

17th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,



THE CARLTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER No: 1 Autumn Term



So... my first newsletter as Headteacher! I'd like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone including the new Y3 children who have made a great start at the Juniors. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers at our first Awards Assembly, everyone is welcome to attend at 9am every Friday. There is a crèche for younger siblings, kindly run by Mrs Gordon. We ask that all parents/carers put their phones onto silent and refrain from talking during the assembly. Please feel free to take photos of your child after assembly, when I will be around for a chat too.

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

A reminder of Y6 SATs week which is Monday, 11th May 2020.

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 also remind Parents/Carers that statutory writing assessments continue until the end of June 2020 so ask that Y6 parents continue to ensure their children are in school throughout this vital period of your child's primary education.

YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK (MTC)

A new test has been launched for all Year 4 pupils called the Multiplication Tables Check. This test can be taken in June (dates to be confirmed). It is essential that your child attends school during this period. We will let you know about this on 7th October, at the information event we are holding.

Our Vision and Stepping Stones to Growth

Our vision statement and aims (stepping stones to growth) guides all areas of school life and was drawn up in a fully consultative process with staff, parents and governors.

VISION STATEMENT

We believe that planting the seed of dreams encourages children to embark on a lifelong journey of learning.

Our moral compass guides us towards respect for ourselves and others, in a supportive and caring environment.

Our Stepping Stones to Growth

- Nurture the roots of kindness and consideration
- Provide a safe, supportive, 'green oasis' promoting outdoor learning and physical activity where children flourish
- Support the growth of confidence, self-esteem and resilience
- Through a creative curriculum we promote enjoyment, excellence and inclusion
- Encourage children to celebrate their own individuality and that of others
- Empower children to become responsible citizens of the future
- **Ensure every child achieves their personal best**

We Grow Greatness!

The Redhill Academy Trust has four principles that guide everything our academy also aims to achieve:

- High expectations of all pupils
- Valuing and celebrating academic achievement
- Outstanding teaching for all pupils
- Widening pupils' experiences through a range of extra-curricular activities including sports and the performing arts

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

These are sent home every term – there are two versions, one for Year 3 & Year 4 and another one for Year 5 & Year 6. You should have received the Autumn Term 2019 edition last week! They also included a 2019-20 school holiday pattern and a dates list for the year (this list is also included at the end of this Newsletter). All our curriculum newsletters and school newsletters are also available to download from the school website:

www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk. The dates list is also available there too.

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 that may appear in your child's organiser. Please also feel free to put your own comments messages for us to read and most importantly encourage your child to have it in school at all times! Please ask your child to show the teacher if there is a message in it from you.

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

You may notice that the personal information page has been removed, due to GDPR/Data Protection law. So, it is more important than ever to let the office know about any changes to telephone numbers/addresses and emergency contact details.

Y6 SATS RESULTS 2019 (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%	29% (GDS)	18%
Maths	86%	79%	31%	23%
Reading	86%	73%	53%	25%
Combined (R, W, M)	80%	65%	22%	9%
GPS	90%	78%	41%	31%

Average Scaled Scores:-

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

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

Progress Scores:-

Average progress in mathematics	+ 1.6
Average progress in reading	+ 5.3
Average progress in writing	+ 4.0

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

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

STAFFING & CLASSES 2019-20

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

We're pleased to welcome our new School Direct trainee, Miss Hickling (Willow class) and Mrs Clarke, our new SENCO, who will be in school on Mondays. Mrs Hunter will continue to undertake some cover in classes, Mr Cannon returns to teach PE & Sport, as does Mrs Sills who will be teaching dance across the school.

Our team of teaching assistants returned (without Mrs Spirrett and Mrs Phillips – who retired in the summer) but with the addition of Miss Lancaster and Mrs Hutchison. They will continue their excellent support of teaching and learning. Mrs Phillips will be returning on Monday & Tuesdays – taking Y6 pupils swimming and supporting Mrs Wood and Mrs Clarke with SENCO matters.

MOBILE PHONES

- The school strongly advises that pupil mobile phones and mobile devices (such as iPads etc.) should not be brought into school. If a mobile phone is discovered in a child's possession during the school day, the parent/carer will be called to collect it from the school office.
- If a pupil needs to bring in a mobile phone for usage after school, the phone must be handed into the office at the beginning of the school day, where it will be stored until the end of the school day. **The device is brought in entirely at the risk of the owner – the school accepts no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged devices.**
- If a pupil needs to contact his or her parents/carers, they will be allowed to use a school phone. Parents/Carers should contact the school office if they need to contact their child during the school day.
- We would ask that parents/carers refrain from using their mobile phones when they are in school.

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!

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 a member of the office staff will collect from each class. Many thanks.

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.

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 2019 '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.

TUCK SHOP

Our healthy school tuck shop sells fruit bags (40p), healthy pizza muffins (40p), pizza fingers (40p), crumpets (40p) and toast (10p per slice). 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.

