



9th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

NEWSLETTER No: 2 Autumn Term

So... 2020 continues to be both a difficult and extraordinary year. Thank you to everyone for supporting us as we continue to welcome all our pupils in school. Carlton Juniors continue to respond to on-going COVID issues and to put in place the latest recommendations from the Government, Nottinghamshire County Council and the Academy Trust. Sadly, as you know we are still unable to invite parents/carers into school, but we are keeping in touch with you in different ways. Do feel free to phone or drop us an email if you have any concerns or queries and we hope to be able to see you in school again – even if it might be in 2021!

CYBER SECURITY

Mrs Hunter, our Computing Lead has asked us to pass on the following details about a new security feature for X-Box.

X-Box Family Settings –

Microsoft have recently released some new management features that parents/carers can use. They are available for iOS and Android. It is a free download and it has some great features, eg:-

- Create new child accounts.
- Manage screen time limits (including grant more time).
- Accept or decline friends requests.
- View and manage friends list.

You can see the full article by following the link below:-

<https://news.xbox.com/en-us/2020/09/24/xbox-family-settings-app-launch/>

FRENCH

Anna Vasco (La Jolie Ronde) has started teaching French in all Y3, Y4 & Y5 classes every Tuesday. 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.

COVID REMINDERS!

Again, our thanks 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 remember the following:-

- Limit the number of adults picking up a child from the school to one to reduce crowding at the academy gates and Garden Avenue.
- Wear, if you can, an appropriate mask/face covering.
- Avoid blocking entrances/exits to the academy – please stand on the playground.
- The driveway is closed to vehicles between 8.25am - 9.10am and again at 2.50pm - 3.20pm.
- Leave the site immediately after dropping off and collecting your children.
- Maintain the 2m social distancing rule when talking to academy staff.

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 then arrange to get a test as soon as possible. If the test result is negative (and your child no longer has any symptoms) they can return to school. If the test is positive, please let us know immediately, so that we can take the necessary action.

Should you have any questions, or if anything is worrying you, do just give us a call on 9110402.

OPEN EVENINGS

Sadly, we are not able to invite parents/carers into the academy for Autumn term open evenings. Instead, please expect a phone call from your child's teacher at some point during next week (week commencing 12th October). These will provide you with the opportunity to hear how your child is progressing and for you to ask any questions/raise any concerns you may have. We hope that by the middle of the Spring term, we may be able to revert to our traditional open evening format. Keep everything crossed!

LAPTOPS AND TABLETS FOR CHILDREN WHO CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL DUE TO COVID-19

The DfE has allocated a limited number of devices that we can apply for should education at the academy be disrupted. These devices are to support the remote education of disadvantaged children who would otherwise be unable to access remote education. There are strict criteria for applying for the devices and we cannot supply every child with a device. Examples of this include children:

- with no digital devices in their household
- whose only available device is a smartphone
- with a single device in their household that's being shared with more than one other family member

We are currently compiling details of any child who may fit into any of the above categories. If you consider your child falls into one of these, and you haven't already done so, please can you email the school office office@carltonjunior.org.uk (or phone) to let us know. Our device allocation can be used as part of preparing to deliver remote education. However, the exact number and type of devices available will be only confirmed at the time we order and is based on stock availability and the extent of COVID-19 restrictions. If there are widespread school closures, our allocation could be reduced.

ACADEMY WEBSITE – www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk

Above is our website address. Do keep an eye on the website. There is lots of useful information including statutory information, a calendar of academy events (although currently everything is on hold because of COVID!), details about us, staffing, our classes, Governors, supporting children with SEND & some lovely photos, which give you an insight into all the things we do here at TCJA! There is also a quick link to all the correspondence that has been sent in relation to COVID-19.

PING-PONG-A-THON!

As our options for fund raising and activities in the academy are rather restricted at the moment (COVID strikes again!) we are looking to organise a socially-distanced fund raising 'ping-pong-a-thon' which would involve everyone in the academy! We are hoping this will be a fun and enjoyable event and really bring our academy community together in a safe way. Watch this space for more details.

STAFFING

Despite it being early in the new academic year, we already have some staffing changes to tell you about. Mrs Bright has retired from her Teaching Assistant role and her last day in school was 30th September. We wish her every happiness in this new phase of her life – although sadly, her travel plans have had to be put temporarily on hold! We have been delighted to welcome Mrs Hendry as her replacement and she started with us on Monday this week. We have also appointed two new midday supervisors Mrs Evans and Mrs McGarry who have fitted into our lunchtime team brilliantly. One of our School Direct students, Miss Byrne has withdrawn from her course. We are now hosting several other student teachers who have been allocated across the academy.

BONFIRE NIGHT THEMED LUNCH & PARENTPAY

As you should already be aware from a letter sent earlier this week – we are offering a hot sandwich bag option on Thursday, 5th November. This includes both a vegetarian and meat based option. **Orders need to be placed by Wednesday, 14th October at the latest.** Payments for this special lunch should be made via ParentPay. Activation letters for accounts have been distributed previously, but please contact the office if you require another copy. Many thanks.

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! There will be additions and possibly alterations to these dates, but we will keep you updated with regular newsletters and other communications.

October

w/c 12th Phone calls to parents/carers (in lieu of open evening)
Fri 16th Last day of Autumn 1

HALF TERM – 19th October – 30th October

November

Mon 2nd First day of Autumn 2
w/c Mon 2nd Flu Spray Y3/4/5/6
Thurs 5th Bonfire Night lunch
TBC Remembrance event
Fri 13th Children in Need fund raising
Mon 23rd Individual (& sibling) photographs
TBC Times tables Rock Stars dress up day

December

TBC Ping-pong-a-thon
TBC Evolution Dance Festival
TBC PFA Christmas Fair
TBC Christmas Experience at St Paul's
TBC Christmas Productions – will be an 'on-line' production
TBC Christmas Jumper Day
TBC Christmas Dinner
TBC Christmas Parties
TBC Autumn Term Awards Assembly
Fri 18th Dec Last day of Autumn Term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 21st December – 1st January

January

Mon 4th 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 12th Last day of Spring 1

SPRING HALF TERM 15th February– 19th February

Mon 22nd First day of Spring 2

March

Thurs 4th World Book Day
TBC Book Fair, Shakespeare week & Trust Readathon



Fri 19th Comic Relief
TBC TCA Arts Exhibition opens
TBC Y6 Mock SATs week
TBC Science Week
TBC Mother's day lunch
TBC Bikeability Y6
TBC Bikeability transition Y6

April

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

EASTER HOLIDAY 2nd April – 16th April

Mon 19th First day of Summer Term

May

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

SUMMER HALF TERM 31st May – 4th June

June

Mon 7th 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 25th TRUST INSET day – school closed
Mon 28th INSET day – school closed
Weds 30th 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 27th Last school day of 2020-21
Weds 28th INSET – school closed
Thurs 29th First day of summer holiday

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. 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