



18th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

NEWSLETTER No: 2 Spring Term

So ... already March and the Easter holidays will soon be upon us! We hope you've been able to join us in school over the last few weeks – there have been quite a few opportunities! Our 'Lovely Lunch' for Valentine's Day was very popular and we're looking forward to seeing many more of you at our 'Thanks for All You Do' Mother's Day lunch on Friday, 29th March.

STAFFING NEWS

You will be delighted to hear that Mrs Willson gave birth to her son on 5th February 2019. Mother and baby are both doing well and we hope they pop in for a visit to see us all soon!



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Your child's attendance percentage up to 8th March 2019 was noted in your child's organiser last week, so please check to see if your child is on track for our ever popular ski reward!

There has been a significant increase in absence due to various illnesses over the last few weeks – this is having a negative effect on the school's attendance performance. Please do send your children into school – even if they do have the odd sniffle or random stomach pain – we will contact you if they become worse. And remember ... often a distraction can help!

Please ensure your child is not late! Again there has been something of an increase in the number of children arriving late (after 8.50am). We would ask that you ensure your child is in school on time – so as not to miss out on vital learning time and also to ensure classes run without disruption.

As an added attendance incentive for the last three weeks of the Spring Term – we're offering the prize of a Cadbury's Crème Egg to any child with 100% attendance and no late marks. This starts on Monday, 18th March and will end on Friday, 5th April. Let's see if every child can win an egg by being here at school every day (and on time)!

We would also 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.

Mrs Hodgson, our Trust Attendance Officer, will be in contact with any families causing concern. Thank you for supporting us with all of these attendance matters!

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS ART EXHIBITION

This annual event at The Carlton Academy is now open! Following the official opening on Monday, 11th March the exhibition runs every day (9am – 5pm) up to Friday, 17th May. The children from this school have again provided excellent art work on the theme 'The World is Ours'. 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, DINNER MONEY & BREAKFAST CLUB

As you know we operate a cashless catering payments system – sQuid, to allow parents/carers to pay dinner money and breakfast club fees online. We would encourage more parents to use this facility – as we are trying to move towards a cashless system for everything except tuckshop.

Due to Nottinghamshire County Council's increases in their charges for catering costs, we are having to increase both the cost of a school meal and also the cost of breakfast club. Therefore after the Easter break the cost of breakfast club will increase to **£2.75** per day and the cost of a school meal will increase to **£2.35** per day.

PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

You may have noticed a few additions to our playground markings – some of which were undertaken during half-term and the more recent addition of a netball court. We hope our pupils are enjoying the much improved, colourful and interesting space now on offer and we are looking forward to the sporting opportunities we will now be able to experience.

Y6 SATS

The Y6 SATs week starts on Monday, 13th May 2019.

As in previous years we will be providing a series of pre-SATs yoga sessions

which start on 4th 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.



Additionally we also request Y6 parents do not book any holidays during SATs week or prior to the end of June, to ensure 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.

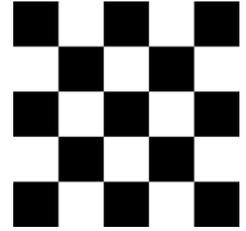
BIKEABILITY

Following a launch on Monday, our Y6 pupils will commence a programme of 'bikeability' to learn about bike safety on the roads. Hopefully receiving these excellent training programmes will help them to have increased skills in bike riding and keep them safer when they are out and about on their bikes. The children will be taught in groups of 12 with the first group starting their lessons today, 18th March.



DRAUGHTS COMPETITION

On 26th March 2019 a group of our talented pupils will take part in a draughts competition involving five other schools from the TCA family. Last year our team won the Junior section – we are hoping for a repeat performance this year!



SPORTS UPDATE

Recently, the girls' football team have played St Wilfrid's CE Primary School away – sadly, they lost. However, it was their first game together and they fought admirably! The boys' football team recently played Good Shepherd Academy and also lost, again they performed well but Good Shepherd had a bit too much for them!

In table tennis, we have attended two league championship meetings and have done well at both. In the most recent event, we beat a Netherfield team and lost narrowly to Parkdale and another Netherfield team. In February, we beat Parkdale and also had our own A and B teams play each other.

Other fixtures to come later this term: Netball tournament at Christ the King Voluntary Academy, boys' football matches against St Wilfrid's, Good Shepherd and Sir John Sherbrooke and girls' matches against St Wilfrid's, Richard Bonnington and All Hallows – we will keep you posted about how these all go.

After the Easter break Sports Coaches from Notts County will be coming into school to deliver their 'Move and Learn' programme - initially to Year 5 and then they will move on to Year 4. These programmes were very popular last year and we are looking forward to welcoming them back to our school again.

SHAKEPEARE WEEK

Over the last two weeks our pupils have had an exciting time looking at the Shakespeare play 'Macbeth'.

The children started initially by working with Sally Maddison, an experienced Specialist Leader in Education Teacher from Sir John Sherbrooke Junior School in Calverton. She introduced the play to all classes, through an exciting drama workshop.

Each year group has been busy looking at the language Shakespeare used in 'Macbeth' and using this to create their own poems. The work the children produced will be displayed in the school entrance hall so next time you come to the office make sure you have a look.

Additionally, Willow Class have been working with NonSuch Theatre for 1½ days over the last fortnight to explore both the 'Macbeth' play and produce a creative response.

NonSuch have been working with a total of seven schools across Nottinghamshire on a Shakespeare Birthplace Trust's 'Nottingham Area Shakespeare Hub Project'. This has been a brilliant opportunity for all our pupils to enjoy something different, particularly Willow Class.

This work will be celebrated at a showcase event at Colonel Frank Seely. If you are a parent of a child in Willow Class you will have received an invitation to the event - which is taking place tomorrow, Tuesday, 19th March at 1.00pm.

WILLOW CLASS – MACBETH DRAMA WORKSHOP



CAR PARK

Please can we remind parents/carers that the car park is for staff only and is not to be used during, or after school by parents/carers without prior permission.

CARLTON LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

We are organising an amnesty box on behalf of Carlton Library. So, if you have any of their books at home, please put them in the box in reception and we will make sure they are returned.

COMIC RELIEF

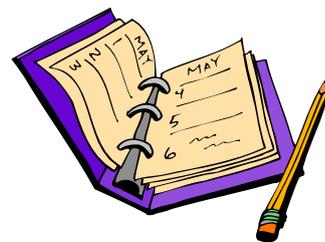
As usual we supported this bi-annual charity last Friday, 15th March with a range of activities – the dressing-up proved to be very popular and particularly colourful!



Thank you for supporting us with this event – we sold four full boxes of noses and we will add this to our fundraising efforts on Friday – watch this space for the final total!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – there are some changes, so please check!

- Mon 11th TCA arts exhibition opens (closes 17th May 2019)
Mon 18th- 25th Bikeability Y6
Fri 22nd Rowan class – poetry recital in Awards Assembly
Tues 26th Draughts event
Fri 29th Silver Birch class poetry recital in Awards Assembly
Bikeability transition Y6
Mother's Day lunch



April

- Tues 2nd Silly Sock day – Autism awareness event – details to follow
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
Notts County – Move & Learn programme – Year 5

May

- Mon 6th May Day – school closed
Mon 13th Y6 SATs week

HALF TERM 27th May – 31st May 2019

June

- Mon 10th Class photos
Fri 14th Father's Day lunch – details to follow
School Swimming re-starts (6 week block)
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 15th 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 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.

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Mrs S Wood
Head of School

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