

# Carden News



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## Welcome back

Welcome back to you all. We hope that the children had a good summer break, it's been really lovely to see them all back, ready for another busy year.

You may have noticed that we have been busily working on more improvements to the building over the summer holidays. Specifically we've:

Had nursery completely redecorated and have replaced the old blue concertina doors with a wall and a brand new door.

Put new doors between reception and nursery

Completely refurbished the KS1 corridor boys and girls toilets

Installed solar panels on all our flat roofs

Upgraded all the lighting in the building to economical LED ones on sensors

Completely redecorated KS2 classrooms

Fixed some of our drainage problems in the playgrounds and other areas

Employed a new cleaning company

As you have probably noticed also, our teachers and support staff have also been busy, making sure their classrooms were ready for the children and planning exciting new topics and activities for their classes.

We welcome some new members of staff to our team this year.

Emma Henry and Bernie Elder will be teaching in Year 3. Seb Chamberlain has joined us in Year 2 and Alice Wakefield in Year 5. Sarah Axtell also joined us after May half term last academic year. She is now full time in Year 6.

Additionally we have three new members of support staff joining us. Jade Paice, Molly Ross and Chris Poole. We are sure you will help them to feel welcome and to enjoy their time working at Carden.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the questionnaire at the end of last term. Your thoughts, comments and feedback are very important to us. I will share our plans with parents at the first Parents' Forum of the year which will be on 24th September 9am.

I am looking forward to catching up with you all over the course of the next few weeks.

Mrs Longton-Howorth



Over the Summer break the toilets in the KS1 corridor were refurbished. I'm sure you will agree they look magnificent !

### **PE Kit**

Please could we remind you that years 1—6 require a full PE kit including plimsolls/trainers for their PE lessons. Reception classes will need these after the half term break.

### **Lateness**

If your child is late arriving to school they must be brought around to the main office to sign in and book their lunch. Please do not drop them at the gate to walk up alone.

### **School Crossing**

A number of parents have contacted us about the school crossing patrol role. It has been vacant for quite some time now and despite the Local Authority advertising, they are finding it difficult to fill the position.

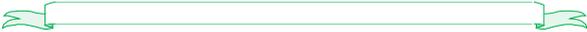
If anyone is interested in the role - it's about half an hour at the beginning and the end of each school day please check the council website where the job will be advertised shortly.

### **Harvest Festival**

This year our Harvest festival will be held on 18th October. Please could we ask for any donations of non perishable items for the display. The items will then be collected by the Salvation Army and distributed to those in need. Many thanks in advance.

### **Nut allergies**

We have a member of staff and a number of children in school who are allergic to nuts. Please make sure that nothing containing nuts are sent to school with the children, either for snack or lunch. This includes things like Nutella! Many thanks



### **This week we are celebrating with :**

Phase 1 Trophy Bethan

Phase 2 Trophy Romy

1HE Leo

1SW Harry

2AB Connor

2SC Barney

3BE Louie

3EH Joseph

4AC Sonny

4NP Riley

5AW Harvey

5RM Gwydion

6SA Jack

S and L Blake



### **Dates for your diary for new academic year**

**Year 6 high school transition meetings** 17th September 3.30pm and 18th September 9am

**Parents Forum** 24th September 9am

**Year 5 and 6 residential meetings** 16th October 9am, 3.30pm and 5pm

**Harvest festival**—18th October 9am

**Flu Clinic** for reception—year 6 6th November

**Parent evenings** 12th and 13th November

**Prospective reception parents** 19th November 10.30am, 20th November 6pm and 21st November 1.45pm

**Reception Christmas performances** 10th and 12th December—morning

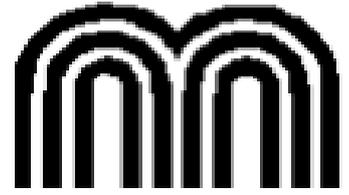
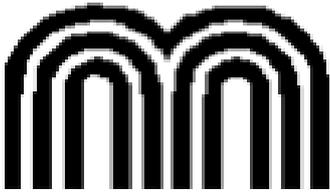
**KS1 Christmas performances** 17th December morning, 18th December afternoon, 19th December morning.

