

19<sup>th</sup> September 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

## NEWSLETTER No: 1 Autumn Term

So... our first BUMPER newsletter of 2017-18! We were pleased to welcome everyone back after the summer holiday. Everyone is settling well into the school routine. **Our weekly awards assemblies will start on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. Please do join us if you can.** We are happy for you to bring along younger siblings and we provide a crèche so that you can enjoy the Assembly in peace!

### STAFFING & CLASSES for 2017-18

- Holly Class - Miss A Simmons
- Rowan Class - Mr D Patchett
- Silver Birch Class - Miss K Daly & Mrs A Kenney
- Chestnut Class - Mrs L Willson
- Oak Class - Mr T Schofield
- Pear Class - Mrs S Charlesworth & Mrs G Tait
- Willow Class - Miss C Wright

We're pleased to welcome Mrs Kenney and Mrs Tait as maternity cover for Mrs Mallon and Mrs Howard respectively and Miss Simmons replaces Miss Nolan on our teaching staff team. We are pleased to also welcome our two new School Direct trainees, Miss Wheeldon (Willow class) and Miss Kerrison (Rowan class).

Congratulations to Mrs Howard on the birth of her son James on 20<sup>th</sup> August - weighing in at 8lb 2oz. Mother and baby are both doing well.

Mrs Hunter & Miss Daly (when she's not in Silver Birch!) continue to undertake some cover in classes and teach small groups of children. Mr Cannon is also returning to teach PE & Sport across the school.

Our team of teaching assistants have all returned and will continue their excellent support of teaching and learning. So welcome back to Mrs Spirrett, Mrs Phillips, Miss Beeton, Miss Lawson, Mrs Isaacs, Mrs Satterley and Mr Huskinson. Mrs Cooke continues to help out in the

school office on Mondays and Fridays - we're very grateful for her invaluable contribution to the smooth running of our school.

### Y6 SATS RESULTS 2017 (unvalidated)

Once again we were delighted with our Y6 SATs results which are a credit to our children, their teachers and parents.

Subject	CCJS – expected standard	National – expected standard	% of children achieving a high standard	National – high standard or GDS for Writing
Writing	92%	76%	23% (GDS)	18%
Maths	88%	75%	31%	23%
Reading	88%	71%	23%	25%
Combined (R, W, M)	83%	61%	13.5%	9%
GPS	90%	77%	27%	31%

### Average Scaled Scores:-

Subject	Average scaled score CCJS	National
Reading	106	104
GPS	107	106
Mathematics	107	104

As you can see we're above the national average in all subjects.

### Progress Scores:-

Average progress in mathematics	+ 3.3
Average progress in reading	+ 3.6
Average progress in writing	+ 3.6

Progress scores are centred around 0, with most schools in the range of -5 to +5

**A positive score** means that pupils in this school on average do better at KS2 as those with similar prior attainment nationally.

## PERSONAL ORGANISERS

Every child has been provided with a personal organiser. Please sign and return the agreements if you haven't already done so and keep an eye out for messages etc. that may appear in your child's organiser. Please also feel free to put your own comments and messages for us to read too and most importantly encourage your child to have it in school at all times and ask your child to show the teacher if there is a message in it from you. **We provide these free of charge, but should your child lose it, we do charge £5 for a replacement.**

## ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY & TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

In 2016/17 our absence level was 4.0 % which means we met our annual target of 96% attendance, but we were down by 0.2% on our attendance level in the previous year. As ever we must continue to work hard to keep our attendance on track again this year.



Attendance is a key priority for all schools and the Department for Education continue to set challenging attendance targets for schools. As usual we will be closely monitoring absence and punctuality alongside the Local Authority and the DfE. We will work with and provide support to children and families with particular difficulties.

As last year there will be many activities related to attendance and punctuality. This includes the whole school skiing lesson reward scheme for all children who achieve an attendance level of 97%+ has started again. This runs from 7<sup>th</sup> September and you will



receive a letter about this shortly. Last year 112 children achieved this reward and in July we took the Y6 children to the Snowdome and on 22<sup>nd</sup> September will be taking the remaining qualifying children for their lesson.



We are again including punctuality in the ski reward and therefore please make sure your child arrives **on time** - which is in school between **8.40 - 8.50am** and ready to start lessons at 9am to minimise disruption. **Children who regularly arrive after 8.50am will not qualify for the ski reward.**

A reminder about term time holidays. It has been agreed within the Carlton Academy family of schools that holidays taken in term time are unauthorised unless there are truly exceptional circumstances. Our Governors have recently agreed that we **MIGHT FINE** if parents still remove their children from school for unauthorised holidays.

We are trying to improve attendance as there is a direct link between how often a child attends school and their academic achievements.

## BOOK CLUB

This is run by Mrs Gordon every Wednesday afternoon. Children save up to buy books of their choice - the minimum amount they can bring in is 20p.

## VOLUNTEER HELPERS

We really want to encourage parents, grandparents & carers to come into school and help support our community. This can for example be with reading, art, general classroom activities, swimming on Mondays and can be as little or as much time as you like. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

## MOBILE PHONES

Please can we remind you that mobile phones **are not allowed in school**. Should a child still choose to bring a phone into school 'illegally', any loss or damage remains the responsibility of parents.