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 £2.75 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.

MUSIC TUITION

We still offer individual music tuition at a subsidised rate for violin, woodwind and guitar. Currently, the places are fully subscribed, but should you be interested in this, please contact Mrs Hall for further details, or to be put on to the waiting list, should any spaces become available.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have a great school website. Check it out at:

www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk – where you'll 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.

FRENCH CLUB

Anna Vasco from La Jolie Ronde has been running a breakfast French club here for several years. The club runs on Mondays from 8am – 8.40am. There are limited spaces available (on a first come, first served basis). If you are interested please contact the school office.

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 £2.35 per day (£11.75 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 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 in any food containing nuts including sandwiches containing peanut butter, hazelnut spread or any popcorn. This is due to severe food allergies/intolerances of several children in school.

We provide each child with a water bottle and they drink at any time. We do not allow other drinks in the classroom in line with guidelines to promote healthy teeth.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 9th Y6 School Swimming starts
- Mon 9th Y6 DARE starts
- Fri 13th 9am – First Awards Assembly (weekly event – unless cancelled!)
- Fri 20th Meet the Teacher 2.30 – 3.15pm
- Tues 24th 16 pupils visit Trent Engineering with Martin Kerry & Mrs Charlesworth
- Weds 25th 2.30pm Macmillan ‘afternoon tea’ fund raiser
- Thurs 26th INSET day – school closed
- Friday 27th INSET day – school closed



October

- Fri 4th Snowdome Visit attendance award (Y4-6)
- Mon 7th pm - Y3/4 Parents’ info meeting – (Multiplication) Times Tables check
- Thurs 10th am - individual pupil photos (& siblings if requested)
- Weds 16th Parents’ Evening
- Thurs 17th 9.30am – Harvest Festival in the school Hall
- Thurs 17th Parents’ Evening
- Fri 18th Last day before half-term

HALF TERM – 21st October – 3rd November

November

- Mon 4th First day after half-term
- Tues 5th WE event – School Council
- Mon 11th Anti-bullying Week
- Fri 15th Children in Need
- Thu 21st Y3/4 Cadbury World Visit
- TBC Flu Spray Y3/4/5

December

- Thurs 5th Y5/6 visit to Newstead Abbey – Victorian Christmas
- Fri 6th PFA Christmas Fair
- Tues 10th 2pm dress rehearsal
- TBC Christmas Experiences at St Pauls – all classes
- Weds 11th 2pm & 6pm Christmas Production
- Thurs 12th Y6 to TCA Christmas Production – 12pm – 3pm
- Fri 13th 9.15am Christmas Production
- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
- Tues 17th Year 3/4 party pm
- Weds 18th Year 5/6 party pm
- Thurs 19th 9am – Autumn Term Final Awards assembly

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 23rd December – 5th January

January

- Tues 7th pm - SATs parent meeting

Fri 10th 9am Awards Assembly & Autumn term 100% attendance rewards

January

Tues 21st TCA G&T Arts event Y3-6

February

Tues 4th Parents' Evening

February

Tues 11th Internet Safety Day

Thurs 6th Parents' Evening

Fri 14th Valentine lunch with parents/carers

SPRING HALF TERM 17th – 21st February

March

Thurs 5th World Book Day (Book Fair starts for 1 week)

Shakespeare week

Mon 9-13th Sport Relief

Mon 11th TCA Arts Exhibition opens

Mon 9th Y6 Mock SATs week

Fri 20th Mother's day lunch

TBC Bikeability Y6

TBC Bikeability transition Y6

April

Thurs 2nd Y6 Yoga starts

Fri 3rd Spring Term Final Awards Assembly

EASTER HOLIDAY 6th April – 17th April

Fri 24th 9am Awards Assembly & Spring term 100% attendance rewards

May

Thurs 7th VE Day event with Martin Kerry

Fri 8th May Day – school Closed

Mon 11th Y6 SATs week

SUMMER HALF TERM 27th May – 31st May

June

TBC Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Thurs 11th Class/Team photos

Fri 19th Father's day lunch

Fri 26th TRUST INSET day – school closed

July

Mon 29th INSET day – school closed

Mon 6th New class morning (9am-12pm)

Tues 7th am Sports Day (weather permitting)

Weds 8th Y6 TCA/C-le-W transition day

Diversity morning

Thurs 9th 6pm - Year 2 - New Parents' meeting

Weds 15th Family Afternoon and picnic lunch

Thurs 16th Y6 Leavers' assembly

July

Fri 17th Final awards assembly – including 100% attendance rewards

Mon 20th Leavers' Disco 5-7pm

Weds 22nd – Fri 24th Y6 Hagg Farm (opened to Y5 if insufficient Y6 numbers)

Fri 24th Last day of the 2019-20 school year

Mon 27th First day of summer holiday

The staff 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.

Mrs Sharon Wood
Head Teacher

