

Vice Principal's Message

As we reach the end of the autumn term, it is with a sense of pride and joy that we can reflect on all that we have accomplished since the beginning of the academic year; we have managed to keep all year groups open, despite the ongoing Covid situation; in person events have restarted, including new parent Reception tours, Y5/6 Strictly, KS2 Christmas Community Sing, Christmas events, our fabulous Foundation Stage Nativity and the cross-phase 'Nativity! The Musical' performances; clubs have fully restarted with new clubs added and sporting competitions have once again taken place. A roundup of our recent sporting events can be seen on the next page. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying participating in these important opportunities and experiences, once again.

Our school production of 'Nativity! The Musical' was a huge success with some lovely comments coming in about the primary performers. Lots of children in Year 4 - 6 auditioned and 23 were successful in gaining a part. They worked very hard and were amazing; they really did "sparkle and shine"!

In spite of news of the new variant and rising Covid cases, we are looking forward with hope to the next term. The spring term will bring with it yet more sporting events, including the Year 3/4 Strictly competition, as well as our first residential trip in over two years, in the form of the Year 4 trip to York. We cannot tell you how pleased we are to be restarting our residential trips as they add an element of excitement by bringing the children's learning to life. They also help to foster independence and teach valuable life skills, something which is even more important given the restrictions of the past 21 months.

On behalf of the staff here at Caroline Chisholm School, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in what continues to be a challenging time for schools and wish you and your families a happy and healthy holiday.



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"I was really extremely impressed with the primary phase children in the show tonight - they put forth so much effort and were really amazing!"

Parent

Parent Voice - Run by Parents - For Parents

Caroline Chisholm School Parent Voice is an informal group of parents who are committed to making a positive difference to the experiences and outcomes for children and young people who attend the school. The Parent Voice group is actively involved in the work of our whole school community. The purpose of the group is:

- Identifying and representing the views of parents and carers to the Academy Trust on the education provided by the school and matters relating to the well-being of the children and young people who attend the school.
- Engaging in activities which support the education and well-being of all students.
- Involving parents and carers in decision making and fostering a culture of partnership and open communication between home and school.

At the end of the summer term, the chair of the existing Parent Voice group became a member of the Caroline Chisholm Education Trust (Governing Body) and we are now seeking to re-establish this important aspect of parental involvement in the life and work of our school. We would like to invite parents (including existing Parent Voice members) of students from Year R to Year 13 to a virtual MS Teams meeting of the Parent Voice on January 13th at 7pm. If you would like to attend the forthcoming Parent Voice meeting on January 13th, please submit the MS Form no later than Monday January 10th January by clicking on the following link: [Parent Voice Meeting – Attendance confirmation MS Form](#).

Parents who have completed the MS form indicating their attendance, will be able to join the meeting at 7pm on Thursday 13th January by clicking on the link below:

[Parent Voice Relaunch MS Teams meeting](#)



Sporting Roundup

Sports events have restarted with a bang and we are pleased to have been able to invite a great many children to be involved already. Sport is a big part of what we do here at Caroline Chisholm School and we have a long history of sporting success so it has been wonderful to get back to participating in lots of local sporting events.

Events that have already taken place this year include Year 5/6 district cross country, Year 5/6 girls football, Year 5/6 boys football, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 development gymnastics competitions..

The girls football team did well with their best result coming against Bugbrooke where they won 4-0. The boys also had a good result when they played Hackleton winning 6-2. Well done to all our players!

Another sporting highlight from the last term is the Year 5/6 Strictly competition. CCS entered two teams and both performed fabulously with team 2 coming in 3rd in the afternoon session.

Amongst other sporting news is the training squad sessions that we have been running before school for indoor athletics and football which are going well. We have also been able to begin swimming lessons in Year 4. 4EC have been having weekly sessions and we are so proud of how far each and every one of them have come. Sessions for 4AP start in the new year, on Thursday 13th January.

Looking forward, we are hoping to run the all-important Bikeability sessions for Year 3/4 in February and Year 5/6 in July. These sessions teach essential bike safety skills and are enjoyed immensely by everyone who takes part. We're also hopeful that sporting events can continue in the new year.



Charity Update

Over the past few weeks we have run 4 different charity events and wanted to update you on the amazing efforts of everybody to support these fabulous causes. So far, we have raised £1930 for Children in Need, £84 for United World Schools through our Breakfast with Santa fundraiser, copious amount of food donations for the 100 Ladles packups and £900 and counting towards yesterday's Christmas Jumper Day which will be split between CCS Friends and Action Aid. Thank you so much to each and everyone of you who have helped us raise so much. This money is much needed and couldn't have come at a better time!

THANK YOU!

Congratulations to Y5/6 Strictly Team



Dates for Your Diary

Teacher training day
School reopens
4AP swimming lessons begin
Virtual Parent Voice Relaunch meeting
School closes

Tuesday 4th January
Wednesday 5th January
Thursday 13th January
Thursday 13th January
Friday 11th February



It's Christmas!

Foundation Stage

This year saw another successful Foundation Stage Nativity play as we performed 'A miracle in town'. We were very impressed by the performance of each and every one of our wonderful FS children and hope that parents enjoyed this too.

FS also enjoyed our traditional Mince Pies and Milkshakes event. Children took part in a variety of festive activities including listening to Christmas stories, decorating their own biscuit, creating a Christmas bauble and enjoying mince pies and milkshakes. It was a lot of fun!



FS/KS1 Breakfast with Santa

Children from FS, Year 1 and Year 2 had a wonderfully exciting breakfast with the big man himself! Everyone enjoyed a yummy breakfast of chocolate brioche, a yoghurt, a piece of fruit and a mini muffin. They then then sat down to enjoy a fabulous story with Father Christmas who gave everyone a special present and wished them a very merry Christmas. Thank you to all the parents who made an additional donation to support United World Schools.

KS1 Christingle

KS1 children attended our traditional Christingle service at St George's Church earlier this week. The morning was spent making our Christingles ready for us all to walk to the church in the afternoon. Some of our children did a reading and we sang our Christingle songs, we had a lovely time.

Christmas Activities

There have been lots of other festive activities taking place this week to celebrate Christmas.

As well as practicing their singing for a fabulous performance last Friday, KS1 children have been busy doing lots of Christmas activities including lots of Christmas crafts, a festive quiz, watching a Christmas film and making some special cards. We've also been enjoying the antics of our elves! Some of them have needed to have some time out to think about their behaviour!

KS2 children have also been busy practicing for their Christmas community singing performances. Each performance has been wonderful and has really got us in the festive mood. They have also been making their own Christmas cards, doing some fun Christmas crafts and enjoying a Christmas film this week.

