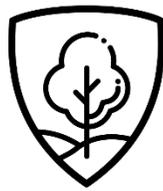


28th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,



THE CARLTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER No: 3 Autumn Term



Welcome to another edition about the exciting things we are doing here at Carlton Junior Academy. Now the weather is starting to turn chilly, please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing to put on, as we will still take them outside as often as we can!

Y3/4 STARDOME ACTIVITY

Many thanks to those of you who have already sent in voluntary contributions towards this exciting Y3/4 activity which is taking place on Monday, 10th December. If you haven't sent anything in yet, please try to do so as soon as possible. (This activity replaces the proposed visit to the Space Centre – as the costs were too high.)

The children will participate in presentations delivered in an inflatable planetarium by an experienced astronomer. They will explore the Earth, Sun and Moon and how these objects interact with each other. They will discover why we get different seasons and why the moon looks different throughout the month. They will also get the opportunity to look at the night time sky. This is going to be an amazing opportunity for Y3/4 to learn about our solar system in an exciting and innovative way.



Y5/6 VISIT TO THE HOLOCAUST CENTRE

On the same day (Monday, 10th December) our Y5/6 children will be visiting the Holocaust Centre at Laxton. This visit will help really bring their studies about World War II to life and heighten their understanding of the dreadful



events endured by so many at that time. Again, thank you to those who have already contributed to this visit and if you haven't, please try to do so as soon as possible – all contributions are very welcome.

SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

A big 'well done' to our first Spelling Bee Champion of 2018-19. Just before half-term SADAQAT ISLAM (Year 3!) fought off all the competition and was rewarded for his brilliant spelling with some stationery items.

LA JOLIE RONDE

As you may have heard in Friday's Award Assemblies, La Jolie Ronde have won the 'Best National Licensed Activity for 5-12 year olds' for the fifth consecutive year – what a wonderful achievement!

Anna Vasco from La Jolie Ronde runs a 'French' breakfast club here at TCJA every Monday from 8am – 8.40am. If you are interested in your child benefitting from learning French, please pick up a flier from school reception. Please be aware there is a charge for this activity.

ACADEMY IMPROVEMENT

As you know, we are always trying to improve our academy so that the children get the very best opportunities and provision possible. This year our improvement plan focuses on:-

- Further closing the gap for disadvantaged pupils.

- Improving the provision for reading at expected standard.
- Further embedding Mastery Maths.
- Improving provision for collective worship.
- Reviewing the Behaviour Policy in light of Restorative Justice.

ACCEPTABLE CONDUCT

We have experienced a few instances of parents/carers speaking to some of our members of staff, including our school crossing patrol warden, in an unacceptably aggressive manner. This type of behaviour will not be accepted and in extreme cases we are able to enforce a ban on parents/carers coming on to the school site.

Please be mindful of how you approach and speak to members of staff. As you know we will always listen to any concerns raised and do our utmost to resolve any issues.

ATTENDANCE UPDATES

This continues to be an important issue for us. Attendance percentages were noted in your child's personal organisers just before half term, so keep an eye to see if your child is on target to make our visit to the Snowdome. Remember authorised illness/medical reasons all count as absence and holidays are now unauthorised – both types of absence will reduce your child's chances of receiving our ski lesson reward.



At this time of year we often see an increase in sickness absence. Please don't forget to phone in first thing in the morning if your child is not coming to school. If you're unsure whether or not your child is fit to come in to school, please try sending them in – we can always contact you if they become worse and it's possible that the distraction will help!

CLASS PERCENTAGES TO AUTUMN HALF-TERM

Rowan –	95.7%
Silver Birch –	98%
Holly –	96.7%
Hazel –	97.7%
Chestnut –	97.9%
Oak –	96.2%
Pear –	95.1%
Willow –	97.1%

A big well done to Silver Birch, Chestnut and Hazel classes who were clearly the best for attendance in the first half term. Let's see who can win the attendance race for the entire 2018 Autumn term!

EVOLUTION DANCE FESTIVAL

On Thursday, 6th December, our Dance Club members will be performing at the annual Evolution Dance Festival held at The Carlton Academy – this is always a popular event in our school calendar. As always, many thanks to Michelle Sills for choreographing and teaching our Dance routine for this Festival and for organising everything on our behalf. There will be an opportunity to see the dance routine as it will also be performed in our final awards assembly for this term.

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads continue to be, Miss Wardle, Mrs Wood, Mr Patchett and Mrs Hunter. Mrs Wood remains our SENCO. Should you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child, please get in touch and we will be happy to help/advise you.

PFA CHRISTMAS FAIR

This popular annual event is at 3pm on Friday, 7th December. If you can help on the day, please let Mrs Belshaw or Mrs Hall know. There will be games, tombola, cakes, refreshments & gifts to buy.



We are also looking for donations of chocolates, toiletries, teddies etc. Please bring any donations to the academy office. Also, on the day we need cakes to sell on the cake stall – these can be brought into us on the morning of the fair and are always very popular. Thank you so much!

e-SAFETY – SOME ‘BIG ISSUES’ FOR PARENTS

- Make sure children know why some websites are safer than others.
- Set parental controls on internet browsers by creating a user account for your child with appropriate settings.
- Check out Google’s safesearchkids.org for stress-free browsing.
- Discuss online privacy and the information they shouldn’t share as they use the internet increasingly for homework and socialising.

