



14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

## NEWSLETTER No: 1 Autumn Term

So... our first BUMPER newsletter of 2018-19! We were pleased to welcome everyone back after the summer holiday. Everyone is settling well into the school routine. **Our weekly awards assemblies started on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September – they start at 9am.** We are happy for you to bring along younger siblings and we provide a crèche so that you can enjoy the Assembly in peace. We would also ask that parents/carers remain quiet during the actual assembly – we're happy for you to chat over a cup of tea or coffee before or after the awards!

### STAFFING & CLASSES for 2018-19

- Rowan Class (Y3 ) – Mr D Patchett
- Silver Birch Class (Y3) – Miss K Daly
- Holly Class (Y4) – Miss A Simmons
- Hazel Class (Y4) – Miss A Kerrison
- Chestnut Class (Y5) – Mrs L Willson
- Oak Class (Y5) – Mr T Schofield
- Pear Class (Y6)– Mrs S Charlesworth & Mrs L Howard
- Willow Class (Y6) – Miss C Wright

We are pleased to also welcome our new School Direct trainee, Miss Dawson (Willow class).

Mrs Hunter will continue to undertake some cover in classes and Mr Cannon is also returning to teach PE & Sport across the school.

Our team of teaching assistants have all returned and will continue their excellent support of teaching and learning. So welcome back to Mrs Spirrett, Mrs Phillips, Miss Beeton, Miss Lawson, Mrs Isaacs, Mrs Satterley and Mr Huskinson. Mr Jackson is also providing some additional TA cover as well as continuing his MDSA role.

### PERSONAL ORGANISERS

Every child has been provided with a personal organiser. Please sign and return the agreements if you haven't already done so and keep an eye out for messages etc. that may appear in your child's organiser. Please also feel free to put your own comments and messages for us to read too and most importantly encourage your child to have it in school at all times and ask your child to show the teacher if there is a message in it from you.

**Every child is provided with an organiser free of charge, but should your child lose it, we do charge £5 for a replacement.**

### Y6 SATS RESULTS 2018 (unvalidated)

Once again we were delighted with our Y6 SATS results which are a credit to our children, their teachers and parents.

Subject	TCJA – expected standard	National – expected standard	% of children achieving a high standard	National – high standard or GDS for Writing
Writing	98%	78%	27% (GDS)	18%
Maths	92%	76%	40%	23%
Reading	81%	75%	48%	25%
Combined (R, W, M)	77%	64%	19%	9%
GPS	92%	78%	42%	31%

### Average Scaled Scores:-

Subject	Average scaled score TCJA	National
Reading	108	105
GPS	108	106
Mathematics	107	104

As you can see we're above the national average in all subjects.

### Progress Scores:-

Average progress in mathematics	+ 3.1
Average progress in reading	+ 3.3
Average progress in writing	+ 3.0

Progress scores are centred around 0, with most schools in the range of -5 to +5.

**A positive score** means that pupils in this school on average do better at KS2 as those with similar prior attainment nationally.

Early indications suggest that our school's performance is in the top 25% of schools nationally.

## ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY & TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

In 2017/18 our absence level was 3.9 % which means we met our annual target of 96% attendance, and were up by 0.1% on our attendance level in the previous year. As ever we must continue to work hard to keep our attendance on track again this year. Attendance is a key priority for all schools and the Department for Education continue to set challenging attendance targets for schools. As usual we will be closely monitoring absence and punctuality alongside the Redhill Academy Trust, Local Authority and the DfE. We will work with and provide support to children and families with particular difficulties. This work will be undertaken with the support of Mrs Hodgson the Primary Trust Attendance Officer.

As last year we will be running the whole school skiing lesson reward scheme for all children who achieve an attendance level of 97%+. This runs from 6<sup>th</sup> September and you will receive a letter about this shortly – we will also launch this with the children in an assembly. Last year 111 children achieved this reward and in July we took the Y6 children to the Snowdome and on 27<sup>th</sup> September will be taking the remaining qualifying children for their lesson.



We are again including punctuality in the ski reward and therefore please make sure your child arrives **on time** - which is in school between **8.40 – 8.50am** and ready

to start lessons at 9am to minimise disruption.

**Children who regularly arrive after 8.50am will not qualify for the ski reward.**

**A reminder about term time holidays. It has been agreed within the Carlton Academy family of schools that holidays taken in term time are unauthorised unless there are truly exceptional circumstances.**

We are trying to improve attendance as there is a direct link between how often a child attends school and their academic achievements.

## BOOK CLUB

This is run by Mrs Gordon every Wednesday afternoon. Children save up to buy books of their choice – the minimum amount they can bring in is 20p.

## VOLUNTEER HELPERS

We really want to encourage parents, grandparents & carers to come into school and help support our community. This can for example be with reading, art, general classroom activities, swimming on Mondays and can be as little or as much time as you like. We also would love some help maintaining our two vegetable patches. Please contact the school office if you are interested – we would be very grateful!

