



12th January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

NEWSLETTER No: 1 Spring Term

2017 - a slightly belated Happy New Year & welcome back to a Spring Term where we again have many exciting activities and events planned between now and Easter - dates so far are listed at the end of this Newsletter.

SATS RESULTS 2016



As we approach the big push for 2017 SATs we thought it would be good to share the excellent news from our results last year.

You may have heard in the press that these tests were significantly more challenging than previous years. Many schools were disappointed with their results. However, here at Carlton Central we were delighted that our results were some of the best in Nottinghamshire and indeed nationally! When compared to other primary schools in Gedling we are TOP for children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined. The school achieved 81% which is significantly better than the national average of 53%. For maths we were in the top 10% of schools in England and in reading we were in the top 20%.

Therefore in order to hopefully continue this excellent work we are now starting a focused programme of study for our Y6 children which includes the booster sessions outlined in the next section of this newsletter.

Y6 SATS - booster sessions

Our Y6 children are now starting their after-school booster sessions which will help them prepare for the KS2 SATs they will undertake during the week commencing 8th May 2017. Please ensure your children attend these sessions - they really are invaluable in helping them achieve their full potential in the tests. We provide them with a drink and snack at some point during the session - to keep them going!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS.

Y6 children need to be here every day from now on and can we also request that Y6 parents do not book any holidays prior to the end of June, due to ensuring that we can complete the statutory writing assessments.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We continue to rigorously monitor attendance and punctuality. Attendance in the Autumn Term was **96.2%** which means we are on target to achieve above the 96%



we are aiming for. 62 children achieved 100% in the Autumn term which is not as good as last year when 70 children

achieved this! Well done to all of them - they are well on track to receive their skiing lesson. Every child received stickers

and an attendance pencil in our first Awards Assembly of this term on Friday, 13th January. We also awarded the termly attendance cup for the class with the best attendance for the Autumn term. Come and join us to find out the winner!

Parents of any child with attendance below 90% will have received a letter and registration certificate from the school - as this is the level classed as being a Persistent Absentee. As the mornings are now very dark punctuality has become something of an issue, please remember that children are allowed into school from 8.40am and should be in school by 8.50am at the latest! We do know how hard it is to get going during these dark, winter mornings! However to avoid disruption to lessons and learning, please set your alarms - thank you!



As you know we also launched our whole school incentive scheme that will run up to 7th July 2017. All children with attendance of 97%+ will be taken for a skiing lesson (unless they have late marks without a valid reason). Children's attendance percentages for the Autumn term were noted in their organisers last week.

REMINDERS!

Please can we remind you that the school uniform policy states children should wear "securely fastening black flat-heeled shoes (no luminous laces or **trainers**). However, during the colder months pupils may wear plain, flat, black boots (but not Ugg style)." We have also started to notice an increase in large hair bands being worn - please make sure hair accessories are appropriate and that they are in our school colours. In

addition, please can you ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times during the week and takes it home for washing at the weekend. Thank you.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Following on from previous successful events, we will be having another Safer

Internet Day on Tuesday, 7th February. Safer internet day is when children and adults across the world come together as one and discuss how to make the internet a safer place. This year's theme is "Be the Change: Unite for a Better Internet". Further details about specific activities on the day will follow - keep checking those bags!

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

We will shortly be sending these out again for the Spring Term as well as posting them on our website and app, so please keep an eye on your children's bags to see what they will be learning about and the exciting things they'll be doing this term.

HAGG FARM RESIDENTIAL

This year we are again offering a residential experience at Hagg Farm, initially to our Y6 pupils and then if there are still spaces, to our Y5 pupils as well. We have booked a two night break, starting on Monday, 17th July and returning Wednesday, 19th July.



Hagg Farm is located in the beautiful Peak District countryside and is owned by Nottinghamshire

County Council. The visit will be led by Mr Patchett so watch this space for further details and information about the visit and the exciting outdoor activities that will be on offer. This has been a hugely popular visit in all the years we've visited there - whatever the British weather throws at us - and we can't wait to go again!

