

THE CARLTON JUNIOR ACADEMY



12th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

NEWSLETTER No: 2 Spring Term

So ... already March and Easter will soon be upon us!

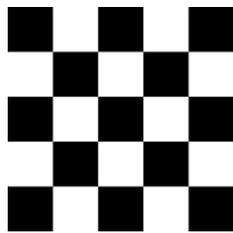
Many thanks for bearing with us during the recent snowy conditions. We hope everyone received the texts and alerts about the closures – do let us know if you didn't so that we can update records with any new mobile numbers if necessary.

We have now re-arranged our book day and book fair – a letter was sent home earlier this week and there are details in this newsletter too. We hope you're able to join us at some point over the next few weeks

DRAUGHTS COMPETITION

Earlier this week some talented pupils from our school took part in a draughts competition involving five schools from the TCA family and we won the Junior section!

Congratulations to our team - what a lovely achievement.



WORLD BOOK DAY & BOOK FAIR

As you know due to the snow these activities were interrupted! We are now having our book character dress up day on Monday, 26th March. Children will be writing poetry and sharing books.

Our Book Fair will open 3.15 - 3.45pm from 22nd March to 28th March and also after our Awards assembly on Friday, 23rd March. Children will be able to spend their World Book Day tokens on books priced £2.99 or more.

SOME REMINDERS

Please remember we have a no jewellery policy in our school prospectus which states:-

Jewellery & Make-up

- Watches may be worn at parents' own risk.

- One pair of plain small stud earrings only may be worn. The children must be able to take these out themselves for PE activities (or provide surgical tape to cover them over) for safety reasons.
- **No** other jewellery should be worn in school.
- Make-up or nail varnish is **not** allowed to be worn in school.

Also, we're concerned that some parents/carers are using bad language on the playground and around the school site. Swearing at staff, pupils or anyone else on the school site is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

STAFFING NEWS

You will be delighted to hear that Mrs Mallon is returning from maternity leave after the Easter break - it will be lovely to have her back! Sadly, this means we will say goodbye to Mrs Kenney and we wish her well in her new post at Eastlands Junior School.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Your child's attendance percentage up to 2nd March 2018 will be noted in your child's organiser this week, so please check to see if your child is on track for our ever popular ski reward!

Can we also please remind you that it is the responsibility of parents to supervise their children until 8.40am when the school doors are opened. Children should then walk into school at 8.40am. Please ensure your child is not late! Some of you will have noticed that we are now benefitting from a Trust Attendance Officer, Mrs Hodgson, who is undertaking weekly late gates and contacting parents of children whose attendance is causing concern.

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS:- ART EXHIBITION

This annual event is open from the official opening at 4.30pm on Monday, 12th March at Carlton

Academy and runs 9am - 5pm every day up to Friday, 25th May. The children from this school have again provided excellent art work on the theme 'Once Upon a Time'. 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!



COLLECTION OF MONIES & BREAKFAST CLUB

As you know we operate a cashless catering payments system - sQuid. We are now looking to add on a further module which will allow us to collect payments for school visits and breakfast club in the same way - so watch this space for further details after the Easter break! **We will be looking to become completely cashless (apart from at tuckshop).**

After the Easter break the cost of breakfast club will increase to **£2.50** per day - we've been charging the current rate for many years! (Carlton Infants will also be increasing their fee to £2.50). At the same time we will also be opening the doors earlier at 7.45am, as we know this will help with child care arrangements.

SILVER BIRCH CLASS ASSEMBLY

Silver Birch Class are presenting their 'Into the Blue' themed class assembly on Thursday, 22nd March at 9am. Parents and Carers are invited to come along and learn all about plastic pollution.

KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

We are delighted that our school kitchen is going to undergo a makeover! The kitchen is the final area of the school that is very dated and in need of an upgrade. It is likely that the project will commence during the last week of this term and will take approximately 10 weeks to complete.

As soon as we have more details about how the Catering Service

are intending to continue providing our schools meals service, breakfast club and tuck shop we will share these with you. Obviously with such a large

project there will be disruption and issues that we will need to iron out, so please bear with us during the works.