## MOBILE PHONES

Please can we remind you that mobile phones **are not allowed in school**. Should a child still choose to bring a phone into school 'illegally', any loss or damage remains the responsibility of parents.

In addition any phones brought in will be confiscated and parents will have to come into school to collect them from school reception.

## INDIVIDUAL MUSIC TUITION

The music lessons provided by the Arts Support Service has started again this week. Violin is on Tuesday, woodwind is on Wednesday and guitar on Friday.

We have some spaces for violin, two for woodwind and may have some for guitar. If your child is interested in lessons please contact Mrs Hall in the school office as soon as possible for further details.

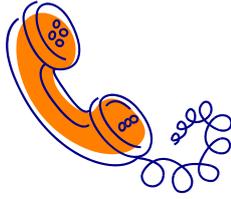


## CASH & REPLY SLIPS

If your child is bringing in cash (other than tuckshop money) and any reply slips for school visits etc. please can you ensure they are placed in a sealed envelope with the child's name on. Class teachers will ask at registration and the envelopes should then be placed in the box provided which Mrs Hall or Mrs Belshaw will collect from each class. Many thanks.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Over the next week or so your child will bring home a data sheet which shows all the contact information we currently hold on the school's office computers. It is highly likely that some of these details are out of date and we would be grateful if you could amend the sheet as necessary and return it to school as soon as possible to enable our records to be updated. It is vitally important that you state **two** emergency contact numbers as recommended in the revised September 2018 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' DfE document.



Please also keep us informed of any changes that may occur throughout the school year, particularly to mobile numbers as we do utilise a text messaging system to let you know about school events etc.

## APPLICATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS PLACES

We have been asked by Nottinghamshire County Council to raise awareness of the importance of expressing more than one preference when applying for a secondary school place. Whilst the number of families securing a first preference place is higher in secondary than in primary (for September 2017, 93.2% of parents secured their first secondary preference), it is nonetheless the case that as more children seek secondary school places, the current practice of parents making only one preference may place the family at risk of being allocated a secondary school place some distance from their home or most preferred school.

There are some very key differences between primary and secondary admissions, not least because almost all secondary schools have academised and therefore set their own admission criteria. This means it is essential that parents examine closely the admission oversubscription criteria for their preferred school. Whilst it is true that most secondary academies continue to give priority to children in their linked schools, this requires careful scrutiny by parents, particularly those who may wish to make an out of catchment preference.

Nottinghamshire County Council encourage parents to:-

1. Apply on time.
2. Consider their secondary preferences carefully and read the admission oversubscription criteria for all their preferred schools.
3. Make more than one preference, particularly if the first preference is not the secondary school linked to the primary school their child currently attends.
4. Ensure that at least one of their preferences is for a school where their child will have high priority within the admission oversubscription criteria.

Making only one preference significantly increases the risk that your child will be given an alternative offer of a school place which may be at a considerable distance from your home address.

The 'Admissions to Schools: Guide for Parents 2019-20' is available on the NCC website. Please take the time to read this carefully.

## TUCK SHOP

Our healthy school tuck shop sells fruit bags (40p), healthy pizza muffins (40p), pizza fingers (30p), crumpets (40p) and toast (20p). Children can buy up to two different items.

If you do not wish your child to buy anything from the tuck shop you can send them with their own fruit or vegetables to eat at break time. We would recommend all children eat a piece of fruit at break time to stop them from getting hungry later in the morning. **Please note crisps and cereal bars are not allowed** as we have Enhanced Healthy Schools status and are trying to ensure all pupils eat healthily in school.

## HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES & SCHOOL MEALS

A quick reminder! Our School Prospectus states that: "packed lunches should be in a small plastic lunchbox labelled with the child's name. Drinks should be in an unbreakable container (no cans, fizzy drinks, chocolate, crisps or sweets please). If children forget their sandwiches we



will try to contact you, if a school meal is provided it must be paid for the next day". The cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week). **Please use our online payment system sQuid to pay for school meals. Letters with instructions on how to register for an account are available from the School Office.**

Universal free school meals ends when your child leaves the infants and application for free school meals is then required. **If you think you may be eligible for free school meals ask at the office about how to apply – the school receives additional funding for every child who qualifies!**

As a Healthy School we are trying to promote healthy eating as well as healthy lifestyles. Children are awarded with stickers for healthy lunch boxes.

**Please can we also ask that you do not send sandwiches containing peanut butter or any popcorn. This is due to some severe food allergies/intolerances of several children in school. Many thanks.**

#### SCHOOL WEBSITE

We also have a great school website. Do check it out at:

[www.carlton.notts.sch.uk](http://www.carlton.notts.sch.uk) – where you will find lots of information (including all the statutory stuff!), links to newsletters, as well as some lovely photos of our pupils engaging in lots of exciting activities.

