



2nd May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

NEWSLETTER No: 1 Summer Term

Welcome to the summer term where, as usual, we have lots of exciting events and activities planned. We have listed as many dates as we can at the back of this newsletter and further details will follow about specific events nearer the time. As you can see from the top of this letter, we've finally got our new logo and letterhead following our academy conversion! Check out our website too – this will continue to change over the coming months.

STAFFING NEWS

As you are aware, since the Easter break, Mrs Mallon has returned following her recent maternity leave and she has now recommenced her teaching post in Silver Birch – welcome back! Next week, we also welcome back Miss Hayes and Miss Maksoud our students from Bishop Grosseteste. Miss Kerrison and Miss Wheeldon our NTU students are also with us throughout the summer term.

You will also be pleased to hear that we have appointed Miss Kerrison to start with us as a full time Class Teacher in September 2018. Miss Wheeldon has also been appointed to a Class Teacher post at Robert Mellors Primary Academy who are also part of the Redhill Academy Trust – so we will still be working with her too!



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Well done to Silver Birch Class who achieved best class attendance for the Spring Term – with 97.2%. Overall attendance in the Spring Term was **96.2%**, which compares to 96.5 at the

same point last year so let's try and improve even more over the Summer Term.

69 children achieved 100% attendance in the Spring term, which is 2 less than in the same period last year. These children received stickers and stationery in our Awards Assembly last week. We continue to work towards a minimum of 96% attendance overall. Please send your child in and rest assured we'll always phone you should your child become worse during the day.

Mrs Hodgson, the Trust Attendance Officer will be in touch with parents/carers of pupils causing concern.

Also, please remember the Carlton Academy family attendance policy means that **holidays in term time are always unauthorised**. Our whole school attendance skiing reward scheme continues up to the 6th July 2018. All children with attendance of 97%+ and good punctuality will go to the Snowdome in Tamworth for a skiing lesson – the date for Y6 to go is



in the dates list and the rest of the children who qualify will be taken towards the end of September/beginning of October in the 2018-19 school year.

sQuid SCHOOL PAY

We have added a new 'purse' to sQuid which will become live over the next few weeks. We are looking to start using this online payment system for school visits and breakfast club. Eventually we will become 'cashless' (other than for tuckshop) so watch this space for more details about the roll out of this.

SCHOOL MEALS & FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Don't forget the price of a school meal remains at **£2.30 per day and that we are trying to become cashless for dinner money, using the sQuid online payment system.**



You may not be aware that the school and pupils benefit from the numbers of children registered for free school meals. Even if the child does not

actually take up the free school meal, we still receive additional Pupil Premium funding, which will benefit your child. Parents who think they may be eligible can apply by phone on: 0300 500 80 80 or online at: <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/schools/school-dinners/free-school-meals/>

ICT NEWS

Great news - we have been able to obtain for you the latest edition of Vodafone's, "Digital Parenting" magazine and a copy has been sent home with this newsletter. It will provide for you the latest expert advice so you can help your



children develop the life skills and knowledge they need to use the online world safely and with confidence. On page 6 and 7 you will find a useful article on strengthening our children's digital resilience, giving them the ability to recognise when

they are at risk online and help them to know what to do if they find themselves at risk. On page 40 Game ratings are explained. Help is also at hand on page 41 where there are simple guides about setting parental controls and filters.

So please find this magazine in your child's bag and have a look whilst having a cuppa. Don't worry if you can't find it a downloadable copy has been uploaded to our website!

REMINDER

Crisps are not allowed in school at break times – please remember we are a healthy school!

BOOK SHOP/CLUB

Jayne Gordon continues to run our book shop/club every Wednesday. She is looking for any donations of children's books in good condition. This is a new venture and these books will be sold as second-hand, alongside the current book shop.

Y6 SATs & LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

Our Y6 children will sit their Key Stage 2 SATs during the week commencing 14th May 2018. After-school booster sessions continue. All Y6 have started their weekly pre-SATs yoga sessions to help them prepare for this important milestone in their educational journey – these started last week. Parents will receive a letter

and timetable. At the end of SATs week the Y6 pupils will enjoy a relaxed Friday including a treat to reward them for all their hard work.



We are having to change the date for our Y6 Leavers' Assembly as Miss Wright won't be in school on that day and we don't want to do it without her! **The new date is Thursday, 19th July.** We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

NOTTS COUNTY - PRIMARY GOALS

Following on from the Move and Learn programme we have been delighted to welcome back Notts County to deliver one of their fitness/health programmes. This term Silver Birch are going first and once they have completed their sessions the Year 4's in Holly and Rowan will start theirs. This programme uses a menu of sporting activities e.g. crab football, indoor tennis, dodgeball, athletic challenges, skills games enhancing co-ordination, balance, agility, teamwork etc. Interactive workshops combine exercise with positive messages about keeping emotionally healthy. This promotes positive life messages and raises awareness of relevant coping strategies. Children benefit socially and emotionally as mental and physical wellbeing improve.

SPRING TERM UPDATES

SPELLING BEE & CARLTON CUP

Congratulations to both Michael Babyemi and Anatoli Belchev who were both star spellers in our Spelling Bee in the Spring Term. Michael won in the first half term and Anatoli won just before the Easter break. A huge well done to Philip Parkosz who was our Spring Carlton Cup winner.

SPORT RELIEF

Many thanks to everyone who supported our fund raising efforts for Sport Relief – the 'wear something sporty' raised £110.50 and our sponsored mile run raised a further £232.45 for a grand total of **£342.95!** A special mention to Chloe Cooper and Ruby Cutts for both raising £50+ each in sponsorship money. This really helped to boost our total raised.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - please note these may change!

May

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



HALF TERM 28th MAY – 1st JUNE

June

Tues 12th Y5/Y6 Pintsize Theatre
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
THURS 19th 2pm Y6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY *NEW DATE*****
Fri 20th Fun Day & Final awards assembly, picnic lunch
Thurs 26th 1st day of summer holiday

September

Thurs 6th First day of 2018-19 (for pupils)

ADVANCE NOTICE OF DATES FOR NEXT YEAR:-

Our INSET days in 2017-18 are:-

Tuesday 4th September 2018 – Admin Day
Wednesday 5th September 2018
Friday 28th September 2018
Friday 28th June 2019
Monday 1st July 2019

Another busy term! Further dates will be added as the term progresses & please keep checking your child's bag for letters about specific events. 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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