Y6 DARE PILOT LESSON

We have been asked to be part of a pilot for a new DARE lesson which introduces the subject of knives. Funding has been set up to support community projects which reduce knife crime and the lesson will be incorporated in to the regular DARE programme in future years. The pilot lesson will explore the legal and illegal use of knives and the risks and consequences of their misuse. It uses the same video characters as the programme our Y6 pupils have already followed. The lesson will be delivered to our Y6 pupils in the afternoon on Friday, 16th March.

Y6 SATS

The Y6 SATs week starts on Monday, 14th May 2018. As in previous years we will be providing a series of pre-SATs yoga sessions which start on 19th April 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.



We are also holding a KS2 SATs information briefing for parents at 3.15pm on Monday, 19th March. Any Y6 parents/carers are very welcome to attend. Watch out for further details next week.

All Y6 pupils will also be provided - free of charge - with a really useful Carol Vorderman 'Help Your Kids With SATS' book. The advice in the book is specifically aimed at supporting children through the tests. The first chapter provides reassurance about the tests and practical advice for keeping your child calm through this time. There are also reference and practice pages to reinforce and support preparation for the tests. Funding for this has been made available through school fund.

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

Y6 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

Parents/Carers of Y6 should have received notification of the secondary school offer for your child.

Please be aware you do need to accept the place or lodge an appeal if you do

not want to accept the place that has been offered.

Transition days for all Y6 pupils will take place during the summer term.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

Our next clothing collection is on Wednesday, 18th April (so almost immediately after the Easter break).



So ... now is the time to clear out all those clothes you haven't worn for years to make space for your new summer wardrobe! The more clothing we donate the bigger donation we receive to our school funds. Thank you for continuing to support our fund raising efforts.

SPORTS UPDATE

It has been relatively quiet on a sporting front due to the time of year and weather conditions. We are now entering a busy period of footballing activity as both the girls' and boys' teams complete the matches in their leagues. Our boys' team won two matches on 9th March. We'll keep you posted with further results!

We also have some netball, Hi 5 and cricket competitions to look forward to over the next few weeks.

FUND RAISING UPDATE

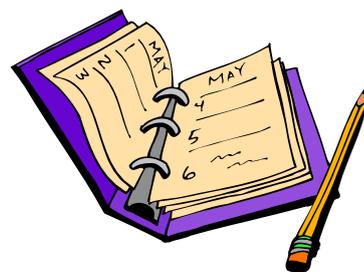
Our diabetes awareness day raised £132.53 which has been donated to the Diabetes UK charity. Many thanks to everyone for their support and we certainly learned a lot during the themed day. Watch out for details of our fund raising activities for Sport Relief - which we will be supporting on Friday



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- please note these may change!

March

Mon 12 th	TCA arts exhibition opens
Weds 14 th	Y4 & Y5 Visit to British Geological Society
Thurs 15 th	2pm – Notts County FC Players - whole school assembly
Fri 16 th	Science Day – exploration & discovery
Mon 19 th	3.15pm – Y6 Parents' KS2 SATS information meeting
Tues 20 th	Y5 Girls' Netball competition at Christ the King
Thurs 22 nd	9am – Silver Birch – Class Assembly
Fri 23 rd	Sport Relief pm Y5 Hi5 competition at Christ the King
Thurs 29 th	9am – Final Awards Assembly – Spring Term
Fri 30 th	Good Friday – school closed



EASTER 30th MARCH – 13th APRIL

April

Mon 16 th	First day of the Summer Term
Weds 18 th	Clothing collection
Thurs 19 th	pm Y6 yoga starts – 4 weeks
Mon 23 rd	Y3 visit to re-cycling centre

May

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

HALF TERM 28th MAY – 1st JUNE

June

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

July

Mon 2 nd	INSET – school closed
Weds 4 th	Y6 Carlton-le-Willows transition day
Friday 6 th	a.m. Sports Day
Mon 9 th	Y2 induction night 6pm
Tues 10 th	Y6 TCA transition day

July

Weds 11th	Hagg Farm Y5/6 visit leaves
Fri 13th	Hagg Farm Y5/6 visit returns
Mon 16 th	Leavers' Disco 6-8pm
Weds 18 th	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Fri 20 th	Fun Day & Final awards assembly, picnic lunch
Thurs 26th	1st day of summer holiday

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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