In addition any phones brought in will be confiscated and parents will have to come into school to collect them from school reception.

## INDIVIDUAL MUSIC TUITION

The music lessons provided by the Arts Support Service started again last week. Violin is on Tuesday, woodwind is on Wednesday and guitar on Friday. We have several spaces for violin, one for woodwind and may have some for guitar. If your child is interested in lessons please contact Mrs Hall in the school office as soon as possible for further details.

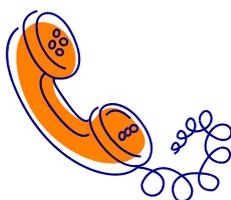


## CASH & REPLY SLIPS

If your child is bringing in cash (other than tuckshop money) and any reply slips for school visits etc. please can you ensure they are placed in a sealed envelope with the child's name on. Class teachers will ask at registration and the envelopes should then be placed in the box provided which Mrs Hall will collect from each class. Many thanks.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Over the next week or so your child will be bringing home a data collection sheet which shows all the contact information we currently hold on the school office computer. It is highly likely that some of these details are out of date and we would be grateful if you could amend the sheet as necessary



and return it to school as soon as possible to enable our records to be updated.

Please also keep us informed of any changes that may occur throughout the school year, particularly to mobile numbers as we do utilise a text messaging system to let you know about school events etc. as well as pushing out notifications through our school app.

## HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES & SCHOOL MEALS

A quick reminder! Our School Prospectus states that:



"packed lunches should be in a small plastic lunchbox labelled with the child's name. Drinks should be in an unbreakable container (no cans, fizzy drinks, chocolate, crisps or sweets please). If children forget their sandwiches we will try to contact you, if a school meal is provided it must be paid for the next day". The cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week). Please use our online payment system sQuid to pay for school meals. Letters with instructions on how to register for an account are available from the School Office. Universal free school meals ends when your child leaves the infants and application for free school meals is then required. **If you think you may be eligible for free school meals ask at the office about how to apply - the school receives funding for every child who qualifies!**

As a Healthy School we are trying to promote healthy eating as well as healthy lifestyles. Children are awarded with stickers for healthy lunch boxes.

Please can we also ask that you do not send sandwiches containing peanut butter or any popcorn. This is due to some severe food allergies/intolerances of several children in school. Many thanks.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club runs from 8am - 8.40am, staffed by Miss Beeton & Mrs Belshaw. This term our breakfast club will again include sporting activities led by staff. The cost is £2 per day and includes breakfast and childcare. If you are interested in your child attending breakfast club, please contact the school office. **Please note that due to insurance reasons school staff cannot be responsible for children before 8am.**

## OUR SCHOOL APP & WEBSITE

As you may know we have a school app for smartphones and tablet devices - so if you haven't already done so - it's time to



download it - for free! For iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch, go to the Apple App Store and search for 'Carlton Central Jr School'. For Android phones, go to the Google Play Store and search for 'Carlton Central Jr School'. As well as our

texting service we do also push out notifications about school events so it's worth having a look.

We're always looking for local businesses/sponsors for our app - please ask any local shops, coffee shops, hair salons, small businesses or any other contacts you may have, if they would be interested in 'renting' some app space - it's a great way for them to advertise their business to our parents/carers!

Please do let us know what you think about the app or if you think we could improve it in anyway. Feedback and suggestions welcome - either in person or by email to [office@carlton.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@carlton.notts.sch.uk)

We also have a great school website. Do check it out at:

[www.carlton.notts.sch.uk](http://www.carlton.notts.sch.uk) - where you will find lots of information (including all the statutory stuff!), links to newsletters, as well as some lovely photos of our pupils engaging in lots of exciting activities.

## PARKING & ACCESS

**ISSUES** We have again started the year with several complaints from local residents about inconsiderate



and dangerous parking! Please be aware that parking on the yellow zig-zags is not permitted. We would also urge you to be considerate to our neighbours particularly at the most difficult and busy times of the day. Please also be aware that there is a private car park to the right hand side of Garden Avenue which is for residents only. A number of these residents need to be able to access this area, often due to health reasons - we would urge you not to block this area. We do urge local residents to contact the local PCSO.

Please can you also ensure your children use Garden Avenue to access the school premises, rather than rushing in at the bottom gate when a car is entering the site. The drive has to be used for vehicle access and for obvious safety reasons pedestrian access should be from Garden Avenue and through the side gate opposite our playground. Many thanks.

## Y6 SATS WEEK

A reminder of Y6 SATs week which is from Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018. These are very important tests and we would urge parents/carers to try and ensure your child does not miss any vital lesson time this year. Unless there are **exceptional**



circumstances your child cannot sit the tests at any other time (**term time holidays are not exceptional and the school may fine**).

We would also remind Parents/Carers that statutory writing assessments continue until the end of June 2018 so request that Y6 parents continue to ensure their children are in school throughout this vital period of your child's primary education.

### **ACADEMY UPDATE**

As many of you are aware we are in the process of converting to academy status and joining the Redhill Academy Trust. Our conversion date has been delayed to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017. We will keep you updated with developments - in the meantime we carry on as usual!



