

15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,



THE CARLTON  
JUNIOR ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER No: 1 Autumn Term



*So... our first newsletter of the 2020-21 academic year. This follows a very strange end to 2019-20, as the world locked down in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, times are still very different, as we get used to the new 'normal' and we continue to respond to the on-going COVID issues. However, I'd like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone including our new Y3 children, who have made an excellent start at the Juniors. It has been lovely seeing the school buzzing again with children, activity and lots of happy, smiling faces! Sadly, as yet, we're unable to invite parents/carers into school, but will keep in touch with you in different ways.*

### YEAR 6 SATS WEEK 2021

#### **A reminder of Y6 SATs week which is Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**2021.** These are very important tests and we 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 2021 so ask that Y6 parents continue to ensure their children are in school throughout this vital period of your child's primary education.

The 2020 Y6 SATs were cancelled due to COVID-19.

### YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK (MTC)

This new test should've launched for all Year 4 pupils in June 2020, but was also cancelled. This test will be taken in June 2021 (dates to be confirmed). It is essential that your child attends school during this period.

### SOME REMINDERS!

Thank you to everyone for supporting us with the revised arrangements we have had to put in place to make our school as safe as it can be. Please limit the number of adults picking up a child from the school to one - we need to try and maintain 2m social distancing between adults as much as we possibly can. **Should your child display any of the current COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss, or change, to sense of taste or smell) please do not send them into school, let us know and also phone 111 for advice. Should you have any questions, or if anything is worrying you, do just give us a call on 9110402.**

### STAFFING & CLASSES 2020-21

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

We're pleased to welcome our new School Direct trainees, Miss Ali (Willow class) and Miss Byrne (Rowan class). Miss Hickling, our previous trainee is now qualified and she has joined our staff team, teaching in both Chestnut and Willow classes. Mrs Clarke, our SENCO will be in school on Mondays and Tuesday mornings. Mrs Hunter continues to undertake cover in classes and Mrs Sills will be teaching dance to several classes across the school. Our team of teaching assistants returned, but with the welcome addition of Mrs Aleksanderek, Mrs Wragg and Mr Griffiths. They will continue their excellent support of teaching and learning. Mrs Phillips has returned on Monday & Tuesdays – taking Y6 pupils swimming and supporting Mrs Wood and Mrs Clarke with SENCO matters. We have a new Trust Attendance Officer, Ms Eyre, who will be helping us to support children and families.

## 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.**

## MOBILE PHONES

- Pupil mobile phones and mobile devices (such as i-pads etc.) should **not** be brought into the academy. If a mobile phone is discovered in a child's possession during the day, parent/carers will be asked to collect it from the office.
- If in exceptional circumstances, 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 day, where it will be stored until the end of the day. **The device is brought in entirely at the risk of the owner – the academy accepts no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged devices.**
- If a pupil needs to contact their parents/carers, they will be allowed to use our phone. Parents/Carers should contact the office if they need to contact their child during the day.
- Parents/Carers must not use their mobile phones when on academy premises.

## PARENTPAY

We're moving to all payments (other than tuckshop) being made via ParentPay. Currently this is dinner money and breakfast club. Activation letters for accounts have been distributed, please contact the office if you require another copy. Many thanks.

## 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. These are:

- 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

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have a great school website. Check it out at: [www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk](http://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.

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

These are distributed termly and there is one for each year group. Copies will also be available on the website (as detailed above).

## EMERGENCY CONTACT DATA

As you know we hold contact information on the school's office computers for all our pupils. (Our privacy statement for pupils is available on the website.) If it has been a while since you have updated this information with us, we would ask that you send in updated details – you can request a blank form from the office, or simply email us at [office@carltonjunior.org.uk](mailto:office@carltonjunior.org.uk) with details of new addresses, contact numbers etc.

**It is vitally important that you state two emergency contact numbers as recommended in the revised September 2020 '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 drinks (50p), healthy pizza muffins (40p), crumpets (40p) and toast (10p per slice). Children can buy up to two different items. Currently, each class bubble visits the tuck shop on a rota system. 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 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.** 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 – 8.45am, staffed by Miss Beeton & Mrs Belshaw. This term our breakfast club is currently operating on separate tables for each class bubble with individual table top activities. 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 office, as we are asking that places are booked, so we know numbers in advance. Please use our online payment system ParentPay to pay breakfast club fees. Letters with instructions on how to register for an account are available from the office.

