



Let's show what we can do



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Work, Believe and Achieve

As 2017 draws to a close I wanted to say a huge thank you for your support of Carew Academy. I hope your son/daughter has enjoyed the huge number of spectacular festive events that have taken place – a big thank you to all the staff who put so much hard work into organising them. In particular, the Christmas Services last week were fantastic, well done to all the students who performed and “Challenged” themselves.

You will be delighted to hear that the Carew Friends Christmas Fair raised £921 to support the school, this on top of over £1,000 raised from the Summer Fair demonstrates how wonderful it is to have such a proactive Parents and Friends Association. Your commitment to our students is exceptional!

A reminder that term ends at 12 pm on Wednesday 20th December (students will be getting an early lunch before they leave) and we return for the Spring Term on **Thursday 4th January 2018** at normal time.

The first half of the Spring Term is a short one, we break up for half term on 9th February – so it is important to remind you that every day counts in terms of school attendance. We aim for all our students to embody the **ABC** of Success (**A**ttend, **B**ehave and **C**hallenge) and ensure that they have outstanding attendance – congratulations to the 40 students that have 100% attendance this term!

It is equally brilliant that 100 students have achieved their Bronze Award this term for achieving 20 Merits! Four students have already made it to their Silver Award (40 Merits) and a huge well done to Jayden in Year 7 who has achieved an amazing 50 Merits this term - wow!

Thank you for your support with regards the recent SEN Consultation from Sutton. I thought it would be useful to draw parents' attention to registering for an “I COUNT” card.

I COUNT is a Register of Disabled Children and Young People who live in the area. The Children Act 1989 required all local authorities to establish a register of children with a disability in their area to assist service planning to meet the needs of children with disabilities. When a child is able to register they can access the services offered by the Disabled Children's Service. Other advantages include:

- Children get an I COUNT card which many organizations accept as proof of disability, enabling concessions, fast-tracking and assistance to be obtained more easily.
- Agencies like Health, Education and Social Services have much better information about the needs of disabled children in their area. This helps them to fund and develop the best possible services.

You can register using the following link:

<https://www.i-count.org/how-to-register>

A reminder if you do need help and support you can contact our Family Lead, Debbie Capon on her mobile 07468697107 or by e-mail DCapon@carewacademy.org. As ever, all parents have my mobile number so do not hesitate to contact me on my mobile if you ever need support – a phone call can often resolve things much more efficiently than an e-mail (07799547594). Finally, the back of this letter lists some Sutton Support Services which may be of use.

If you are thinking of what to get for “stocking fillers” then remember the three Ps. Please ensure that your son/daughter comes to school each day with the three **Ps** – **PEN, PENCIL AND PLANNER**. It is really important that you help them get organised for the day ahead and too much time is wasted in lessons handing out the basic equipment that students should be bringing to school in a pencil case.

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Have a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and best wishes for 2018!

Best wishes,



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Sutton Support Services



Off the Record Sutton - free counselling for Sutton young people aged 11-25 & support for parents of young people who self-harm.
Tel: 020 8680 8899 or register online at www.skylinesupport.org for online counselling and workshops.

Switch - young person's drug and alcohol service for people under 19. Support and information to help young people make healthier choices around their drug and alcohol use.
Tel: 020 8773 1881 www.inspirepartnership.org.uk

Getting it on - information for 13-19 year olds in Sutton on sexual and mental health issues, drugs & alcohol and relationship problems www.gettingiton.org.uk/

Jigsaw4U - support for children and families in Sutton around loss and bereavement; parenting; missing children Tel: 020 8687 1384 www.jigsaw4u.org.uk/

Sutton Young Carers Service - support for young people aged 8-25 with caring responsibilities at home
Tel: 020 8296 5611 www.suttoncarerscentre.org/young-carers-services

Sutton Uplift - community based mental health and wellbeing service for adults aged 18+ in Sutton.
Tel: 0800 032 1411 www.suttonuplift.co.uk/