

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents/Carers, at Carr Mill, we instil an understanding of democracy into our children by annually holding our Pupil Voice Elections. All our children vote for who they want to represent them on the Student Leadership Team and other committees.

Thank you to one of our Governors, Councillor Long, for presenting our Carr Mill Golden Ties of Democracy to our children who have been voted onto this year's Student Leadership Team and our four House Captains.

I look forward to working with them all to make our school even better!
Also a special thanks to all our children who stood for election—it shows just how special #teamcarmill is when we know so many children could do the important job of representing their class—the future's bright for #teamcarmill!



#teamcarmill on tour — London!

London have had a Carr Mill takeover this week with our Year 6 children spreading the #teamcarmill word!



The trip has been a great success with an enormous thank you going to the staff for organising everything and making sure our children have had an amazing experience.

It's hard to believe but in three days they have visited Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Royal Albert Hall, National History and Science Museums, gone on the London Eye, had a Thames river cruise and had a theatre visit to see Matilda!

Year 4 it's your turn next with a PGL Activity Residential planned for November!

Thank you for your support, Andrew Maley

Tea@2 with Mr Maley!

It was a pleasure to have afternoon tea and say thank you to four important members of #teamcarmill—Brody, Alice, Noah and Piper.

They have all shown a wonderful attitude towards our school values of RESPECT.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING — Come and join us!

On Friday 29th September #teamcarrmill will be taking part in the **WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING** to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support

To help us to plan an exciting day for our children and families we would appreciate any donations of cakes families could provide. These do not need to be home-made, shop bought cakes, buns, cake bars, biscuits etc. will be warmly welcomed. **If you are able to donate, please send cakes into school with your child by Wednesday 27nd September and pass to their class teacher.**



Time	What	Cost
8:15 – 8:50am	Our gates will be opened early to allow families to join us for our outdoor coffee morning which will be held of our main playground. In the event of bad weather, we will offer a 'cakeaway' service!	£2 for an adult hot drink and your choice of cake £1 for a child drink and choice of cake Please try to bring the correct change.
Throughout the day	Classes will be able to visit our cake stall.	50p for a choice of cake (please send this into school with your child on Friday morning)
3pm	Our cake stall will be open for a final chance to buy a cake for tea!	Prices will be varied, depending upon what items remain!

HELLO YELLOW DAY — 6th October

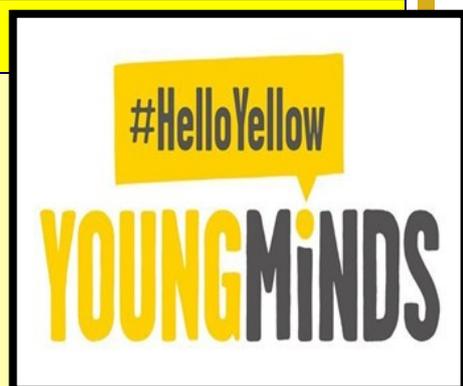
Another date for your diary!

HELLO YELLOW DAY– Friday 6th October

Friday 6th October Carr Mill is celebrating World Mental Health Day and we would like to invite #teamcarrmill to wear their own clothes, including something yellow to raise awareness for Young Minds #helloyellow campaign.

By wearing yellow, we can show our support for each other and help Young Minds create a brighter future for young people to make sure they get the support they need with their mental health.

Please don't buy anything new - if you don't have anything yellow, jut wear another bright colour! The importance of this day is that #teamcarrmill come together to think about this important cause!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We want #teamcarrmill to access the best possible learning and experiences possible throughout their journey through school. To achieve this, their school attendance needs to be excellent. Please see below the some of the main points from our school attendance expectations.

You can access our full attendance policy on the school website.

Attendance Policy Overview

2023-24



At Carr Mill Primary School, we know that it is vital that our children attend school regularly and punctually to achieve best life outcomes.

We want our children to become the best versions of themselves; academically, socially, and morally as they grow into the next generation of our community.

