



Dear Parents/Carers,

NEWSLETTER No: 1 Summer Term

We hope you enjoyed a relaxing half-term break. Once again the end of this school year is drawing very close!! Where has the year gone? We hope you are able to join us for some of the many and varied exciting events & activities planned.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are pleased to be welcoming back Mrs Willson who will be returning from her maternity leave. She will be back in Chestnut Class on Monday, 22nd July. From September she will be working on a part-time basis, so we are thrilled to say that Miss Hodgson will be staying with us on a permanent basis.

Miss Dawson, our School Direct student will start her NQT year working at Lake View Primary in Rainworth and we wish her every success at the start of her teaching career. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work in Willow Class this year.

Further details about the classes and staffing for next year will be included in our next newsletter – so watch this space!

SPORTS DAY

We are planning to hold our Sports Day on the **morning of Tuesday, 4th July**, weather permitting! We hope that you are able to join us for this very popular annual event.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Overall attendance up to half term of the Summer Term was **96.2%**, which is not quite as good as our previous two years when it was 96.5%.



Children's individual attendance percentage up to 24th May were noted in their organiser at the start of this half-term, so please check how your child is doing. The date for qualifying Y6 children to have their skiing lesson at the Snowdome has

been set for Tuesday, 16th July. Attendance up to Friday, 5th July will be included, so keep an eye out for letters being sent home to the children who have achieved the reward at some time during the following week.

Please remember that holidays during term time **are not permitted**. We have had several requests in the past weeks, none of which can be authorised.

Mrs Hodgson (Trust Attendance Officer) continues to support us with attendance and punctuality. She will be contacting a number of families to support with lateness issues. If you wish to discuss any attendance or punctuality issues with her, she is available on Friday mornings.

LIBRARY BOOKS & BOOK DONATIONS

Please can you ensure that all school reading books are returned to school as soon as possible – this is particularly important for Y6 children who will be moving onto the next phase of their educational journey. As well as Carlton Junior's books we are also missing several books that belong to the Education Library Service. These have yellow stickers inside and do not belong to school – please check at home and send in any of these you may have lurking on shelves! Thank you.



We would like to thank the parents/carers who have donated unwanted children's books to us. There have been huge bags of fantastic books donated, which will make a huge difference to our book shelves and the reading experiences of children across the school – thank you!

Y6 SATS

In 2020 these will be in the week commencing **11th**

May 2020. Please be aware children are not allowed to sit the tests at a later date and if your child is taken out for an unauthorised holiday they

will have no results to pass on to their secondary schools. In cases of genuine illnesses during the week, arrangements can then be made for the child to sit the tests later – but this is only in truly exceptional circumstances. **We also request that you do not take your child out of school during June as we are completing writing assessments during this time.**



sQuid & SCHOOL PAY

There are two 'purses' in sQuid for breakfast club fees and dinner money – our huge thanks to all those families who are using this system to pay. It really helps the office to be more efficient and has definitely reduced the amount of dinner money getting lost. The Trust are looking to become as 'cashless' as possible – so please keep an eye out for further developments in this area.

Also, as we approach the end of the school year we need to ensure that all dinner monies are paid and up to date. Please check your sQuid accounts and make sure you are not in debt and make any payments necessary to get your account in credit before the summer break.

PLEASE NOTE - for children in **Year 6** we have been informed that any credit they have **does not** transfer to their new schools and therefore if your child is in credit on their account this has to be requested through the sQuid account by clicking on the 'contact us' button.

SCHOOL MEALS

We are very lucky to have our schools cooks, Trudy and Janice, who continue to provide the children with a fantastic menu of freshly prepared dinners every day. It is with



sadness that the County Council have had to take the decision to reduce the number of hours they work in the kitchen. This is due to the reduced number of children choosing to have school dinners. We hope that the numbers will rise again with our new summer menu and that their hours can be reinstated. There's no need to have dinners every day, you can pick and choose days to suit you. The cost remains very reasonable at £2.35 per day.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may not be aware that the school and pupils benefit financially 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/school/s/school-dinners/free-school-meals/>

If you are having difficulties with the application process please see Mrs Belshaw in the reception office for some assistance.

REDHILL TRUST'S GOT TALENT

Imaan and Dylan will be representing our school with an Indian dance and a song. Ticket information will follow shortly, for the final which is being held on 27th June 2019.



SUN SAFETY

As the weather gets hotter, please could you ensure your child brings in a hat to wear, sunscreen and sunglasses so that they can be worn/used when the sun is out. There is plenty of shade on the school site, we're lucky to have lots of mature and beautiful trees as well as the gazebo. Remind your child that if they start to feel overheated to ask a member of school staff if they can move into the shade. Children also have access to their school water bottles at all times.

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

June

- w/c Mon 10th Healthy Lives week
Weds 12th Class photos (REVISED DATE)
Fri 14th 'Thanks for all you do' lunch (Father's day, or anyone special!)
School Swimming re-starts (6 week block)
Weds 19th Warburtons experience for Y3 & Y4
& Thurs 20th
Tues 25th - Y3/Y4 Viking Experience (in school – details to follow)
Thurs 27th
Weds 26th 9am Silver Birch class assembly
4.00pm – Parents' meeting for Hagg Farm visit
Thurs 27th pm - Halle concert at the Royal Concert Hall
Evening - The Trust's Got Talent show at TCA
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 - Hagg Farm (Y6 residential visit)
Weds 24th
Thurs 25th 1st day of summer holiday

FUTURE DATES:-

Tues, 3rd September – first day back for pupils

19-20 INSET dates:-

Thursday, 26th September 2019

Friday, 27th September 2019

Friday, 26th June 2020

Monday, 29th June 2020

Also, for the first time in 19-20 academic year, we will be having a two week break at the end of October/beginning of November – these are weeks commencing 21st and 28th October – the return date is therefore Monday, 4th November. A full holiday pattern will be sent out at the start of the Autumn term

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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Executive Head teacher

Mrs S Wood
Head of School

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