Worth Checking

- The kind of language and acronyms used by children in chat rooms. Make sure you know what to look out for. Head to netlingo.com for help demystifying cryptic teenspeak.

Talk it through

- Discuss the benefits and limitations of using the web to help with homework and other school work.
- Give the reasons behind boundaries, time limits and parental controls, and be prepared to start re-evaluating the restrictions in line with your child’s maturity.
- Other parents at your child’s school are a source of information. Chat to them about how they help their children manage the digital world, and make sure you’re all on the same page.



ZIP IT
Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



BLOCK IT
Block people who send nasty messages and don’t open unknown links and attachments.



FLAG IT
Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

REMEMBRANCE EVENTS

In mid-October a group of parents, children and staff from our school, Robert Mellors Primary, The Carlton Academy and Colonel Frank Seely, visited Ypres - in Belgium to commemorate the end of WW1.



Notts TV accompanied on this very moving visit – do check out the on demand area of their website and select the ‘Re-discovering Notts’ tab – the programme was titled ‘The Ypres Sacrifice’. You will see footage of our visits to war graves, laying of wreaths and many interviews with the children, Miss Wardle, Martin Kerry and Vernon Coaker.

Many thanks, once again to Martin Kerry for all the planning and organising of this visit and for joining us on the visit too.

The whole school also attended the Woman’s football match at Notts County FC where England took on Germany in commemoration of WW1.

On Friday, 9th November we held a moving remembrance service for our pupils and parents/carers. Our thanks to Martin Kerry (Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry) and Reverend Wendy for making this such a memorable service.

Poppies and other remembrance items also sold well over the week running up to Remembrance Day and once the sealed collection box has been returned and counted we’ll let you know how much we have raised for the annual poppy appeal.

CHILDREN IN NEED & DIABETES UK

On Friday, 16th November we held fund-raising activities for the annual Children in Need charity. These included a non-uniform day, the sale of Pudsey merchandise and also cakes. Again, once

we've totted everything up we'll let you know how much was raised.

Last summer term we organised some fundraising for Diabetes UK and raised £133.76 – their thank you letter has been copied on the back of this communication.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all parents/carers for supporting us in our charity fund raising – it really does make a difference. THANK YOU!

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Please keep an eye out for the ticket request letter which will hopefully be sent home this Friday.

Following consultation with parents/carers we are putting on three performances and these will be as follows:-

- 2pm – Wednesday, 12th December
- 6pm – Wednesday, 12th December
- 9am – Friday, 14th December (NB: there will be no Awards Assembly on this day)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-

November

Weds 28th 2pm – 3pm School Choir to Willowbrook Care Home
Friday 30th Flu Spray Y3/4/5

December

Mon 3rd Y6 Pintsize Theatre - workshops
Weds 5th 9am Rowan class assembly
Thurs 6th Evolution Dance Festival
Fri 7th PFA Christmas Fair
Sun 9th 4pm - 6pm School Choir to Nottingham Albert Hall
Mon 10th Y3/4 Stardome activities
Y5/6 visit to Holocaust Centre
Tues 11th 2pm dress rehearsal Christmas Production
Weds 12th 2pm & 6pm performances of Christmas Production
Thurs 13th Y6 to TCA Christmas Production – 12pm – 3pm
Fri 14th 9am – performance of Christmas Production
Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner
Tues 18th Y3/4 party pm
Weds 19th Year 5/6 party pm
Thurs 20th 9am Final Awards Assembly (Autumn Term)
Fri 21st Last day of Autumn Term



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 24st December 2018 – 5th January 2019

January

Mon 7th First day of Spring Term

February

Mon 4th Open Evening
Tues 5th Internet Safety Day
Weds 6th Open Evening
Thurs 14th Valentine's Day lunch with parents/carers

HALF TERM 18th – 22nd February 2019

March

w/c 4th Shakespeare week
Weds 6th 9am Holly class assembly
Thurs 7th World Book Day (Book Fair starts for 1 week)
Mon 11th TCA arts exhibition opens
Fri 15th Comic Relief – Red Nose day
Mon 18th- 25th Bikeability Y6 (tbc)
Fri 26th Bikeability transition Y6 (tbc)

April

Thurs 4th pm Y6 pre-SATs yoga sessions start (final session on Thursday, 9th May)

Fri 5th Final Awards Assembly (Spring Term)

EASTER HOLIDAY 8th April – 22nd April 2019

April

Tues 23rd First day of Summer Term

May

Mon 6th May Day – school closed

Mon 13th Y6 SATs week

HALF TERM 27th May – 31st May 2019

June

Weds 12th Class photos

Weds 26th 9am Silver Birch class assembly

Fri 28th INSET day – school closed

July

Mon 1st INSET day – school closed

Weds 3rd Y6 TCA/CLW transition day

Thurs 4th am Sports Day

Mon 16th Y6 Leavers' Disco 6pm - 8pm

Weds 17th Family Afternoon and picnic lunch

Thurs 18th 2pm - Y6 Leavers' assembly

Fri 19th Final Awards Assembly

Mon 22nd- Weds 24th Hagg Farm Y5/6 visit

Thurs 25th 1st day of summer holiday

As you can see busy, busy, with some exciting activities planned before the end of this term. As ever, should you have any queries or problems, please pop in to see one of us to have a chat.

Miss Julie Wardle
Executive Head teacher

Mrs Sharon Wood
Head of School

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