

5th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

NEWSLETTER No: 1 Summer Term

Welcome to the summer term where, as usual, we have lots of exciting events and activities planned. We have listed as many dates as we can at the back of this newsletter and further details will follow about specific events nearer the time.



STAFFING NEWS

As you are aware, over the Easter break Miss Walford got married and has become Mrs Willson (yes the double ll is correct!). Also, as some of you are aware, Mrs Mallon has now temporarily left us as she looks forward to the arrival of her second baby towards the end of this month. Miss Daly and Miss Milligan will be covering Mrs Mallon's teaching commitment up to the end of the Summer term.

PUPIL PREMIUM

At the end of the Spring term we were contacted by the Department for Education Pupil Premium Awards Team. Our school has been identified as being in the top 20 schools within our region for the performance of our pupil premium pupils. Well done everyone!



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Well done to Cherry Class who achieved best class attendance for the Spring Term - with 97.9%. Overall attendance in the Spring Term was **96.5%**, which is exactly the same as last year so we're really hoping we can keep up the excellent work over the Summer Term.

71 children achieved 100% attendance in the Spring, which is 4 more than in the same period last year. These children received stickers and stationery in our Awards Assembly last week. We continue to work towards a minimum of 96% attendance overall. Please send your child



in and rest assured we'll always phone you should your child become worse during the day. Also, please remember the Carlton Academy family attendance policy means that **holidays in term time are always unauthorised**. Our whole school attendance incentive scheme continues to 7th July. Children with attendance of 97%+ & good punctuality will go to the Snowdome in Tamworth for a skiing lesson.

SCHOOL MEALS & FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Don't forget the price of a school meal has risen to **£2.30 per day** and that we are trying to become cashless for dinner money, using the sQuid online payment system.



You may not be aware that the school and pupils benefit from the numbers of children registered for free school meals. Even if the child does not actually take up the free school meal, we still receive additional Pupil Premium funding, which will benefit your child. Parents who think they may be eligible can apply by phone on: 0300 500 80 80 or online at: <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/school/s/school-dinners/free-school-meals/>

SPRING TERM UPDATES

Congratulations to Summer-Lea Bradshaw, who was our latest star speller in our Spelling Bee! & our board games afternoon and cake sale raised £105 for the NSPCC.

APP ALERT

We would just like to alert you to the fact that there is a new app circulating called SimSimi. It looks harmless but can be used anonymously to cyberbully. The app allows users to type in people's names. They then receive an anonymous, usually insulting and nasty message back.

Its use has been suspended in the Republic of Ireland, but children in England can still download it. Police have sent out an alert warning that messages your child can receive can be both "abusive" and "explicit". They are alerting parents about the app and asking them to check their children's phones for this image (it's yellow in colour) to see if they have downloaded it.



ONCHAN PARK UPDATE

As you know last year some pupils from our school and also Carlton Central Infants were successful in an artwork competition run by Friends of Onchan Park. The winning artwork has now been painted onto the park pavilion - the children's artwork having been vibrantly re-created by Dak - a local graffiti artist. Heather Cully was the overall mural winner with Molly-Grace Almeida, Scarlet Frith, Paige Bartlam, Lexie Green and Phoebe Covill all submitting winning window art. Miss Wardle, Mr Patchett and Mrs Hall joined several parents and pupils at the official unveiling of the artwork which was held on Sunday 23rd April.

There is also a new tennis net on the tennis court at the park. Both the park and tennis court are open all day, every day for the public to play on. Do go along and visit the park where not only can you admire the lovely artwork now adorning the old pavilion, but also enjoy the flora and fauna

of the park and the view across the Trent valley area.

Bus numbers 25 and 27 stop at Tesco in Carlton and there is a path from the very top of Church Street straight up the hill to the Elwes Arms pub. From there, Onchan Park is across the road beyond the post box. Alternatively, number 44 loops through Bakersfield, up Douglas Avenue and then stops on Oakdale Road. The park is about a 5 minute walk east past Jazz's convenience store along Oakdale Road. By car, the park is accessible from the city centre via Sneinton Dale & Oakdale Road or from the Tesco Superstore in Carlton via Southdale Road & Southdale Drive. There is on-street parking on Onchan Drive or Onchan Avenue, right next to the park gate. Watch out for details of the Onchan Park Summer Fun day which will be held later this year - details to follow.

BOOK SHOP/CLUB

Jayne Gordon continues to run our book shop/club every Wednesday. She is looking for any donations of children's books in good condition. This is a new venture and these books will be sold as second-hand, alongside the current book shop.

Y6 SATs

Our Y6 children will sit their Key Stage 2 SATs during the week commencing 8th May 2017. After-school booster sessions have now finished. All Y6 have had weekly pre-SATs yoga sessions to help them prepare for this important milestone in their educational journey. Parents have received a letter and timetable. At the end of SATs week the Y6 pupils will enjoy a relaxed Friday including a treat to reward them for all their hard work.



REMINDER - mobile phones are not allowed in school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - please note these may change!



May

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| Mon 1 st | May Day – school closed |
| w/c Mon 8 th | Y6 SATs week |
| Mon 15 th | pm - Y3, Y4 & Y5 – cheerleading workshops |
| Thurs 25 th | 4pm - Y4/5 Boys Football tournament at Arnold Town FC |
| Fri 26 th | Carlton Academy Arts exhibition closes and last day of first half of Summer term |

HALF TERM 29th May – 2nd June

June

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| Mon 5 th | First day back after half-term |
| Weds 7 th | Y6 Boys Cricket at Gedling Colliery |
| Thurs 15 th | Y6 Girls Cricket at Calverton Cricket Club |
| Tues 20 th | pm – Y6 Pintsize Theatre |
| Weds 21 st | Class/Group photos |
| Fri 23 rd | INSET – school closed |
| Mon 26 th | INSET – school closed |
| Thurs 29 th | Y4/5 Cricket at Goosedale |
| Fri 30 th | am – Sports Day |

July

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| Mon 3 rd | Y5/6 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park |
| Thurs 6 th & Fri 7 th | Rocket Car Racing Challenge |
| Tues 11 th | 9am – Rowan Class Assembly |
| Weds 12 th | Y6 Induction Day – Carlton Academy |
| Thurs 13 th | Y6 visit to Snowdome – attendance reward |
| Fri 14 th | Y6 Leaver's Assembly |
| Mon 17 th – Weds 19 th | Y5/6 visit to Hagg Farm |
| Thurs 20 th | 6pm Leaver's Disco |
| Fri 21 st | 9am Final Awards Assembly |
| Tues 25 th | Last day of Summer term |

September

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| Thurs 7 th | First day of 2017-18 |
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ADVANCE NOTICE OF DATES FOR NEXT YEAR:-

Our INSET days in 2017-18 are:-

Tuesday 5th September 2017 – Admin Day
Wednesday 7th September 2017
Monday 26th February 2018
Friday 29th June 2018
Monday 2nd July 2018

Another busy term! Further dates will be added as the term progresses & please keep checking your child's bag for letters about specific events. 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
Headteacher