



## Carclaze Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well. This lockdown feels very different to the two in 2020 and we obviously have the added anxiety that the virus rates in Cornwall are now much higher than they were before. As a result of this, we all probably know someone in the local area or even in our family who has tested positive for COVID-19 so it is all now very close to home. It is incredibly important for us all to stay at home if possible and to ensure that we remain as physically and mentally healthy as we can. At Carclaze we are working hard to support children and their families in school and at home.

Thank you all for your lovely feedback. Next week, we will send home a survey in order to gather more of your thoughts about remote learning.

Remote Learning - Teachers are on hand on eschools between 8.30am and 3.30pm every day to help out with your child's home learning. I am delighted that we have had 92% of our children engaged with remote learning this week. If you have any problems accessing any of the resources or need support, please do get in touch.

Staff will make phone calls to any families we have not heard from to check on pupil's welfare and to see if we can provide additional support to help children engage with learning. We know that this is a hugely challenging time for families and would ask that you contact us for advice and support. Keeping in touch is very important for well-being.

Mrs Cameron was sorting through her cupboard and found an old joke book made by children and staff at Carclaze in 1997! We would like to make a joke book to help us through the current lockdown. If you have some good jokes to share then please send them to [secretary@carclazesch.org](mailto:secretary@carclazesch.org)

We are also happy to have some illustration to go along with them.

Best wishes

Simon

Dear Parents,

Well, it's not been quite the return to school that we expected after Christmas! Yet here we all are in Lockdown 3, with a sudden move to remote learning and what an adjustment that is!

I write as both a parent and as the Chair of Governors when I extend my thanks and gratitude to all the teachers and staff at school who worked with minimum notice to organise the online learning.

For those of us at home supporting our children with their learning, we certainly recognise the skills, patience and incredible aptitude that our teachers demonstrate every day. The teachers have spent hours putting together things to send home and they have done, and continue to do their very best. They are working long hours and undertaking work outside of their comfort zones to video record content to enable as much remote learning as possible. The planning, preparation and pre-records are highly time consuming. We thank them for their amazing commitment and care for the pupils at Carclaze School.

School staff also continue to put themselves at risk of COVID transmission in this global pandemic, so please, join me in thanking them and recognising that their efforts are going beyond what is called for under normal circumstances. On that note please can I implore each of you to really consider your eligibility for "critical key worker" places at school. The spirit of the school provision is to provide care/supervision for children whose parents are key workers (away from the home). If you are working from home, then as difficult as it may be to work and support your children's remote learning, please really consider whether you require an essential place at school.

The situation is ever changing at the moment and this may impact on the number of spaces we can offer.

For those of you with children of different ages at home, you may well ask how you can get three different lots of work done with three children of different ages/abilities. As a parent of three children of varying ages myself, the short answer is you can't! If they're old enough, try to get them to do some bits independently, otherwise try something they can all engage with. If you're trying to do this and also juggling working from home, realise that is an impossible ask and adjust your expectations. Please make contact with your children's teachers if you need some support or you need to someone to talk to. Please don't feel alone at all.

You **are** doing enough. You are loving the children in your care and supporting them through the most difficult circumstances. Look after yourself. Minimise stress as much as possible at this time to protect your own health; please don't let remote learning be the something that stresses you out. Please accept what is in your circle of control - as the primary educator at the moment, this is your call. The school make the provision of resources and the framework/structure to the lessons, it is really up to you how best your individual situation lends itself to supporting the home learning. Some days will be better than others and that is absolutely OK. The school will continue to build on the provision and fix any teething problems as we go along.

These are exceptionally difficult times. We are all doing our bit to get through the best that we can. I wish you all continued good health and welcome any communication for the Governing Body via the office email address below.

[secretary@carclazesch.org](mailto:secretary@carclazesch.org)

Very best wishes,

Helen Knight (Chair of Governors)

Certificate Winners - Week Beginning  
11 January 2021

**Year 1** - L.Philp fantastic effort with home learning. H.Waite for being independent and always smiling.

**Year 2** - O.Hobbs for great quality work and achieving lots of coins on numbots and E.Thompson for super home learning.

**Carlyon Bay** - M.Finnimore for spotting connections in Math. C.Darville for lovely manners in Class.

**Year 4** - Z.Tregilgs for persevering with times tables. A.Tree for extra effort with history this week.

**Year 5** - E.Willis for her detailed and concise work in all subjects. O.Crocker for her positive attitude towards learning.

**Year 6** - K.Hacker for excellent communication and home learning. H.Torr for completing some impressive work at home.

Congratulations Everyone!

Certificates will either be handed out or sent home in the post later this week.

**Dinner Bookings** - a new simplified menu is now available on Parent Pay.

If your child is attending School you can now book meals up until half term.

Please remember to book in advance or send in a packed lunch as we cannot take late bookings.

**Free School Meals Vouchers** - for children in receipt of Free School Meals (not universal infant meals). Please check your email accounts as Asda Vouchers will be sent to your direct to print and use in your local supermarket.

**Key Worker Booking Forms** - these will be sent home each week to those parents that have requested a place. Please let the school office know if you have not received the link (via text message).

**Footwear** - Children may come to school in 'trainers' every day if they are attending school. This is so we are prepared to do PE or Joe Wickes workouts.

**Fruit Snacks** - Please send children in with a healthy fruit snack each day!

**Many Thanks**

## CERTIFICATE OF THANKS



With great thanks to

# CARCLAZE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

for donating £90.00  
from their Christmas Jumper Day  
to Penhaligon's Friends

*Julie Parker*

*12th January 2021*

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CEO, Penhaligon's Friends