

24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,



THE CARLTON  
JUNIOR ACADEMY™

### NEWSLETTER No: 3 Autumn Term

*So.. our Autumn 2020 term continues and Christmas comes ever closer. We're certainly not going to forget 2020 any time soon! Thank you for your on-going support as we continue to respond to COVID issues and put in place the latest recommendations from the Government, Nottinghamshire County Council and the Academy Trust. We remain sad that we're unable to invite parents/carers into school, but hope you still feel in touch with all that is happening in the academy. 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 not be until later in 2021!*

#### ACADEMY IMPROVEMENT

The following priorities have been identified in our 2020-21 Academy Improvement Plan:-

- To continue to diminish the differences in achievement between disadvantaged pupils and others across all the year groups in Maths, Writing, Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling and Reading.
- To embed the teaching of systematic Phonics for targeted pupils, particularly Year 3 pupils.
- To further improve provision for middle attaining pupils in Maths, narrowing gender and disadvantaged pupil gaps.
- To review the current curriculum strategy and develop Subject Leadership to secure excellent outcomes across all subjects.

#### CARLTON CABINET

Our 2020-21 Carlton Cabinet remains 'under construction'! We're electing our new class representatives and trying to find ways around the difficulties of holding meetings, given the current COVID restrictions and the space limitations of our building. Watch this space.

#### A MESSAGE FROM MRS de GILBERT

As Reading Leader, I always strive to ensure that the children at The Carlton Junior Academy have a wide range of reading opportunities, which allow them to experience all that the world has to offer.

Owing to this, when I saw a competition by 'Scholastic' to win £200 worth of beautiful books, I simply could not resist. These books will help us to recognise and understand the diverse community we live in and the diversity in the wider world. Across our curriculum, we take every opportunity to recognise and teach about diversity.

When children read stories, they are transported to places they have never been before or seen before. They follow their heroes on wild adventures and are thrilled by what they read. When children don't see themselves represented in the heroes of stories, it limits their ability to see themselves as the heroes of their own lives. How can they dream of being doctors or astronauts, if someone who looks like them doesn't ever appear in stories about doctors and astronauts?

Our children need books that features different types of places and people, because in short, you can't be what you can't see. I can't wait for these books to arrive so that all of our children explore and enjoy them.

Thank you, Mrs de Gilbert

#### PFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sadly, we are not able to invite parents/carers into the academy for our annual Christmas Fayre – we cannot fully articulate how gutted Mrs Belshaw is that we can't do the bag game or have a tombola! We are hoping to still be able to put on a couple of raffles and possibly some other activities. One of these raffles will be tailored towards children and the other will be tailored towards adults. The main prize in the adult's raffle will be a food and drinks hamper. We are contacting local supermarkets to try and support us with this. Further details will follow.

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Our Local Academy Board (LAB) consists of parent governors, staff governors, headteacher and community governors. The Carlton Junior Academy can have up to 4 parent governors; all governors have the same level of responsibility. The LAB's main remit regards matters local to the school and its community; it also has certain delegated responsibilities as outlined in the Redhill Academy Trust's Scheme of Delegation and Terms of Reference. Governors will be expected to sign up to, and abide by, a Governor Code of Conduct, covering such matters as confidentiality and the expected behaviour. The LAB meets once every half term, usually in the early evening (often at 5.30pm). Meetings usually last up to 2 hours – currently, these are 'virtual' using Microsoft Teams.

To be eligible to be considered as a parent governor you have to have parental responsibility for a pupil at the school (this includes being a step-parent, foster parent, grandparent bringing up the child, or permanent partner of the child's biological parent). The term of office lasts for 4 years; parent governors do not have to resign if their children leave the school before their term of office has expired.