**KS2 Christmas performances** 17th December afternoon, 18th December morning

**Christmas dinner** 11th December

**Christmas parties** 20th December

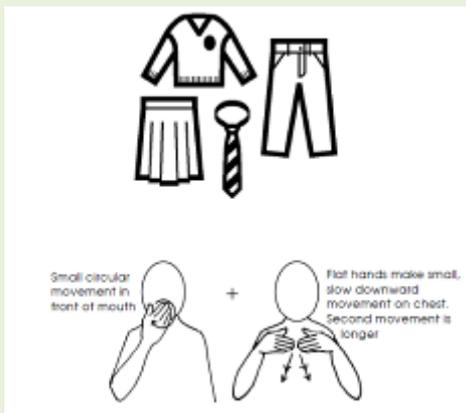
**SATS week** for year 6 week of 11th May



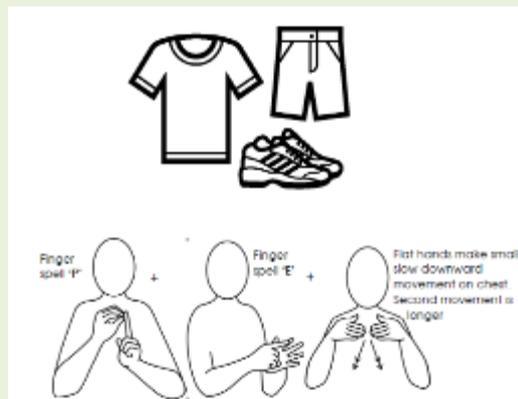
### Take a moment to learn **MAKATON!**

At Carden Nursery and Primary school we use Makaton to support communication and learning.

Makaton is a language programme that uses spoken language, signs and symbols to help people to communicate. Welcome back. It was lovely to hear everyone's holiday news and to see everyone looking so ready for learning. It can be difficult to get back into a routine after a holiday and to remember what you need to take to school. Here are 2 symbols and signs that you can use to help your child get ready for school in the morning.



Uniform



PE Kit

*The arrows show you in which direction to move your hands. The dotted lines show you where your hands are at the end of the sign.*

For more information about Makaton you can visit: <https://www.makaton.org/> .

### School Term Dates 2019/20

	September 2019					October 2019					November 2019					December 2019						
Monday		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31		
Wednesday		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25			
Thursday		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26			
Friday		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27			
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#### Key

Bank holidays (see details below)

#### INSET day

#### Bank holidays 2019/20

#### Number of days (total requirement 195)

Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December 2019	Autumn 1 <sup>st</sup> half	38
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December 2019	Autumn 2 <sup>nd</sup> half	35
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January 2020	Spring 1 <sup>st</sup> half	30
Good Friday	Friday 10 April 2020	Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup> half	30
Easter Monday	Monday 13 April 2020	Summer 1 <sup>st</sup> half	24
Early May Bank Holiday	Friday 8 May 2020	Summer 2 <sup>nd</sup> half	38
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 May 2020	TOTAL	195 days (Incl 5 Inset days)
Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 31 August 2020		

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Updated June 2019 – early May bank holiday moved to 8 May to mark 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day

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### Key

-  Bank holidays (see details below)
-  School holidays
-  INSET days

 First day of term for pupils

 Last day of term

### Bank holidays 2020/21

Christmas Day	Friday 25 December 2020
Boxing Day	Monday 28 December 2020
New Year's Day	Friday 1 January 2021
Good Friday	Friday 2 April 2021
Easter Monday	Monday 5 April 2021
May Day	Monday 3 May 2021
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31 May 2021
Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 30 August 2021

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Summer 1 <sup>st</sup> half	29
Summer 2 <sup>nd</sup> half	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>195 days (incl 5 inset days)</b>

# Very Important Information about Term Time Holidays

## PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

As with most other schools in Brighton and Hove, Carden Primary School abides by the Brighton and Hove Council Code of Conduct when fining parents for taking holidays during term time.

The current Code of Conduct recommends that **all term time holidays of 3 days or more will be put forward for a fine to the Local Authority.** Please also note that this is regardless of otherwise good attendance for the rest of the academic year.

We take attendance very seriously at Carden. When children miss school it is very disruptive for themselves and for their classmates and teachers when they return to school.

Government legislation is very clear that Head Teachers must NOT authorise holidays during term term unless there are very exceptional circumstances such as a family bereavement. The rules are applied at Carden fairly to all families. All absences, including those where parents or carers believe there are exceptional circumstances should be requested in writing from Mrs Longton-Howorth prior to departure or taking the days off.

If authorisation for an absence because of exceptional circumstances is not given by Mrs Longton-Howorth, this will then be referred to the Local Authority for a fine. Once this has happened the decision is final and will not be overturned. Please note that NONE of the money gained from fines by the Local Authority is returned to Carden.

It is used by the Local Authority to administer the system.

Finally, unfortunately, there have been more than a number of occasions over the last few years when it has been evident that parents have reported their children to be ill, when it has become clear on their return (or because the children have told us before they are off) that they have indeed been on holiday. Should the school suspect this to be the case, further evidence of the child's illness (i.e. a doctor's certificate) will need to be provided to satisfy the school of the reasons for the child's absence.

In order for parents to take advantage of cheaper flights and holidays we do try to group our INSET days together and inform parents well in advance of these dates.