

28th November 2019



THE CARLTON
JUNIOR ACADEMY

Dear Parents/Carers,

NEWSLETTER No: 3 Autumn Term

Welcome to another update on the exciting things we are doing here at Carlton Junior Academy. Hard to believe it is so nearly December! As the weather has become colder, don't forget to send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing to put on – we will still take them outside. They also need a bag for their Reading book and organiser. As ever please do check the dates list at the end of this newsletter – there will be some changes to last time!

PFA CHRISTMAS FAIR

This popular annual event is at 3pm on Friday, 6th December. If you can help on the day, please let Mrs Belshaw, Mrs Cooke or Mrs Hall know.

There will be exciting games, tombola, raffle, cakes, refreshments & gifts to buy.

We're also looking for donations of chocolates, toiletries, teddies, wine etc. Please bring any donations to the academy office.

Also, on the day we need **LOTS** of 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!

FUND RAISING

Thank you for your support with our recent fund raising efforts. We donated a fabulous £327.54 to Macmillan, after our lovely and very well attended 'afternoon tea'.

On 15th November, we also raised funds for the annual Children in Need charity. Carlton Cabinet are going to be counting the money raised – so watch this space!

WE COMMUNITY DAY

At the start of this half term, Carlton Cabinet members enjoyed a fabulous WE celebration event at the Royal Concert Hall.

WE Day was a celebration of young people who are creating a positive change in the world. Our pupils were delighted to be a part of this powerful, life-changing experience, which involved distinguished speakers, award-winning performers and local heroes. They all came together to create the 'greatest classroom' in the world! Some of the famous people attending were Martin Luther King III, Emilio Estevez, Vicky McClure & Bella Ramsey.

Our pupils and all the other participating pupils/students were challenged to follow their passions, build leadership skills and contribute to their communities. The whole event was a great experience for our Carlton Cabinet members, who work hard every year to support different charities and this event really allowed them to celebrate their hard work.

ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS – it's not long now!

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

This will be on Friday, 13th December – letters were sent out last week. The cost for this special dinner is the usual £2.35 and any child who qualifies for free school meals does not have to pay.

However, due to the popularity of this event, we do need advance orders to ensure enough food is ordered to cover the demand! Please do make sure you return the slip at the bottom of the letter, **by the deadline**, if you want your child to have a Christmas dinner. This includes children who qualify for free meals.

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Please keep an eye out for the ticket request letter which will be sent home with every child very soon!

There will be three performances as follows:-

- 2pm – Wednesday, 11th December
- 6pm – Wednesday, 11th December
- 9.15am – Friday, 13th December (NB: there will be no Awards Assembly on this day)

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This will also be held on what is proving to be the busiest Friday of the school year so far, Friday, 13th December!

We will again be donating to this annual 'Save the Children' fundraiser. So, dust off your Christmas Jumpers and donate at least £1.00 to wear your festive jumper for the day. All proceeds raised will be donated to this very worthwhile cause.

SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

A big 'well done' to our first Spelling Bee Champion of 2019-20. Just before half-term Summer-Lea Bradshaw (Year 6) fought off all the competition and was rewarded with a prize for her brilliant spelling!

LETTERS

We often have issues with letters getting home to parents! Please check in your child's bag. Important school dates are listed on every newsletter and are available on the website which is updated every time a newsletter is produced. We also send out text reminders too!

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Following the recent nomination round, we are delighted to welcome the following three parents on to our Local Governing Body:-

- Kellyann Greening
- Bibiana Sokal-Green
- Helen Carey

We're really looking forward to their input into our termly meetings and we hope they will enjoy their terms of office.

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:-

- A continued focus on Maths, particularly Middle Ability learners
- Improving spelling and handwriting
- Developing curriculum leadership
- Developing ICT strategy

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Wood, Mr Patchett, Mrs Hunter and Mrs de Gilbert. Mrs Clarke and Mrs Wood are our SENCOs. Should you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child, please get in touch and we will be happy to advise you.

ATTENDANCE UPDATES

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 ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES (UP TO AUTUMN HALF-TERM)

Holly –	98.94%
Hazel –	99.08%
Rowan –	94.64%
Silver Birch –	95.52%
Chestnut –	95.9%
Oak –	95.6%
Pear –	96.16%
Willow –	96.59%

We really want to see all classes above 96% - let's see if every class can be above 96% at the end of the Autumn term!

FLU SPRAYS – are being administered at school for all Year Groups on Thursday, 12th December. Watch out for a text containing the link!

VOCALS! Christmas is Coming

If your child is interested in signing they could sing fun Christmas music with a live orchestra in front of your friends and family at Nottingham's prestigious Albert Hall! Music for Everyone are offering the opportunity for children to learn Christmas songs on the afternoon of Saturday 14 December at Nottingham Trent University and then to perform them on the afternoon of Sunday 15 December at the Albert Hall. The event is for primary school children and places cost just £12 for the whole weekend. Places can be booked by phone on 0115 958 9312 or online at <https://www.music-for-everyone.org/event/vocals-christmas-is-coming/> where you will find more information about timings and venues. Concert tickets are also available online and the concert is always a sell-out.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



December

Weds 4 th	Boots & WE – workshops with Carlton Cabinet
Thurs 5 th	Y5/6 visit to Newstead Abbey – Victorian Christmas
Fri 6 th	PFA Christmas Fair
Tues 10 th	2pm dress rehearsal
TBC	Christmas Experiences at St Pauls – all classes
Weds 11 th	2pm & 6pm Christmas Production
Thurs 12 th	Flu Spray – whole school
Thurs 12 th	Y6 to TCA Christmas Production – 12pm – 3pm
Fri 13 th	9.15am Christmas Production
	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Tues 17 th	Year 3/4 party pm
Weds 18 th	Year 5/6 party pm
Thurs 19 th	9am – Autumn Term Final Awards assembly
Fri 20 th	Last day of Autumn Term – MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 23rd December – 5th January

January

Mon 6 th	First day of Spring Term
Tues 7 th	pm - SATs parent meeting
Fri 10 th	9am Awards Assembly & Autumn term 100% attendance rewards

February

Tues 4 th	Parents' Evening
Thurs 6 th	Parents' Evening
Tues 11 th	Internet Safety Day
Fri 14 th	Valentine lunch with parents/carers

SPRING HALF TERM 17th – 21st February

March

Thurs 5 th	World Book Day (Book Fair starts for 1 week)
	Shakespeare week
Mon 9-13 th	Sport Relief
Mon 11 th	TCA Arts Exhibition opens
Mon 9 th	Y6 Mock SATs week
Fri 20 th	Mother's day lunch
TBC	Bikeabilty Y6
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April

Thurs 2 nd	Y6 Yoga starts
Fri 3 rd	Spring Term Final Awards Assembly – last day of Spring Term

EASTER HOLIDAY 6th April – 17th April

Mon 20 th	First day of Summer Term
Fri 24 th	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

Between 8th – 25th Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Thurs 11th Class/Team photos

Fri 19th Father's day lunch

Fri 26th INSET day – school closed

Mon 29th TRUST INSET day – school closed

July

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

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

Hard to believe it is nearly December and the countdown to Christmas has well and truly started! Should you have any queries or problems, please do pop in to have a chat.

Mrs Sharon Wood
Head Teacher

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