



3rd February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

NEWSLETTER No: 1 Spring Term

Our first newsletter of a new decade! What a great start to the Spring Term it's been so far. There are many exciting activities and events planned between now and Easter. Dates, including some new ones and a change to Parents' evening dates, are listed at the end of this Newsletter.

RACISM

Sadly, we have recently experienced some incidences of racist name calling in school. Our excellent DARE Officer, James Appleyard has talked to all the children in assembly about the consequences of using racist language. Our Anti-Bullying Policy is clear on how we deal with these matters, see the relevant extract below:-

Prejudice Related Language
Racist, homophobic, biphobic, transphobic & disablist language includes terms of abuse used towards people because of their race/ethnicity/nationality; because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transsexual, or are perceived to be, or have a parent/carer or sibling who is; because they have a learning or physical disability. Such language is generally used to refer to something or someone as inferior. This may also be used to taunt young people who are different in some way, or their friends, family members or their parents/carers. We will challenge the use of prejudice related language in our school even if it appears to be being used without any intent.

The children will again be taking part in the national 'Give Racism the Red Card' competition.

HOPE NOT HATE WORKSHOPS

To extend our work around prejudice related crime, we've invited this charity in to work across all classes later in the Spring term. Work around hate crimes is firmly embedded in everything we do.

We ask you to talk to your child about these issues and support us in teaching children to be respectful and accepting of everyone in our community.

SATS RESULTS 2019

As we approach the big push for the 2020 SATs we thought it would be good to share the excellent news from our validated 2019 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 **11th May 2020**. 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.

Y6 DARE GRADUATION

Thank you to all the Y6 parents/carers who joined staff and the Mayor of Gedling, Sandra Barnes at our recent DARE graduation assembly. Our thanks also to Central PFA who paid for DARE t-shirts for all Y6 children - they looked very smart!

LETTERS

We are working towards sending out all our letters by email! Please can you send in your current email address to:-

office@carltonjunior.org.uk

so that we can check the details we have for you. Hard copies will continue to be sent (for now)!

STAFFING NEWS

As you know at the start of this term we've slightly tweaked our teaching arrangements in Year 5 & 6. Mrs Tait is back in Y6 alongside Mrs Charlesworth and Ms Southall joined us to teach Y5 in Chestnut Class alongside Mrs Willson. Miss Hodgson is now providing us with her considerable French expertise, teaching this subject one day per week. Mrs Clarke has also increased her SENCO time with us to 1½ days per week.

In addition, we've also welcomed our new school cook, Miss Skaffe. She has considerable previous school experience and has settled in really quickly – she enjoys putting on theme day meals – including a Valentine's Day 'Lovely Lunch' on 14th February! There will be many more too – so watch this space!

Last, but not least, we welcome a new Teaching Assistant - Miss Hart has started with us last week and is mainly supporting in Hazel class.

PARKING

We have again had several complaints about parking in and around Foxhill Road.

We ask again that you do not park over driveways, too close to corners or in some cases even on the pavements!

We direct anyone who contacts us to report incidents to the police, backed up with photographic evidence if they have it. Nottinghamshire County Council do have mobile units that monitor known problem areas - and may fine offenders!

ATTENDANCE UPDATES

Congratulations to all 68 pupils who achieved 100% attendance in the Autumn term. They were all presented with stickers and pencils in our first 2020 Awards Assembly, where we also celebrated Hazel class - who had the best attendance for the term (see below).

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES (AUTUMN TERM)

Holly –	98.37%
Hazel –	97.07%
Rowan –	95.63%
Silver Birch –	95.65%
Chestnut –	95.31%
Oak –	95.08%
Pear –	95.44%
Willow –	95.8%

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

Exciting news - we have launched two new attendance related rewards - individual letters with the full details of these have been sent out. However, here's a quick re-cap:-

Attendance reward – qualifying period 27th January – 26th June 2020
All pupils with attendance of 98% and above (we will round up from 97.5%!) will be taken on an adventure based activity. (We are currently looking at the Mill Base Climbing & Adventure Centre or Sherwood Forest Activity Centre.) This reward replaces our previous Snowdome activity and has been voted for by the whole school after discussion by members of Carlton Cabinet.

Punctuality reward – started 27th January

All pupils on time every day for a week will go into a weekly draw – drawn on the following Monday morning – the winner receives a certificate and keeps the Punctuality Award Trophy in their classroom for the rest of the week. At the end of the school year, all children entered into one of the weekly draws will go into the end of year 'big' draw. Five names will be drawn out, each winning a £10 shopping voucher!

SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

Congratulations to our second Spelling Bee Champion of 2019-20. Jaedon Gushure (Y6) fought off everyone and was rewarded with a prize for his brilliant spelling!

CARLTON CUP WINNER

At the end of the Autumn term Mia Jorgensen became the latest winner of our termly award of the Carlton Cup - acknowledging her super contribution to Carlton Junior Academy. She was presented with the cup, £5 voucher and festive chocolates in our Final Awards assembly.