Being a parent governor means involvement in the strategic/ monitoring side of things, rather than the day to day operations of the school – it does not function as a parent forum. If you're interested in this role, please contact Angela Cooke or Michelle Sills, the Chair of Governors, for a chat. If you'd like to talk to Michelle, please let Angela know.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

The children were asked to take part in a Remembrance Day Competition whereby they could either: design a new poppy, create a remembrance picture or write a poem. One child won the star prize for each year group. They received a certificate, sticker and goody bag. The winners were:

- Year 3 Tia
- Year 4 Lily-Grace
- Year 5 Bobby
- Year 6 Chloe

In addition, Martin Kerry and Reverend Wendy Murphy (two of our community governors) laid our beautiful school made wreath at the Carlton Cemetery War Memorial. Every child had written their name on one of the petals in remembrance of all those local people who lost their lives during WW1. As you can see it was a lovely, if rather cold, day.



## ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS...

As with our Christmas Fayre mentioned on p1, we're going to be unable to have our usual festive activities this year. **However, this does not mean Christmas is cancelled!** All our pupils are working on a Christmas production in their own classroom. This will be filmed, edited together and a 'virtual' performance will be available for parents/carers to see. We really want all the children to be involved, so please check the class teacher has your permission to share this on Dojo. Further details will follow.

All classrooms will be getting individually decorated with some Christmas lights and sparkle of their class teacher's choice. We won't be having our usual tree in the hall, as we're unable to meet in large groups, due to current restrictions. Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December is going to be our annual Christmas Jumper day – we'll again be asking for donations for the Save the Children charity.

This date will also be our Christmas 'Dinner' day – details of exactly what this will look like were sent out yesterday. There will be the usual Christmas cracker for every child, with our thanks to the PFA for providing these, and no doubt some Christmas music playing in classrooms.

During the last week of term (commencing 14<sup>th</sup> December) the individual classes (bubbles) will hold their own Christmas party in their classrooms. Details for each class will follow.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Thank you for ensuring your children are still looking smart and coming to school dressed in the correct uniform. Just a couple of gentle reminders:-

- Shoes **not** trainers
- Girls – **no leggings**, smart trousers

Also, can we ask that you avoid sending in sweets etc. for birthdays. We are still adhering to our healthy eating ethos. We thank you again for your support.

## **CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION**

We are delighted to let you know that the winner of the Mayor of Gedling's Christmas card competition 2020 and also two runners up, were all our pupils!

- Aliscia G - winner
- Narges F
- Jayden W

Congratulations to all of them – we are lucky to have so many talented artists.

Alisica will have her design printed on the front of the Mayor's Christmas Card. The Gedling Borough Arts and Development team will also be displaying a selection of the competition entries, including the winners, in Arnold town centre (around Eagle Square market) this Christmas. Any artwork chosen for public display will only include the entrants' first name and age (not school name).

Although the Mayor is unable to meet the children in person this year, a virtual meeting with the winners and their teacher over Microsoft teams will be arranged, so that the children have the chance to speak to the Mayor. They will also be sent a small prize each in the post.

## **NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. online programme**

This half term TCJA will be participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. Speak out. Stay safe. is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. A letter with all the details was sent out at the start of this week.

## **CHRISTMAS FOODBANK/TREAT COLLECTION**

The Redhill Trust are asking all their academies to contribute towards a foodbank or some form of treat collection this December. We want to do all we can to ensure this Christmas is as special as it can be for our families, given the difficult circumstances we find ourselves in.

Sadly, we know that many people are struggling this year due to Coronavirus, and whether this is due to wellbeing or finances we want to do all we can for our community to have a good Christmas! Over the next week or two we are therefore going to ask for donations of Christmassy items for our Christmas Foodbank/Treat Collection. Watch out for more details winging their way to you very soon.

## **& MORE COVID REMINDERS!**

Again, our thanks to everyone for supporting us with everything we have had to put in place. Please remember the following:-

- Limit the number of adults picking up/dropping off 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, socially distanced, on the playground.
- The driveway remains 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, the shorter the contact the better!
- Maintain the 2m social distancing rule when talking to staff.

## **Should your child display any of the 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 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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

As with previous newsletters, there continue to be 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. We continue to list 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.

### November

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Times tables Rock Stars dress up day & Jacket potato lunch

### December

TBC PFA Christmas Fayre raffles

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day  
Christmas 'dinner' day

TBC Virtual Christmas Production

w/c 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parties

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

### 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 Bikeability Y6

TBC Bikeability 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

## May

Mon 3 <sup>rd</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
	Opening date for 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

*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

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