Our new website address is going to be: [www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk](http://www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk) – but there will be a divert on the previous address so you'll still be able to find us easily!

#### YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

A reminder of Y6 SATs week which is from Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

These are very important tests and we would urge parents/carers to try and ensure your child does not miss any vital lesson time this year. Unless there are **exceptional** circumstances (i.e. illness on the day) your child cannot sit the tests at any other



time (**term time holidays are not exceptional and the school may fine**).

We would also remind Parents/Carers that statutory writing assessments continue until the end of June 2019 so request that Y6 parents continue to ensure their children are in school throughout this vital period of your child's primary education.

#### BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club runs from 7.45am – 8.40am, staffed by Miss Beeton & Mrs Belshaw. This term our breakfast club will again include sporting activities led by staff. The cost is £2.50 per day and includes breakfast and childcare. If you are interested in your child attending breakfast club, please contact the school office. If you wish to you can now use our online payment system sQuid to pay breakfast club fees. Letters with instructions on how to register for an account are available from the School Office.

**Please note that due to insurance reasons school staff cannot be responsible for children before 7.45am.**

#### FRENCH CLUB

Anna Vasco from La Jolie Ronde has been running a lunchtime French club here for several years. She is going to be re-starting her club next week – but this year it will be a breakfast one rather than lunchtimes (8am – 8.40am). It is likely to run on either Monday or Tuesday. There are some limited spaces available on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested please contact the school office.

#### PLAYGROUND UPDATE

As you are aware the works to the playground should have been completed over the summer break, but unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control, this did not happen! The main re-surfacing works should hopefully be completed by the middle/end of next week (weather permitting). We will then have to arrange a convenient time for the markings to be applied. We thank you for your understanding and patience during this project.

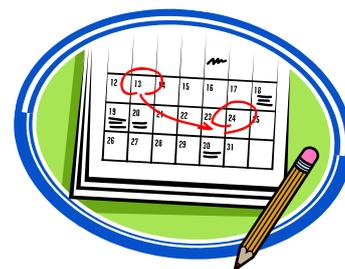
## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Also attached is a school holiday pattern & INSET days for 2018/19.

As the year progresses there will be additions and possibly alterations to these dates, but we will keep you updated with regular newsletters and other communications.

### **September**

- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> School Swimming starts for Y6
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 9am first Awards Assembly  
French starts Y5
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Y6 DARE starts  
Meet the Teacher 2.45 – 3.15pm
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> pm Y5/6 Safety Zone – Holme Pierrepont
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Vernon Coaker visit 2-3pm
- Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Y6 Flying High Theatre Company
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Snowdome Visit attendance award (Y4-6)
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> INSET day – school closed



### **October**

- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Individual photos
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> Family visit to Ypres, Belgium
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Y6 Science day at TCA
- Weds 17<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> Book Fair
- Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Open Evening
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Open Evening

### **HALF TERM – 29<sup>th</sup> October – 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

### **November**

- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Whole school visit to Remembrance Games
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Children in Need
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Week
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Flu Spray Y3/4/5

### **December**

- Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 visit to Holocaust Centre
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Evolution Dance Festival
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> PFA Christmas Fair
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 2pm dress rehearsal Christmas Production
- Weds 12<sup>th</sup> 2pm & 6pm performances of Christmas Production
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Y6 to TCA Christmas Production – 12pm – 3pm
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 party pm
- Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 party pm
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> 9am Final Awards Assembly (Autumn Term)
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of Autumn Term

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 24<sup>st</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January**

### **January**

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> First day of Spring Term

### **February**

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Open Evening

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Internet Safety Day  
Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Open Evening  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day lunch with parents/carers

### **HALF TERM 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

#### **March**

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day (Book Fair starts for 1 week)  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> TCA arts exhibition opens  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Shakespeare week  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Y6  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Bikeability transition Y6  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

#### **April**

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Final Awards Assembly (Spring Term)

### **EASTER HOLIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

#### **May**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May Day – school closed  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs week

### **HALF TERM 27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May**

#### **June**

Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Class photos  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> INSET day – school closed

#### **July**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> INSET day – school closed  
Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Y6 TCA/CLW transition day  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> am Sports Day  
  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Y2 induction night 6pm  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers' Disco 6pm - 8pm  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Family Afternoon and picnic lunch  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers' assembly  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Final Awards Assembly  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>- Weds 24<sup>th</sup> Hagg Farm Y5/6 visit  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> day of summer holiday

We are really looking forward to another exciting and rewarding year here at TCJA and should you have any queries or problems, please pop in to see us to have a chat.

Miss Julie Wardle  
Executive Head teacher

Mrs Sharon Wood  
Head of School

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