



George Carey Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 2016

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Naureen Akhtar – Deputy Headship

Ms Naureen Akhtar, the Assistant Headteacher in charge of Years 5 and 6 at the school has gained an internal promotion to Deputy Headteacher. She joins Ms Suzanne Thomas in this role.

Ms Akhtar is an exceptional teacher who was awarded the title of 'Barking and Dagenham KS2 Maths Teacher of the Year' in July 2016.

Congratulations to Ms Akhtar on this new and important role at George Carey School.



Choir Performance

On Tuesday, the 13th December our school choir sang to parents and the community. The children gave an outstanding performance. We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Morby for the weeks of preparation and hard work she has put in to make this a fantastic experience for the children, staff and parents. Also, thank you to the children and parents who came along and made this a wonderful time for the children.



Merry Christmas from everyone at George-Carey

We would like to wish our children and parents a very Merry Christmas from all the staff at George-Carey. We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and New Year. **School closes at 2.30pm on Monday 19th December** and will re-open normal time on Thursday 5th January.

Other Information

Asthma Cards – We have several children who suffer with asthma and school asthma cards have been distributed to their families. To date we are still waiting for some to return. Please complete and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Coats and warm clothing – It is vital for the children to come to school in appropriate clothing suitable for the winter weather. We have some children coming to school in just a jumper, without a coat or a coat and no jumper. Please ensure your children wear a jumper and a coat / cardigan to school every day so they can keep warm at break time and lunchtime. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sickness – We have sent several messages to parents regarding sickness and diarrhoea and the recovery period children must have. After advice and guidance from our school nurse the **school's policy is now a 48-hour recovery time from the first episode of sickness or diarrhoea**. If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea it is important to keep them at home to recover and prevent the chances of any bug passing to the other children.

Packed Lunches – If your child has a packed lunch please make sure it is in a lunch box clearly marked with their name and class on it. As I am sure you can understand many children have the same lunch box and if unlabelled it can be hard for some children to find and determine which lunch box is their own. Also at times lunch boxes are given to the school office for children. These are put onto the children's lunch trolleys for them to collect. Please make sure your child knows they will be having a packed lunch that day and where they can find it.

PLEASE KEEP THE SCHOOL OFFICE INFORMED OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR EMERGENCY CONTACT

Christmas Lunch

Each year our fantastic lunchtime team and kitchen team work extremely hard to make Christmas dinner a special and fun time for the children. Many of the staff dresses up in Christmas clothes. Christmas songs are played during lunch and our staffs have lunch with the children. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Pereira (Lunchtime charge hand) and her team and Mrs Mahoney (Head Caterer) and her team for making this a great lunchtime for the children and staff. We hope your children enjoyed it as much as we did.



Father Christmas visits George-Carey

The children were delighted to have a visit from the real Father Christmas on Thursday this week, accompanied by his elves. Because of parking restrictions he could only park his sleigh on the Rivergate Centre roof.

The elves have been working hard all year to get the presents ready for children. Santa and the elves gave every child in the school one of these gifts; which were also sponsored by L & Q and BRL.

Thank you Santa for taking time out from your busy schedule and for making the day so special for our children.



Christmas tree lights

On Wednesday, the 13th December Rivergate Centre Christmas tree lights were switched on in the Rivergate square. George Reardon (Year 5), Emily Honeywell and Timi Sanni (both in Year 4) had the pleasure of helping switch on the lights. The children said it was brilliant and they had an amazing time. Thank you to Richard Southall from L & Q for letting the children and the school be a part of this seasonal moment; which will now be an annual event in the Barking Riverside community.



Christmas Nativity Productions

This week the children at George-Carey classes performed their Christmas Nativity productions to the school and parents. All the children did brilliantly well, showcasing some wonderful talents and excellent narrating. Well done to all the classes and thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants in the team for all their efforts in the last few weeks putting the shows together. Finally, a big thank you goes to the parents and carers who came to support their children to make the end of term so special for them.

