

THE CARLTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

December News Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

20th December 2017

So, nearly Christmas & the last week of term - what a busy time it has been! We hope you've been able to join us during this last term & that you will continue to do so for more school events in 2018. We'd like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to Mr Oakes, as our recent Y6 DARE graduation will be his last one.



We would like to take this opportunity of wishing all parents, pupils, carers & families a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone again after the Christmas break - **school re-opens on Monday, 8th January 2018.**

CHRISTINGLE

Please come and join us at 2pm on Thursday, 21st December as we celebrate Christmas in a more traditional way with a Christingle service at St Paul's Church, led by Rev Wendy Murphy. We will be getting into the Christmas mood by singing a couple of well-known carols that you can join in with. Every child will be making their own Christingle which they will be able to take home to light. You are welcome to take your child home from the Church afterwards – please just let the class teacher know.

FINAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We do hope you can join us at 9am for the final event of 2017 as we have our end of term Awards Assembly on Friday, 22nd December 2017. As well as celebrating individual and class achievements for the term, we will also be announcing the winner of the 100 square game.

PFA CHRISTMAS FAIR & PANTASTIC

Thank you to everyone for supporting this annual event, by helping on the day, providing items for the raffle/tombola/cake stall etc... and also for coming along and spending at the event! We've raised around £800 – what a fabulous total! We would also like to express particular thanks to the following companies for providing our PFA with gifts and prizes for the Fair:-



- Theatre Royal
- Notts County Cricket Club
- Boots & Boots (Netherfield)
- Halfords
- Vernon Coaker MP
- Pat Clarke (Governor)
- Denby Pottery
- Skegness Natureland
- Enchanted Florist
- Uniper (EON)
- Tesco, Morrisons & Farm Foods
- Quasar Elite & National Videogame
- Notts County FC
- White Post Farm



We were delighted to see so many parents/carers attending our Christmas Production 'Pantastic'. Thank you for all the many positive comments we've received from all those who attended and the children really did us proud – who knew we had such brilliant actors in our school?! Our ticket sales and retiring collections raised £329.98. A big thank you also for all the excellent support you provided with costumes – the whole school looked fabulous in their pirate/lost boys/Indian braves outfits and it really added to the visual enjoyment of the performances. We are looking forward to putting on a similar style production next year.

HOMEWORK

As you may already be aware you can now hand in homework electronically from our school website. If you go to the pupil section under the classes tab, there is a 'send homework' button where you can upload homework – do give it a try!

'TAKE CARE' POINT SCORES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

As you know we reward our children with 'take care' points using the class dojo's. The winner for the Autumn term was Oak Class with 1981 points – what a fabulous achievement! Who will be our Spring Term 'take care' champions?

SOME THOUGHTS FROM MARIA ROBINSON – PARENT HELPER

"I have a confession to make: I am Max and Sophie's mum and every Tuesday afternoon I come into school to read with the children. When I tell people this they think that I'm being altruistic - using my time to help others - but really I volunteer in school for my own purposes! Quietly I am trying to change children into book lovers - there, I've said it - I think a happy home is a book-filled home and I couldn't imagine a day going by without reading a story book. If I can inspire even one child to develop a love of books and a passion for reading, then it will be 1 hour of my week well spent.

My other motivation is to know more about the school where my children spend 6½ hours each working day. As a result of volunteering in school I know more about the staff and their interests! I know where the meeting room, the green room, the sensory room and the school library are. I know the staff, teachers and TAs just that little bit better than if I didn't engage with school.

Of course, I'm also sure that the 5-6 children that I read with each week benefit from the one-to-one contact, focused listening and attention from an adult, talking about blacksmiths, windmills, foot and mouth disease (all real examples!) etc. I tell them about the Carlton Reading Challenge, the Summer Reading Challenge with the local libraries, library opening times. I give out stickers and bookmarks.

Maybe you have been inspired to volunteer with reading by one of my reasons here? Or maybe you have a different passion that you could share? If so, have a quiet word with a teacher and spend a bit of time in school. I guarantee it will benefit you and maybe the children a little bit too.

(P.S. Joe is a blacksmith in Great Expectations, windmills feature in a Biff and Chip story and the Michael Morpurgo book called "Out of the Ashes" deals with the human story behind the foot and mouth outbreak of the 90's.)"