YOUTH MAYOR OF GEDLING'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We were delighted that Narges Farjam was announced as one of the winners. Alongside her parents, sister and Mrs Wood, she attended the winning entrants' reception at the Council Chambers at Arnot Hill Park.

AUTUMN TERM - FUND RAISING UPDATE

During the term, Carlton Cabinet helped raise money for Children in Need (£233.00), supported Mrs Willson with a MacMillan cake sale (£327.54), sold items for the Poppy Appeal (£154.80) and supported Christmas Jumper Day (£125.60). Mrs Satterley organised the Christmas Card design fund raiser which raised £144.58 and provided cards to send to our wider school community.

This term we will be supporting Sport Relief.

CYBER CRIME & KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

There has been a concerning increase in the number of parents who contact us about worrying online activity that involves children at home. Mrs Hunter regularly talks to the children about keeping themselves safe online and using social media appropriately. This is also embedded into our curriculum. Please read the important information about this matter that was sent home recently. We hope to see lots of you on Thursday, 6th February for the Cyber Crime Information talk.

AUTUMN TERM SPORTS UPDATE

During the Autumn Term, there were lots of sporting opportunities that many children took part in. As the days got darker and shorter, fewer fixtures took place but that didn't stop us! In October, pupils took part in a Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament as a pathway event for Gedling. We did extremely well and made it through to the final of the tournament with a record of 6 games played and the team winning five of those. Sadly however, we lost narrowly in the final.

Also in October, pupils participated in one football tournament at Arnold Town FC and were due to play a girls' tournament, which unfortunately was postponed due to bad weather. The boys' tournament was after school and we took a squad of nine children. These tournaments are an early opportunity for the teams to play with each other for the first time prior to the 2019/20 school league competitions. The boys performed well winning one, drawing one and losing one each of their group games. The girls are hoping to play again in the New Year when the tournament is rearranged.

After half term, we took part in two cross country competitions. The first event was the Nottinghamshire Cross Country league on a Saturday. All of the team completed the challenging course with many achieving personal best times. The second event was during school time and a pathway event for Gedling. Again, all runners completed the course. Overall, our boys' team finished 4th and the girls' team finished in 8th place. Individually, one child finished in the top ten and qualified to represent the district in Nottinghamshire races. One Year 3 child managed to finish in 13th place, despite being two years younger than the vast majority of the other competitors.

Our congratulations to everyone who took part in any sporting events last term. We will also keep you posted with our Spring term sporting activities.

SUPPORT FOR VISITS & VISITORS

We have recently enjoyed some excellent visits (Cadbury World and Newstead Abbey). Y3/4 took part in Hindu workshops and whole school drumming sessions are planned. We really want to continue to offer a broad and exciting curriculum but need your financial support to help with this. We hope you agree that the contributions asked for are reasonable - without your contributions, we cannot offer these experiences – please support us!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – please be aware these may change!



February

- Thurs 6th 9.15 – 10.15 Cyber Crime Parents' talk
10.30 – 11.00am Y5/6 Cyber Crime Assembly
- Fri 7th African Drumming workshops – whole school
- Tues 11th Internet Safety Day
Y6 – Pintsize Theatre production – 'Abigail's Story'
- Tues 11th Parents' Evening ***NEW DATE*****
- Thurs 13th Parents' Evening ***NEW DATE*****
- Tues 11th Internet Safety Day
- Fri 14th Valentine lunch with parents/carers

SPRING HALF TERM 17th – 21st February

February

- Weds 26th Y6 – child measurements programme – Family Health

March

- w/c Mon 2nd Shakespeare week – Book Fair in school
- Thurs 5th World Book Day
Chestnut class – Dance Shakespeare activity
- Mon 9 - 13th Sport Relief
- w/c Mon 9th Y6 Mock SATs week
- Fri 20th Mother's day lunch
- Tues 24th Oak class – Amazon Future Engineer
- Tues 31st Chestnut class – Amazon Future Engineer
- TBC Bikeabilty Y6
- TBC Bikeabilty transition Y6

April

- Thurs 2nd Y6 Yoga starts
- Fri 3rd 9am Spring Term Final Awards Assembly – last day of Spring Term

EASTER HOLIDAY 6th April – 17th April

April

- Mon 20th First day of Summer Term
- Tues 21st Y5 to Lakeside Arts
- Fri 24th 9am Awards Assembly & Spring term 100% attendance rewards
- Tues 28th Y4 to Lakeside Arts
Holly class – Amazon Future Engineer

May

- Tues 5th Y3 to Lakeside Arts
- Thurs 7th VE Day event with Martin Kerry
- Fri 8th May Day – school Closed
- Mon 11th Y6 SATs week
- Tues 19th Y6 to Lakeside Arts

SUMMER HALF TERM 27th May – 31st May

June

Between 8th – 25th Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
w/c 8th Healthy Eating week
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 2pm - 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

So ... hard to believe it's so nearly February - the countdown to Easter, Y6 SATs and Sports Day has begun! As usual, should you have any queries or problems, please pop in to see us to have a chat.

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