### **ASTHMA INHALERS**

If your child has an inhaler for asthma there are some forms that need completing for school records. Please contact the school office if you haven't already completed these forms.

### **APPLICATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS PLACES**

We have been asked by Nottinghamshire County Council to raise awareness of the importance of expressing more than one preference when applying for a secondary school place. Last year 49.1% of secondary applicants made only one preference and not necessarily for their 'catchment' school. Whilst the number of families securing a first preference place is higher in secondary than in primary (for September 2017, 93.2% of parents secured their first secondary preference), it is nonetheless the case that as more children seek secondary school places, the current practice of parents making only

one preference may place the family at risk of being allocated a secondary school place some distance from their home or most preferred school.

There are some very key differences between primary and secondary admissions, not least because almost all secondary schools have academised and therefore set their own admission criteria. This means it is essential that parents examine closely the admission oversubscription criteria for their preferred school. Whilst it is true that most secondary academies continue to give priority to children in their linked schools, this requires careful scrutiny by parents, particularly those who may wish to make an out of catchment preference.

Nottinghamshire County Council encourage parents to:-

1. Apply on time.
2. Consider their secondary preferences carefully and read the admission oversubscription criteria for all their preferred schools.
3. Make more than one preference, particularly if the first preference is not the secondary school linked to the primary school their child currently attends.
4. Ensure that at least one of their preferences is for a school where their child will have high priority within the admission oversubscription criteria.

Making only one preference significantly increases the risk that your child will be given an alternative offer of a school place which may be at a considerable distance from your home address.

The 'Admissions to Schools: Guide for Parents 2018-19' is available on the NCC website. Please take the time to read this carefully.

## **TUCK SHOP**

Our healthy school tuck shop sells fruit bags (30p) healthy pizza muffins (40p), fruit juice (40p) and toast (20p). Children can buy up to two different items.

If you do not wish your child to buy this you can send them with their own fruit or vegetables to eat at break time. We would

recommend all children eat a piece of fruit at break time to stop them from getting hungry later in the morning. Please note crisps and cereal bars are not allowed as we have Enhanced Healthy Schools status and are trying to ensure all pupils eat healthily in school.

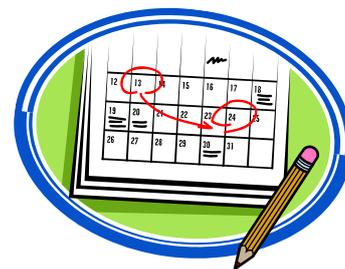
## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Also attached is a school holiday pattern & INSET days for 2016/17.

As the year progresses there will be additions/alterations to these dates, but we will keep you updated with regular newsletters and other communications.

### **September**

Tues 5th	Admin Day
Weds 6th	INSET
Thurs 7th	First day for pupils
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Victorian Experience
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming starts
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	Roald Dahl Day & Y6 DARE starts
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher 2.45 – 3.15pm & lunchtime French club starts
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Snowdome Visit attendance award (Y4-6)
w/c 25 <sup>th</sup>	National re-cycling week
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Science/Art/RE days
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Science/Art/RE days
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Science/Art/RE days
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	9am First Awards Assembly (weekly from this date)



### **October**

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Science day
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC Assembly Y5/6
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Photos – individual & siblings
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC workshops Y5/6 & Y3/4 Dental Hygienist visit
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Dental Hygienist visit
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Enterprise day at TCA
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day before half-term

### **HALF TERM – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

### **November**

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am -10.30am Remembrance Service
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>	9am Chestnut Class assembly
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Anti Bullying & Parliament Week
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Jabs – Y3
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	9am Rowan Class assembly

### **December**

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Fair
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Dress Rehearsal - production
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	2pm & 6pm Christmas Production
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 to TCA Christmas Production – 12pm – 3pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day,
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 party pm & Y5/6 visit to Newstead Victorian Christmas
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 party pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Final Awards assembly & last day of Autumn term

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

## January

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> pm Whole school visit to Theatre Royal Panto

## February

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Last swimming session

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Internet Safety Day

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening

### HALF TERM 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> INSET day – school closed

## March

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> World Book Day (Book Fair starts for 1 week)

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> TCA arts exhibition opens

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Mock SATs week

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sport Relief

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday – school closed

### EASTER 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH – 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL

## April

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> pm Y6 yoga starts

## May

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May Day – school closed

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs week

### HALF TERM 28<sup>th</sup> MAY – 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE

## June

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Class/Group photos

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> INSET - school closed

## July

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> INSET – school closed

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> a.m. Sports Day

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Y2 induction night 6pm

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Y6 TCA transition day

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Hagg Farm Y5/6 visit leaves

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Hagg Farm Y5/6 visit returns

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Leavers' Disco 6-8pm

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Fun Day & Final awards assembly, picnic lunch

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> day of summer holiday

*I am really looking forward to another exciting and rewarding year here at CCJS and should you have any queries or problems, please pop in to see us to have a chat.*

Miss Julie Wardle  
Executive Head teacher

Mrs Sharon Wood  
Head of School

