. Their positivity will be greatly missed by everyone and whilst they will be sad leaving us, the schools receiving them will be so lucky to have them – they are such good role models and a credit to Carterhatch Junior School. We are proud of them, as I know you are.

Thank you for all your support this year. We wish you all a happy and safe summer break. We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 2 September.**

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully

Helen McGovern

Headteacher