



6th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

NEWSLETTER: Summer Term

We are now well into the term so I'd like to give you some updates on how things are going and what to expect for the rest of this term. Like you, we are waiting on the government announcements to clarify what we can and cannot do safely. Some events have been cancelled and some are still undecided I'm afraid. If all restrictions are lifted, we will of course arrange some end of year events but these, may be at shorter notice than usual.

As you are aware, I have had to send two class bubbles home to isolate this term. Staff have also been affected by Track and Trace asking them to isolate. I would like to thank everyone for their continued patience and understanding. These continue to be trying times for everyone.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Willson has had another baby boy. We wish her an enjoyable maternity leave.

We congratulate Mr Mateo who was successful in securing a post in Year 3 for next year. We also welcome Mrs Foster to the Year 6 team. She is a very experienced teacher who will be working with Mrs de Gilbert in Willow Class, teaching Year 6 on the days that Mrs de Gilbert works for the Trust. Mr Daniels, who also works at The Carlton Academy, will also join us to support children and teachers in teaching PE. He will be running a new programme called 'My Personal Best' which will support children to become the best they can be by developing great values and life skills.

Classes for next year are as follows:

Year 3 - Mr Mateo & Mr Patchett
Year 4 - Miss Kerrison & Miss Simmons
Year 5 - Miss Hickling & Mrs Daly
Year 6 - Mrs Charlesworth & Mrs Tait,
Mrs de Gilbert & Mrs Foster

We are hoping to tell the children their new classes on Friday 9th July. The children self-isolating will receive this information in a Zoom call, arranged by their new teachers.

SPORTS DAY

We are very lucky to have been able to continue our work with Notts County who run a



'Move and Learn' fitness programme with Year 5. They are also able to run a Sports day for all the children across the academy on Monday 12th July. They will be running a range of sports and competitions for the children to enjoy. We will share the highlights with you on Twitter and the website.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



Mrs Rachael Rodgers is our new Trust Attendance Officer. She will be contacting a number of families to support with lateness and attendance issues. If you wish to discuss any attendance or punctuality issues with her, please contact

the office.

LIBRARY BOOKS & BOOK DONATIONS

Please can you ensure that all academy reading books are returned at the end of the year—this is particularly important for Y6 children who will be moving onto the next phase of their educational journey.

We would like to thank the parents/carers who have donated unwanted children's books to us. We can still take in donations, which will be quarantined until safe. These books make a huge difference to our book shelves and the reading experiences of children across the school – thank you!



Y6 SATS

In 2022 these will be in the week commencing **9th May 2022**. Please be aware children are not allowed to sit the tests at a later date and if your child is taken out for an unauthorised holiday they will have no results to pass on to their secondary schools. In cases of genuine illnesses during the week, arrangements can then be made for the child to sit the tests later – but this is only in truly exceptional circumstances. **We also request that you do not take your child out of school during June as we are completing writing assessments during this time.**



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Families entitled to free school meals will again receive supermarket vouchers during the summer holiday. Please look out for the email and contact us as soon as possible if you think there is a problem.

SUN SAFETY

As the weather gets hotter, please could you ensure your child brings in a hat to wear, sunscreen and sunglasses so that they can be worn/used when the sun is out. There is plenty of shade on the school site, we're lucky to have lots of mature and beautiful trees as well as the gazebo. Remind your child that if they start to feel overheated to ask a member of school staff if they can move into the shade. Children also have access to their school water bottles at all times.

CODING SUCCESS

Mrs Hunter has secured our success as one of only 600 schools to join 'Coding to Success'. She has won 2 free LEGO Education Spike kits, Raising Robots resources and training. I am sure the children (and Mrs Hunter) will enjoy programming robots and inspiring the next generation of engineers and computer programmers.

Y4 MULTIPLICATION TEST

The Y4 children took part in an on-line multiplication tables test in June. The children will receive their results with their reports, before

the end of the year. The children tried really hard and those who have engaged in extra-practice with Times Tables Rockstars, really benefitted. We have some real Maths super-stars!

QUESTIONNAIRES FOR PARENTS

Many thanks to the parents/carers who took part in our two recent questionnaires regarding Relationships Education and PSHE and then, your general opinions about the academy. The feedback from these was overwhelmingly positive and we really value your ideas and opinions. In the new term we will again send out curriculum letters so that you can see what your child will be learning about. We are also improving the curriculum information on the website. The lack of access to clubs due to Covid restrictions has been a source of frustration for everyone. Hopefully in September, we can get back on track with all our clubs.

YEAR 6

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Hagg Farm residential. However, the teachers will arrange a special event and leavers' celebration at the end of term. This will rely on restrictions and we will let you know as soon as we have something booked.

The hoodie order has gone to the manufacturer. The children are welcome to wear these once they arrive and can also wear their DARE t-shirts. Both classes have taken part in some fantastic work with the charity Remedi, around protecting themselves from 'county lines' issues. Secondary schools are keen to ensure a smooth transition and are organising visits.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The last school day of this year is Tuesday, 27th July. Pupils are then due to return to TCJA on Thursday, 2nd September 2021.

2021-22 INSET DATES

- Tuesday, 31/08/2021 – Admin Day
- Wednesday, 01/09/2021 – INSET
- Friday, 24/09/2021 – INSET
- Friday, 24/06/2022 – INSET
- Monday, 27/06/2022 – INSET

A full 2021-22 holiday pattern is attached with this letter and is available on the website.

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Headteacher