

THE CARLTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

NEWSLETTER No: 1 Spring Term

2018 - a very 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 2017

As we approach the big push for 2018 SATs we thought it would be good to share the excellent news from our 2017 results.

As you may be aware in December the performance tables for KS2 were published. We were delighted with our KS2 SATs results for 2017 which once again were some of the best in Nottinghamshire and indeed nationally! When compared to other primary schools in Gedling we are joint 2nd for children achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined. We are in the top 10% of schools nationally for Reading, the top 7% for Writing and the top 11% for Maths.

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 have started their after-school booster sessions which will help them prepare for the KS2 SATs they will

undertake during the week commencing **14th May 2018**. 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 **96.6%** which means we are on target to achieve above the 96% we are aiming for. 66 children achieved 100% in the Autumn term which is an improvement on the 62 that achieved this last year! 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 Awards Assembly this week. We also awarded the termly attendance cup for the class with the best

attendance for the Autumn term. Congratulations to Holly class with a fabulous 97.9%! Holly class will receive a reward afternoon - which will hopefully be an afternoon of exciting STEM workshops.

Parents of any child with attendance below 90% will shortly receive 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 6th July 2018. 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, 6th 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 "Create, Connect and Share Respect: a better internet starts with you". Further details about specific activities on the day will follow - keep checking those bags!

CHESTNUT CLASS

Well done to Mrs Willson and Chestnut class. Mrs Willson taught them a demonstration mastery maths lesson in front of 14 staff and visitors from other schools.

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 Wednesday, 11th July and returning Friday, 13th 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 also continue to receive 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.

SCHOOL CATERING - MENU CHANGES

Mrs Brown our Catering Manager has asked us to inform parents that there are occasions when she has to change the

school menu due to food delivery issues. In order to keep parents informed we will try to send out a text when we know this is going to happen.

NOTTS COUNTY MOVE & LEARN

Since the start of this term we have been delighted to be able to provide Oak and Chestnut Classes with an educational programme which encourages physical activity, promotes nutritional education and builds awareness of the importance of a healthy diet and active lifestyles. We hope to continue working with Notts County with this and other programmes - so watch this space!

UPDATES FROM LAST TERM:-

CARLTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

Many thanks for all the food and tins you brought in before Christmas to support our 'Put the Tin into Tinsel' appeal. All the food collected was dropped at a local food bank and really did make a difference to people's lives locally.

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Anatoli Belchev who won our second Spelling Bee of 2017-18 at the end of last term.

CARLTON CUP WINNER

At the end of the Autumn term Reece Cave became the latest winner of the Carlton Cup in acknowledgement of his super contribution to Carlton Junior Academy so far. You will also remember Reece as our very own film maker from the 'take care' homework in the Autumn Term.



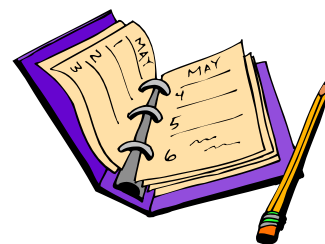
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – please note these may change & be added to!

January

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

February

Thurs 1st Diabetes Awareness Day – see separate letter
Mon 5th Last swimming session
Tues 6th Internet Safety Day
Thurs 8th 2.15pm NSPCC online safety session for parents
Thurs 8th Open Evening
Mon 12th Open Evening
Weds 14th My Money Sense workshops – whole school
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
Weds 14th Visit to British Geological Society (tbc)
Thurs 15th 2pm – Notts County FC Players - whole school assembly
Tues 20th Y5/6 Girls' Netball competition at Christ the King
Fri 23rd Sport Relief
pm Y5/6 Hi5 competition at Christ the King
Fri 30th Good Friday – school closed

EASTER 30th MARCH – 13th APRIL

April

Mon 16th First day of the Summer Term
Weds 18th Clothing collection
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
Weds 4th Y6 Carlton-le-Willows transition day
Friday 6th a.m. Sports Day
Mon 9th Y2 induction night 6pm
Tues 10th Y6 TCA transition day

July

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

Thurs 26th 1st day of summer holiday (please note this is a correction – we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause)

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.

Miss Julie Wardle
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