Good school attendance is the foundation to this. **'Attendance is EVERYBODY'S responsibility'**

#teamcarrmill are STRONGER when we work TOGETHER, therefore it is the responsibility of all members of our school community to maintain and monitor good school attendance.

Key Attendance Contacts:

School Office – 01744 678223

Mrs Katie Alexander
Deputy Head Pastoral & Inclusion

Mrs Pauline Doyle
Family Support Worker

#teamcarrmill Attendance Rules:

We attend school **REGULARLY**

We attend school **PUNCTUALLY**

We attend school **READY** to learn

School Attendance Target

96%

Attendance Ladder



Number of school days missed per year

What does my child's % attendance mean?

If attendance falls below 92%, you are at risk of becoming a Persistent Absentee and will be referred to the Educational Welfare Service, in order to improve attendance.

Absence from school **may** be authorised for:

- Unavoidable medical appointments (with evidence)
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional family circumstances (with evidence)
- Illness – although please do not keep children absent with minor ailments. We will send them home if they are poorly.

Absence from school **will not** be authorised for:

- Having to stay at home due to an unwell sibling, parents or carer.
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Rest days after a poor night of sleep

If your child has very low attendance, we may require medical evidence before authorising any absence.

#teamcarrmill Morning Routine

8.40am – Main school gates open

Our 'soft opening' allows children to get ready for their school day and begin their morning tasks. This could be anything from practicing writing their name to editing a piece of work from the previous day. Children can also grab a bagel on their way into school if they wish.

8.50m - The morning register is taken and the gates are closed

All children are expected to be in class ready for the register to be taken. Children who arrive to school after this time will receive a 'late mark', which stays on their attendance record. Children arriving after 8:50 should enter school through the main office.

9.20am - The morning register closes.

Children arriving to school after this time will be recorded with an unauthorised absence which will remain on their attendance record.

Good attendance is recognised and celebrated:

- ✓ Kid's Choice sessions for the top attending classes each week (if over 96% school target)
- ✓ Weekly house points for children with 100% attendance
- ✓ End of term 'In to Win' prize for the winning house.
- ✓ End of term/year awards for 100% attenders

If attendance falls below 92% you may be invited into school for a School Attendance Meeting, which may also be attended by our Local Authority Educational Welfare Officer.

At this meeting we will look at things that are working well for your child, things that need to improve and put a plan in place to help their attendance to improve, involving other supportive agencies if necessary e.g. School Health, Home Start, SEND services etc.

REPORT IT FIRST DAY

If your child is going to be absent from school, please report this ASAP via the school office or through the School Spider App



Very Impressive Pupil **VALUES** Awards (Carr Mill VIPs!)



This week we celebrate children who have shown a **great attitude towards our school values of Be READY, Be RESPECTFUL and Be SAFE**. Congratulations to all our VIPs and check out our 'VIP Awards' video on our Facebook.

Class	VIP	Very Impressive for...
Nursery	Charlie L	For always being READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE in class.
Rec.	Amber F	For being READY to learn, RESPECTING the classroom and being SAFE at all times . A fantastic addition to #teamcarrmill.
C1	Lohan T	For always being READY to learn and for giving 100% in all that he does!
C2	Aziz Y	For always being READY in class 'First Time, Every Time' ! A fantastic role model.
C3	Isaac S	For making sure that he is being SAFE which helps us all to be SAFE.
C4	Kalel L	For coming into school each morning READY to learn . He is always one of the first to complete our morning tasks.
C5	Harry D	For always showing that he's READY at the start of a lesson .
C6	David M	For always showing the stop sign quickly in lessons, showing that he is READY to listen .
C7	Frankie P	For always being the first person to be READY, showing that he is READY to learn .
C8	Jordie H	For always following the SCHOOL VALUES . Jordie does the right thing all of the time and is a pleasure to have in Class 8.
C9	Clayton H	For always following the SCHOOL VALUES. Clayton is always READY to learn, shows RESPECT to others and knows the importance of being SAFE .

