



23rd March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

NEWSLETTER No: 3 Spring Term

Easter will soon be upon us! We're looking forward to the last few activities of term and also towards the summer term and lots more exciting events to come! We hope you're able to join us at some point over the last bit of the Spring Term. Our final Awards Assembly is on Friday, 31st March at 9am as usual.

COMIC RELIEF

As usual we will be supporting this bi-annual charity tomorrow

Friday, 24th March with a range of activities - details of the activities were sent home with children last week. Thank you to everyone who bought a red nose - we are now completely sold out! This will certainly boost our fund raising efforts.

COMIC RELIEF

hope that you can be there to help celebrate.

There is a new tennis net on the tennis court at Onchan Park! Tennis was a popular activity as recorded in the survey from last year, and the council have now replaced the posts and net. The park and tennis court are open all day, every day for the public to play on this hard outdoor surface.

ONCHAN PARK UPDATE MURAL COMPETITION

Last year some pupils from our school were successful in an artwork competition run by Friends of Onchan Park. The artwork was chosen to be painted on the pavilion at Onchan Park, Oakdale Road. Graffiti artist Dak will be painting the murals very soon and they will be revealed on Sunday 23rd April at 12:30pm at the Spring Festival. A representative from Nottingham City Transport, who funded the materials for the murals, will be at the ceremony.

Friends of Onchan Park would like to invite you to see the unveiling of the murals at the Spring Festival on Sunday 23rd April 12-4pm.

The Spring Festival celebrates the first steps in the regeneration of Onchan Park. There will be displays, stalls, refreshments, St George's themed games and a costume competition. This will be a very special day for Onchan Park and we



SCOOTERS

As you are aware a lot of children are currently riding to school on scooters - we are more than happy to support this healthy way of getting to/from school and to store scooters here during the day. (Please be aware scooters are sent in at your own risk.) However, please can you remind your child that using scooters on the school grounds is not permitted, due to health and safety concerns. This ban includes both the school drive, the playground and the pathway around school.

ATTENDANCE

Your child's attendance percentage up to 31th March will be noted in your child's organiser on the last day of the



Spring Term, so please check to see if your child is on track for our ever popular ski reward!

REMINDERS - DINNER MONEY

As you know we operate a cashless catering/payments system - sQuid.

We still have a few parents who send in cash or cheques to pay for school dinners and we would like to move away from this completely. **Please collect a sQuid registration letter from the office if you are yet to set up an account.**



And also ... please remember that the cost of a school dinner increases with effect from **1st April 2017 to £2.30 per day- £11.50 per week**. Therefore the new price starts as soon as we return from the Easter break.

REMINDERS - UNIFORM

We have noticed an increase in the number of children wearing trainers instead of school shoes - please ensure your child has the correct footwear on before they come into school. We are also seeing an increasing number of very short, pencil skirts and very thin leggings. Please can we remind you that our prospectus states skirts should be **at least knee-length**.



Y6 SATS

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our SATs

briefing session. We were delighted with the turn out and hope you found the session both informative and useful. After-school booster sessions continue and all our pupils are working really hard as we approach the big week!

As you know Y6 SATs week starts on Monday, 8th May 2017. We will again be

providing a series of pre-SATs yoga sessions which start on 30th March to help them prepare mentally for these tests. This activity has proved very popular & successful in previous years and we are really pleased to be able to run them again this year.

Additionally we also request Y6 parents do not book any holidays prior to or during SATs week or prior to the end of June, due to ensuring that we can complete statutory writing assessments.

ROAD SAFETY

We have had some concerns raised about our pupils dashing out into roads without stopping and following basic road safety. Mrs Satterley has been doing some work in school around this, but we would like you to also remind your children of the inherent dangers in crossing main roads and ensuring they stop, look and listen before they cross.

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS:- ART EXHIBITION

A reminder that this annual event is now open and runs 9am - 5pm every day up to Friday, 26th May. We have again provided excellent art work on the theme 'I wish'. The exhibition is completely free of charge and we hope you are able to go along and have a look and find our school's contribution!



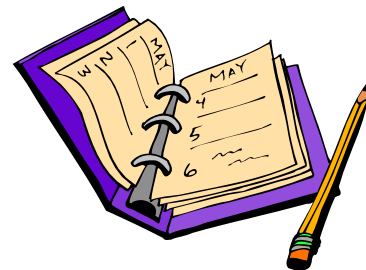
& finally - a plea from Mrs Belshaw & Mrs Hall! We are again taking an increasing number of phone calls (starting at about 2.15pm) about children's arrangements for after school. This takes up lots of valuable office time delivering the messages & may mean we miss something that is actually urgent. Please ensure your child is aware of their after-

school arrangements BEFORE they come to school. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- please note these may change!

March

Fri 24th Comic Relief
Weds 29th Closing date for entries to the PFA Easter Egg competition
Thurs 30th Bikeability
pm Y6 yoga starts (4 week pre-SATs programme)
Fri 31st Bikeability
9am – Final Awards Assembly
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
Weds 21st Class/Group photos
Fri 23rd INSET – school closed
Mon 26th INSET – school closed
Fri 30th am – Sports Day

July

Tues 11th 9am – Rowan Class Assembly
Weds 12th Y6 Induction Day – Carlton Academy
Thurs 13th Y6 visit to Snowdome – attendance reward
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.

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