**MUSIC TUITION** - when we can, we will again offer individual music tuition at a subsidised rate for violin, woodwind and guitar.

**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS** – these are not running currently – we will keep you posted as we move through the year.

## FRENCH

Anna Vasco (La Jolie Ronde) is going to start teaching French in all Y3, Y4 & Y5 classes every Tuesday, starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. In addition she is also running online after-school sessions from 4pm to replace the breakfast club she ran last year. If you are interested in signing your child up for these, 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 £2.40 per day (£12.00 per week). **Please use our online payment system ParentPay to pay for school meals. Letters with instructions on how to register for an account are available from the 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 academy 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. 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.

**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.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Due to COVID issues, there are many dates we can't yet confirm and events that may have to occur in a different way to the 'usual'. We'll keep you informed of specific details as soon as we can. In the meantime we have listed events (TBC – to be confirmed) under the months they usually take place, so you have an idea of what we are hoping will occur!

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 7<sup>th</sup> Y6 School Swimming starts
- Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Y6 DARE starts
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Y3, Y4 & Y5 Yoga sessions start (4 weeks)
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> INSET day – school closed



### October

- TBC TCA Science Day
- TBC Harvest experience
- TBC x2 Open evenings for parents
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Last day of Autumn 1

### HALF TERM – 19<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> October

### November

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> First day of Autumn 2
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Flu Spray all years
- TBC Remembrance event
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Children in Need fund raising
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Individual (& sibling) photographs
- TBC Times tables Rock Stars dress up day

### December

- TBC Evolution Dance Festival
- TCB PFA Christmas Fair
- TBC Christmas Experience at St Paul's
- TBC Christmas Productions
- TBC Christmas Jumper Day
- TBC Christmas Dinner
- TBC Christmas Parties
- TBC Autumn Term Awards Assembly
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Last day of Autumn Term

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> January

### January

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> First day of Spring Term
- TBC Curriculum newsletters
- TBC Y6 SATs parent meeting
- TBC Y3 & Y4 Work showcases & Y5 & Y6 Work showcases
- TBC TCA G&T Arts event Y3-6

## **February**

TBC	x2 Open evenings for parents
TBC	Internet Safety Day
TBC	Valentine lunch with parents/carers
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Spring 1

### **SPRING HALF TERM 15 February<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	First day of Spring 2
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## **March**

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
TBC	Book Fair, Shakespeare week & Trust Readathon
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief
TBC	TCA Arts Exhibition opens
TBC	Y6 Mock SATs week
TBC	Science Week
TBC	Mother's day lunch
TBC	Bikeabilty Y6
TBC	Bikeabilty transition Y6

## **April**

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	TBC - Y6 Yoga starts
TBC	Spring Term Awards Assembly
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of Spring Term
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Good Friday – school closed

### **EASTER HOLIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Summer Term
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## **May**

Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	May Day – school closed
TBC	WE Walk for Water
w/c Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATs week
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Summer 1

### **SUMMER HALF TERM 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June**

## **June**

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Summer 2
TBC	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
TBC	Healthy Eating week
TBC	Class/Team photos
TBC	Father's day lunch
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	TRUST INSET day – school closed
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day – school closed
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 transition days – TCA and C-le-W

## **July**

TBC	New class morning
TBC	am Sports Day (weather permitting)

TBC	6pm - Year 2 - New Parents' meeting
TBC	Family Afternoon and picnic lunch
TBC	Y6 Leavers' assembly
TBC	Final awards assembly – including 100% attendance rewards
TBC	Y6 Leavers' Disco 5-7pm
TBC	Y6 Hagg Farm (opened to Y5 if insufficient Y6 numbers)
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last school day of 2020-21
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup>	INSET – school closed
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	First day of summer holiday

*The staff are really looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year here at TCJA. Should you have any queries or problems, please let us know, so that we can deal with any concerns quickly.*

Mrs Sharon Wood  
Head Teacher

