

10th November 2016



Dear Parents/Carers,

NEWSLETTER No: 3 Autumn Term

Welcome to another edition about the exciting things we are doing here at Carlton Central Juniors. Now the weather has turned decidedly chilly, please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing to put on, as we will still take them outside as often as we can!



SAVE ONCHAN PARK UPDATE

As you know we have been supporting the Friends of Onchan Park to try and keep the park open. **You'll be delighted to know that they have successfully negotiated with Gedling Borough Council to retain all of Oakdale Road Recreation ground for use by the community.**

The friends group have campaigned for 9 months against council suggestions to split the park and build houses on it. The news they had been waiting for has now been received as Councillor John Clarke wrote stating that "The whole park's future is secure and none of the land will be developed for housing." He also commented that he "hopes we can work together to improve the facilities."

The campaign to "Save Onchan Park" was supported strongly by local people and community leaders. The facebook group set up in January gained over 1000

followers over two days. The petition against the sale of the land to developers gathered 850 signatures. A "Summer Fun Day" in July attracted many people and brought the plight of the park to the attention of the local media. PCC Paddy Tipping spoke up saying "I think the council know the strength of feeling, but an event like that brings people together, shows support for the park, and I hope the council listen *very* carefully to local opinion." The day was a huge success with stalls, a karate display, a theatre show, bouncy castles and refreshments; the popular raffle raised over £1000. Building on this success, Onchan Park also hosted a "Spooktacular" Halloween event.

An online survey and focus groups reaching to over 1000 locals will inform the future plans for improving the park, pavilion and green space. The group can now apply for grant funding to create a community hub and completely renovate the park, working with Gedling Borough Council.

Here at CCJ we are also really looking forward to seeing our winning designs which as you already know will be used for the wall mural and the pavilion windows.

SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

A big 'well done' to our first Spelling Bee Champion of 2016-17. Just before half-term ANIS THOMAS fought off all the competition and was rewarded for her wonderful spelling with an artist's sketching kit.



ATTENDANCE UPDATES

This continues to be an important issue for us. Attendance percentages will be noted on your child's personal organisers this week, so keep an eye to see

if your child is on target. Remember authorised illness/medical reasons all count as absence and holidays are now unauthorised - both types of absence will reduce your child's chances of receiving our ski lesson reward.

We have seen a significant increase in absence this week. Please don't forget to phone in first thing in the morning if your child is not coming to school. If you're unsure whether or not your child is fit to come in to school, please try sending them in - we can always contact you if they become worse and it's possible that the distraction will help!

CLASS PERCENTAGES FOR FIRST AUTUMN HALF-TERM

Oak -	97.6%
Rowan -	96.6%
Silver Birch -	95.6%
Chestnut -	97.9%
Cherry -	97.6%
Pear -	98.2%
Willow -	96.2%

PFA CHRISTMAS FAIR

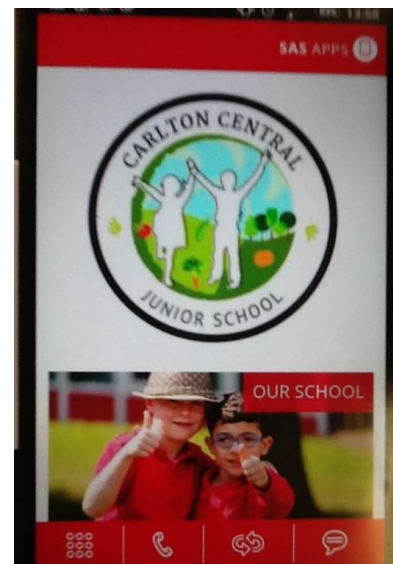
This popular annual event will be at 3pm on Friday, 2nd December. If you are able to help on the day, please let Mrs Belshaw or Mrs Hall know. There will be games, tombola, face painting, cakes, refreshments and gifts to buy.



We are also looking for donations of wine, chocolates, toiletries etc. Please bring any donations to the school office. Also, on the day we need cakes to sell on the cake stall - these can be brought into school on the morning of the fair. Thank you so much!

