

16th March 2020



THE CARLTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

Dear Parents/Carers,

NEWSLETTER No: 2 Spring Term

Already March and the Easter holidays will not be long! We hope you've been able to join us in school over the last few weeks – there've been quite a few opportunities. Our 'Lovely Lunch' for Valentine's Day was very popular and we're looking forward to seeing more of you at our 'Thanks for All You Do' Mother's Day lunch on Friday, 20th March.

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS ART EXHIBITION

This annual event at The Carlton Academy is now open! Following the official opening on Monday, 9th March the exhibition runs every day (9am – 5pm) up to Friday, 15th May. Our children from have again provided excellent art work on the theme 'We can be Heroes'. The exhibition is completely free of charge and we hope you are able to go along and have a look and find TCJA's contribution!

HOPE NOT HATE WORKSHOPS

To extend our work around prejudice related crime, we've invited this charity in to work across all classes on Monday, 30th March. 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.

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)!

PARENTPAY & DINNER MONEY

From 1st April 2020, we will be moving to a new online payment service called ParentPay. Letters about this have already been circulated and Y3 – Y5 activation letters have been sent out – Y6's are going out today. We hope you will support us as we move towards becoming cashless for not only dinner money, but also breakfast club, visits and other activities.

Also from 1st April, the cost of a school meal will rise to £2.40 per day (£12.00 per week).

SHAKESPEARE WEEK/WORLD BOOK DAY/BOOK FAIR

Last week we had an exciting time undertaking our second annual Shakespeare Week. After the huge success of Macbeth last year, we have been learning about the play Henry V. The play was introduced to classes by their class teacher, through an exciting drama workshop. Each year group looked at the language Shakespeare used and they have created their own poems.

Additionally, Chestnut Class enjoyed exploring the play through a dance & drama workshop, working with a member of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and a choreographer from the Sampad Dance Company. The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust have been working with a total of seven schools across Nottinghamshire on a 'Nottingham Area Shakespeare Hub Project'. They produced a unique Bollywood dance to represent the play Henry V. The dance was performed to most of the school who thoroughly enjoyed watching the performance. This was a brilliant opportunity for our pupils to enjoy and understand one of Shakespeare's plays.



World Book Day was celebrated with pupils and staff dressing up as their favourite book characters. Everyone looked fab-u-ous! Many thanks also, to everyone who came to our Book Fair.

SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

Congratulations to our third Spelling Bee Champion of 2019-20 – this was in the first half of the Spring Term. Summer-Lea (Y6) fought off everyone and was rewarded with a prize for her brilliant spelling!

PARENTS/CARERS IN SCHOOL

We are always happy to welcome parents/carers into our academy and for them to phone us at any time for many varied reasons.

However, there have been several incidences of abusive language and aggressive behaviour towards staff both in person and on the phone. These types of behaviour are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. As a last resort we do have powers to ban parents/carers from coming onto the academy site – but naturally we would prefer not to get to this point!

SPORT RELIEF

Friday, 13th March is Sport Relief day. We will be taking part in several sports based activities with the aim to promote sport and raise money for the charity. Children are encouraged to dress in a sports kit of their choice and staff will be doing the same! If children choose to wear a sports kit we would ask that a £1 donation is made.

On the day, children will be taking part in a Sport Relief Mile and can be sponsored to run, hop, skip or dance the distance. Details and a sponsor form were sent home with your child last week. Mr Schofield and Mr Huskinson will also be organising some Sport Relief games.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Please can we remind everyone that our uniform policy is for black shoes, not trainers and that girls should not wear leggings.

Y6 ATTENDANCE REWARD

Following consultation with Carlton Cabinet our 98%+ attendance reward for this year is a visit to an activity centre. Mill Base has been booked for Year 6 and any Y6 pupils who achieve the reward will enjoy two adventurous outdoor activities on Tuesday, 14th July 2020. All other year groups will go in September/October. The choice of activity will be decided in consultation with Carlton Cabinet members.

Y6 SATS – booster sessions

Our Y6 after-school booster sessions continue. These will help Y6 to 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. Pre-SATs yoga sessions will be commencing on 2nd April and continue after the Easter break. **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.**

Y4 – TIME TABLES CHECK

Well done to all the Y4 children who received a Head Teacher's award pencil for being excellent at times tables! Please continue to complete the TT Rockstars challenges every week. The multiplication check for all Y4 in June is not that far away.

HELP YOUR FAMILY CREATE HEALTHY DIGITAL HABITS

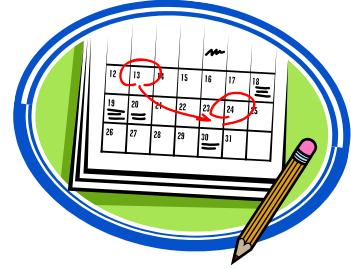
Whether your children are younger or in their teens, the free Family Link app from Google lets you set digital ground rules to help guide them as they learn, play, and explore online.

The app has many ways to help you manage your child's phone use.

- You can view your child's activity and see how much time they are spending on their favourite Apps.
- Handy notifications allow you to approve or block Apps your child wants to download. You can also manage in-app purchases.
- It can be hard to figure out what apps are right for your child, so Family Link shows you teacher-recommended apps that you can add directly to their device.
- It also allows you to set time limits and a bedtime for your child's device so you can help them find a good balance.
- Whether it's time to have dinner or go on a family outing you can remotely lock a device so your child can take a break from screens.
- If your child is out and about, the app allows you to locate them as long as they are carrying the device.

We hope you find this app useful so you can stay in the loop as your child or teen explores online.

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



March

- Fri 20th Mother's day lunch
Tues 24th Oak & Chestnut classes – Amazon Future Engineer
Tues 31st Holly & Hazel classes – Amazon Future Engineer

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
Weds 22nd pm – Cricket Roadshow
Thurs 23rd **Class/Team Photos *** REVISED DATE *****
Fri 24th 9am Awards Assembly & Spring term 100% attendance rewards
Tues 28th Y4 to Lakeside Arts

May

- Friday 1st pm – WE walk for water event
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
Weds 20th 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
Fri 19th Father's day lunch
Fri 26th INSET day – school closed
Mon 29th TRUST INSET day – school closed
TBC Bikeability Y6
TBC Bikeability transition Y6

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
Tues 14th Y6 attendance reward – Mill Base Activity Centre
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 March and 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.

Mrs Sharon Wood
Head Teacher