SPORTS NEWS

In the County Cross Country Championships our boys took 4th place and our girls 7th place. Overall TCJA were 6th in the district - another super achievement. Well done to everyone involved (Chae Whitman-Brown, Luca Burton, Recce Cave, Alexander Armstrong, Michael Babayemi, Liam Bird, Evie Carrington, Evie Graham, Evie Gresswell, Anis Thomas, Alixia Swift and Alexandra Bonta).

Additionally our Year 5/6 team, coached by Mr Cannon, came 6th in the Sports Hall Athletics final (another fantastic effort from Chae Whitman-Brown, Alexander Armstrong, Reece Cave, Pearce Blevins). Our school was also brilliantly represented at the East Midlands Schools' Trampolining Competition. Three pupils took part - Liam and Cara Bird and Jasper Thompson-Isaacs. Jasper came 4th and Cara 14th in the novices and Liam came 2nd in the intermediate competition and now moves on to the West Midlands Zonal Schools' Championships being held in Chesterfield in January – we'll keep you posted!



We are delighted that so many pupils have been attending our after-school sports clubs. This term there has been Tag Rugby, Handball, Boys Football, Girls Football, Gymnastics and Netball. Watch out after Christmas for Sports Hall Athletics, Girls Football and Fencing!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Last Friday, 15th December, we had a Christmas Jumper Day to support the annual 'Save the Children' Charity. Our festive jumpers helped us to raise £148.40 – thank you to everyone who contributed.



PARKING ON FOXHILL ROAD

We have been made aware of several instances of cars being parked on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates as well as several complaints about parking with absolutely no consideration for our local community. We would remind you that the parking restrictions are there to help protect children from road and traffic issues at key points during the school day and would ask that you remember Foxhill Road is a residential area and homeowners should be able to access their properties!

A QUICK REMINDER OR TWO:-

WHOLE SCHOOL PANTOMIME VISIT – BEAUTY & THE BEAST

A reminder that we're taking the whole school to a matinee performance of this pantomime at the Nottingham Theatre Royal on **TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY** A separate letter was sent with all the details. The school is funding the **entire** ticket cost, but we've requested a contribution of £4.00 towards the coach hire costs. **Please can you ensure your child has returned their permission slip and contribution to transport costs by Monday, 8th January.** Many thanks.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

Please be aware our swimming sessions start again on the first day back - Monday, 8th January!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – please note these may change!

January

Mon 8th School Swimming re-starts
Tues 9th pm Whole school visit to Theatre Royal Panto



Weds 24th pm – G&T Art at Carlton Academy

February

Mon 5th Last swimming session
Tues 6th Internet Safety Day
Thurs 8th 2.15pm NSPCC online safety session for parents
Thurs 8th Parents' Evening
Mon 12th Parents' Evening
Fri 16th Chinese New Year + themed school meal

HALF TERM 19th – 23rd FEBRUARY

Mon 26th INSET day – school closed

March

Thurs 1st World Book Day (Book Fair starts for 1 week)
Mon 12th TCA arts exhibition opens
Mon 12th Mock SATs week
Fri 23rd Sport Relief
Fri 30th Good Friday – school closed

EASTER 30th MARCH – 13th APRIL

April

Thurs 19th pm Y6 yoga starts – 4 weeks

May

Mon 7th May Day – school closed
Mon 14th Y6 SATs week

HALF TERM 28th MAY – 1st JUNE

June

Weds 13th Class/Group photos
Fri 29th INSET - school closed

July

Mon 2nd INSET – school closed
Friday 6th a.m. Sports Day
Mon 9th Y2 induction night 6pm
Tues 10th Y6 TCA transition day
Weds 11th Hagg Farm Y5/6 visit leaves
Fri 13th Hagg Farm Y5/6 visit returns
Mon 16th Leavers' Disco 6-8pm
Weds 18th Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Fri 20th Fun Day & Final awards assembly, picnic lunch
Weds 25th 1st day of summer holiday



Finally, all the staff wish you a thoroughly enjoyable festive season and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Miss Julie Wardle
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Sharon Wood
Head of School