OUR SCHOOL APP

As you may know we have a school app for smartphones and tablet devices - so if you haven't already done so 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. **If you do**



receive a notification from the School App and you are unable to read it - load the app and click on the speech bubble in the bottom right hand corner.

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

e-SAFETY - SOME 'BIG ISSUES' FOR PARENTS

- Make sure children know why some websites are safer than others.
- Set parental controls on internet browsers by creating a user account for your child with appropriate settings.
- Check out Google's safesearchkids.org for stress-free browsing.
- Discuss online privacy and the information they shouldn't share as they use the internet increasingly for homework and socialising.

Worth Checking

- The kind of language and acronyms used by children in chat rooms. Make sure you know what to look out for. Head to netlingo.com for help demystifying cryptic teenspeak.

Talk it through

- Discuss the benefits and limitations of using the web to help with homework and other school work.

- Give the reasons behind boundaries, time limits and parental controls, and be prepared to start re-evaluating the restrictions in line with your child's maturity.
- Other parents at your child's school are a source of information. Chat to them about how they help their children manage the digital world, and make sure you're all on the same page.



ZIP IT

Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



BLOCK IT

Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



FLAG IT

Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

SPORTS UPDATE

Mr Huskinson has started up another set of after-school clubs for this half-term. These are Basketball, Fencing and Netball. Our ever popular football clubs also continue - thank you to Mr Jackson, Mr Harding and Mr Schofield for these.

Our Y5/6 football team had an excellent win 6-4 over Colwick St John's Primary School.

& HOT OFF THE PRESS

Our Sports Hall Athletics team won their competition which was held at Colonel Frank Seely School. A wonderful achievement - well done to all the children who took part.

PFA UPDATE

Thank you to members of the PFA for organising a brilliant Halloween Disco. This was hugely popular and raised £288 for the school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - please note there are a few new ones!

November

- Thurs 10th Y6 weighing & measuring
pm – Sports Hall Athletics
- Fri 11th 10.45am Remembrance Day Service + Remembrance Day
special lunch
- w/c Mon 14th Anti-bullying week
- Weds 16th Evolution Dance at The Carlton Academy
- Fri 18th Children in Need
- Weds 23rd pm – Y3 flu jabs
- Thurs 24th 9am – Chestnut Class Assembly



December

- Fri 2nd 3pm – PFA Christmas Fayre
- Tues 6th 9am – Oak Class Assembly
- Thurs 8th Y5/6 visit to the National Holocaust Centre & Museum
- Fri 9th Y3/4 visit to the Space Centre in Leicester
- Tues 13th School Christmas Dinner day
- Weds 14th 2.00pm & 6.00pm Christmas Performances
- Thurs 15th pm – Carlton Academy Christmas Production
- Fri 16th 9am Final Autumn Term Awards Assembly & Christmas Jumper day
pm – Y3/4 Christmas party
- Mon 19th pm – Y5/6 Christmas party
- Tues 20th Last day of Autumn term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 21st DECEMBER – 3rd JANUARY

January

- Weds 4th First day of Spring term
- Mon 9th School swimming re-starts
- Tues 10th Whole school visit to see 'Jack & the Beanstalk' at the Theatre Royal
- Fri 27th Chinese New year + special Chinese themed lunch

February

- Thurs 2nd 3.15 – 5.50pm Open Evening
- Mon 6th 3.15 – 5.50pm Open Evening
- Thurs 9th 9am – Cherry Class Assembly
- Fri 10th 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
- w/c Mon 27th Book week
- Tues 28th Pear Class – Frankie & Benny's

March

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

SPRING TERM HOLIDAY 3rd APRIL – 17th APRIL**April**

Tues 18 th	First day of Summer term
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May

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

HALF TERM 29th May – 2nd June**June**

Mon 5 th	First day back after half-term
Fri 23 rd	INSET – school closed
Mon 26 th	INSET – school closed
Thurs 29 th	am – Sports Day (TO BE CONFIRMED)

July

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

As you can see busy, busy, with some exciting activities planned for the rest of this term. As ever, should you have any queries or problems, please pop in to see me to have a chat.

Miss Julie Wardle
Head teacher