

Carleton Park J & I Weekly Newsletter

Weekending Friday 5th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has seen the phased re-opening of our school to children of Key Workers, Vulnerable, Reception and Year 1. The phased re-opening began many weeks ago with the risk assessments and physical changes we have had to make to all internal and external areas on site. Mr Tonks and his team have worked tirelessly to ensure the site is ready for specific groups to return to and for this I sincerely thank them.

A massive thank you also goes out to the Carleton Park community; staff, pupils and parents/carers alike who have been there for each other through what has been and still is a challenging time. From staff videos and pupils interactions on social media, to the fortnightly phone calls, it has all served to preserve a strong tie for our children to their school. This cannot be underestimated.

We have seen first-hand this week as children have begun their phased return to the school how much Carleton Park J & I School provides a sense of belonging and security to them. Their faces, though filled with an element of uncertainty as they become familiar with new systems and procedures, were overwhelmingly happy to be back.

You will see in following pages some examples of how the children's week has been and I feel it is timely to share these with you. As some of you look for reassurance before making your decision on whether your child/children should return to school.

Parent Feedback

As ever, it is wonderful to hear your positive feedback and recognition of the efforts the school are going to in order to provide a safe and educational experience for our children.

I have included some messages we have received this week – thank you!

"I'd just like to say a massive thank you for today. Scarlett and Ollie were understandably pretty anxious and worried on the run up to coming back to school but in Scarlett's words they had "the best day ever!" I think all three of us felt more at ease immediately from the lovely welcome they had. They've loved telling me about their day and can't wait to come back tomorrow so thank you very much to everyone! "



"To each and every one of you at Carleton Park,
Thank you so much to you all- Erin was so excited to start back, she has enjoyed both days so much and that's thanks to you all for settling her back in. I know for sure she is safe with you guys, she has missed you so much. Thank you for adapting to all the changes, you are all our heroes!"

Home Learning Packs

New learning packs were available this week to download from our school website:

<https://carletonpark.patrust.org.uk>

The packs are aligned to work that the children who are attending the school provision are completing. We feel this is now essential as more of our children will begin to return to school. However, it is key to remind yourselves that as for many of you, you are not teachers, doing your best **IS** good enough.

DO YOUR BEST

This is our unwavering message to all parents/carers during this time.

Some useful tips when supporting learning from home:

- On an evening, plan with your child what work you are going to complete the next day so they know what to expect.
- Create your own timetable – let the work fit around your routine.
- Stay positive, have fun and laugh together – the work isn't a test/no one will judge how well you've done – enjoy the time working together.
- Make sure you take breaks – enjoy the fresh air and drink plenty of water.

If you are unsure on anything, email school or just google it. Do not worry about things being wrong – school will pick this up once we are back

If you have any issues with downloading the home learning packs please contact us via the school admin email: admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk.

Social Media Sites

Though the last 2 weeks have had staff focused on the re-opening of school and obvious preparations that go along with this, we will begin to once again share with you what is happening in school. Therefore please still access and comment on the uploads we share on our School Facebook page & Twitter Page [@carletonparksch](https://twitter.com/carletonparksch).

Teacher Challenges & Prizes £!£!

While we have been preparing for the re-opening of school, the teacher challenges were put on hold but fear not- we still have many challenges left to keep you entertained at home! Keep your eye out for the teacher challenges, which will be back from Monday.

We will be posting **all** the challenges on social media; you can attempt them all or just select your favourites. As before, the winner will be decided by the staff member who posted the challenge, the lucky pupil will receive a £10 Amazon voucher.

School Re-opening #Week1

Wow! We could not be prouder of the amazing pupils who returned to school this week. They have adapted to the new school layout, break and lunch times, environments and even different staff members than they were used to. We knew our children were resilient and respectful but they have shown us this in bucket loads this week. A huge well done to all of you. Here is just a snippet of what we have been up to...

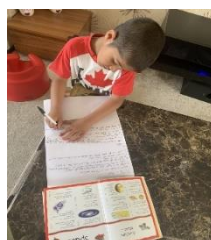


A big thank you to the parents and carers who have adhered to all the new procedures, our one-way system is working really well and the marshals are always on hand to show you where to go if you're unsure.



Home Learning Continues

Did you follow the International Space Station Expedition? We think Taj (Y2) must have been inspired by NASA astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley and their successful launch into space. Well done Taj, your rocket and writing are fantastic!



You can send your photos in via the 'send message' option on our Facebook page, Twitter account or if you have any problems with this, email to admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk

Thank you so much for your continued support during this time.