SCHOOL DRIVE, PARKING & SAFETY ISSUES

A reminder that we ask that you **do not** walk/run through the electronic gates at the bottom of the drive, as this is a major health and safety issue. It is a particular concern at the start and end of the school day, when there are lots of people on the school drive. Please be aware that cars have to use this route to access the site and we recommend anyone on foot uses Garden Avenue and the two side gates. There have been accidents within Nottinghamshire involving these types of electronic gate.



We have also had several new complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking and rude behavior, particularly at the end of the school day. Please think carefully about where you park your car and treat local residents with respect. If these matters escalate it is likely that the

local police will be asked to become involved.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of our school community.

BIKEABILITY

In March Y4, Y5 children (+ any Y6 who didn't do the course last year) will undertake 'bikeability' to learn about bike safety on the roads. Hopefully receiving these excellent training programmes will help all our Y4, Y5 & Y6 pupils to have increased skills in bike riding and keep them safer when they are out and about on their bikes.



UPDATE FROM LAST TERM - CARLTON FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Following our Christmas collection for the Carlton foodbank we were able to donate 45 kilos of food to this excellent local charity. We'd like to pass on a big Carlton Central 'Thank You' to everyone who sent a contribution.

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to William Huxford who won an exciting stationery pack for being our second Spelling Bee winner of 2016-17.

CARLTON CUP WINNER

At the end of the Autumn term Harry Crisp became the latest winner of the Carlton Cup in acknowledgement of his super contribution to the life of Carlton Central Junior.

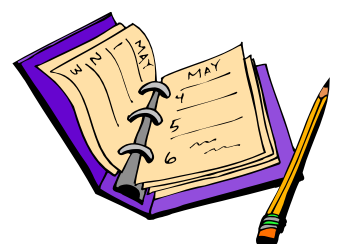
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – please note these may change!

January

Fri 20th pm – Rowan Class to Lakeside Arts
Thurs 26th pm – Chestnut Class to Lakeside Arts
Fri 27th Chinese New year + special Chinese themed lunch

February

Thurs 2nd am – Oak Class to Lakeside Arts



Thurs 2nd 3.15 – 5.50pm Open Evening
 Fri 3rd am – Silver Birch Class to Lakeside Arts
 Mon 6th 3.15 – 5.50pm Open Evening
 Tues 7th Safer Internet Day
 Thurs 9th 9am – Cherry Class Assembly
 Fri 10th pm – Cherry Class to Lakeside Arts
 Last day of first half of Spring term

HALF TERM 13th – 17th February

February

Mon 20th First day back after half-term
 Thurs 23rd Willow Class – Frankie & Benny's
 Tues 28th Pear Class – Frankie & Benny's

March

Thurs 2nd World Book day celebrations
 Mon 13th Carlton Academy Arts exhibition opens
 w/c Mon 13th Mock SATs week
 Weds 15th Cherry Class – Frankie & Benny's
 Thurs 16th 9am – Silver Birch Class Assembly
 Weds 22nd Y3/4 visit to Conkers – Stone Age theme day (tbc)
 Thurs 23rd Chestnut Class – Frankie & Benny's
 Fri 24th Comic Relief
 Thurs 30th Bikeability
 pm Y6 yoga starts (4 week pre-SATs programme)
 Fri 31st Bikeability
 Last day of Spring term

SPRING TERM HOLIDAY 3rd APRIL – 17th APRIL

April

Tues 18th First day of Summer term

May

Mon 1st May Day – school closed
 w/c Mon 8th Y6 SATs week
 Fri 26th Carlton Academy Arts exhibition closes and last day of first half of Summer term

HALF TERM 29th May – 2nd June

June

Mon 5th First day back after half-term
 Fri 23rd INSET – school closed
 Mon 26th INSET – school closed
 Fri 30th am – Sports Day (**new date**)

July

Tues 11th 9am – Rowan Class Assembly
 Fri 14th Y6 Leaver's Assembly
 Mon 17th – Y5/6 visit to Hagg Farm
 Weds 19th
 Thurs 20th 6pm Leaver's Disco
 Fri 21st 9am Final Awards Assembly
 Tues 25th Last day of Summer term

As always please don't hesitate to drop in for a chat at anytime, I am always happy to speak about any concerns you may have, and also any good news you may wish to share.

Julie Wardle

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