



1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

## NEWSLETTER No: 1 Spring Term

*2019 – our apologies that we are so late in sending out our first newsletter of 2019 – we’ve had a very busy start to the New Year! So ... 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 2018

# EXCELLENCE!

As we approach the big push for 2019 SATs we thought it would be good to share the excellent news from our validated 2018 results.

As you may be aware in December the performance tables for KS2 were published and once again our results were some of the best in Nottinghamshire and indeed nationally. We are in the top 10% of schools nationally for Reading and Writing progress, which was significantly above average. Maths progress was also above average.

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 **13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**. 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 their energy levels up and keep them going! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS.

**Y6 CHILDREN ALSO 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.**

There will be a further SATs information evening for those Y6 parents who were unable to make the one we held earlier in January.

#### STAFFING NEWS

As you are probably aware, Mrs Willson has now commenced a period of maternity leave – we will pass on any baby news when we receive it! Chestnut Class is now being taught by Miss Hodgson (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mr Cannon (Thursday and Friday). We have also appointed Mrs Bright and Ms Stevenson as Teaching Assistants. We are pleased to welcome them all to the TCJA team!

We would also like to remind you of the protocol for raising any issues/concerns. Initially these should be taken up with your child’s class teacher, then with either Mr Patchett (head of lower school) or Miss Wright (head of upper school) and finally with Mrs Wood (Head of School).

#### A FEW REMINDERS

Break time snacks – if you are providing your child with a snack for break time, this should be either fruit or vegetable sticks. Breakfast/cereal bars, crisps, biscuits and chocolate bars are not allowed. Alternatively, your child can bring in money to buy items from our healthy tuck shop.

Please can we also 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).” In addition, your child’s PE kit should be in school at all times during the week and taken home for washing at the weekend. Thank you.

Open Evenings for the Spring Term are being held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February – letters have already been circulated. Do try and book an appointment so you can catch up with your child’s progress.



### ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We continue to rigorously monitor attendance and punctuality. Attendance in the Autumn Term was **96.7%** which means we are on target to achieve above the 96% we are aiming for. 71 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’re well on track to receive their skiing lesson. All children with 100% received stickers and an attendance pencil in our first Spring Term Awards Assembly.

Further good news - seven classes had attendance above 96% which was excellent (only five managed this last year). Willow Class won best class attendance for the Autumn Term with 97.6% attendance – fabulous!

Children with attendance below 90% are being monitored closely and may be contacted by Mrs Hodgson, Trust Attendance Officer, 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 are also running our whole school attendance incentive scheme that will run up to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019. 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 will be noted in their organisers just before the half-term break.

### LA JOLIE RONDE

Following on from her earlier award, Anna Vasco of La Jolie Ronde has received a further accolade for her French Club winning the: **REGIONAL LICENSEE OF THE YEAR 2018/2019 FOR THE NORTH AND MIDLANDS**



Recognition was awarded for:

- Providing high quality language classes
- Feedback from pupils, parents, schools and La Jolie Ronde class audit.
- Maintaining and developing the La Jolie Ronde business

Mrs Vasco runs a breakfast French club here at TCJA on Monday, starting at 8am. Limited places are still available in these French classes. If you’re interested in your child attending the club please contact: Mme Anna Vasco on [vascoannalisa@gmail.com](mailto:vascoannalisa@gmail.com) / 07812 214079 for further information



### SAFER INTERNET DAY

Following on from previous successful events, we will again be having a Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup>

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 “Our Internet, Our Choice. Understanding Consent in a Digital World”. Further details about specific activities on the day have already been shared by letter.

There is a parental online safety workshop at 2pm on the actual day and pupils will be sharing

some of their work at our weekly Awards Assembly on 15<sup>th</sup> February. We hope you can join us for one or both of these!

### **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 Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July and returning Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July – the last day of the 2018-19 academic year!



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!

### **UPDATES FROM LAST TERM:-**

#### **SPELLING BEE**

Congratulations to Shaan Haque-Brand who won our second Spelling Bee of 2018-19 at the end of last term.

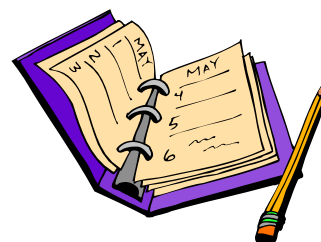
#### **CARLTON CUP WINNER**

Also at the end of the Autumn term, Sophie Robinson became the latest winner of our termly award of the Carlton Cup - in acknowledgement of her super contribution to Carlton Junior Academy so far this year. Sophie was presented with the cup, £5 Tesco voucher and a selection box in our Final Awards assembly.

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

### **February**

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Internet Safety Day
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Stone Age day
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel class – poetry recital in Awards Assembly
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine’s Day ‘lovely’ lunch with parents/carers



### **HALF TERM 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

#### **March**

w/c 4 <sup>th</sup>	Shakespeare week
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am Holly class assembly Non Such Theatre – Macbeth
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day (Book Fair starts for 1 week)
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	TCA arts exhibition opens Y6 mock SATs week
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	9am Oak class assembly
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	Non Such Theatre - Macbeth
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief – Red Nose day
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Y6 (tbc)
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rowan class – poetry recital in Awards Assembly
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Draughts event
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability transition Y6 (tbc) Mother’s Day lunch – details to follow

#### **April**

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	pm Y6 pre-SATs yoga sessions start (final session on Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May)
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Silver Birch class poetry recital in Final Awards Assembly (Spring Term)

### **EASTER HOLIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**

#### **April**

Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of Summer Term
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#### **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 2019**

#### **June**

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Father’s Day lunch – details to follow
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am Silver Birch class assembly
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 16<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers' Disco 6pm - 8pm  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Family Afternoon and picnic lunch  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> 2pm - 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

*As always please don't hesitate to drop in for a chat at any time, we are always happy to speak about any concerns you may have, and also any good news you may wish to share.*

Miss Julie Wardle  
Executive Head teacher

Mrs S Wood  
Head of School

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