

8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,



THE CARLTON  
JUNIOR ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER No: 1 Autumn Term 2021



Welcome back everyone! Here is our first newsletter of the 2021-22 academic year. As we start back, like you we have our fingers crossed that this sense of 'normal' continues.

I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone new to our academy, including the Y3 children, who have already made an excellent start at the Juniors. It has been lovely seeing the academy buzzing again with children, activity and lots of happy, smiling faces! A 'Meet the Teacher' event will be held at 2pm on 13<sup>th</sup> September in your child's classroom, so please do come along. If you can't attend and have any questions, please call the office to speak to your child's teacher.

### YEAR 6 SATS WEEK 2022

#### A reminder of Y6 SATs week 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

These are very important tests and we urge parents/carers to try and ensure your child does not miss any vital learning 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 2022 so Y6 parents must ensure their children are in school throughout this vital period of your child's primary education.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE & TWITTER

We have a great school website. Check it out at: [www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk](http://www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk) 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. We also post information and celebrate achievement on TWITTER.

### CARLTON CELEBRATES

Celebration assemblies where we reward children for their 'Take Care' work and demonstrating the academy values, will now be held monthly. Y5 & Y6 parents/carers are invited to celebrate with us at 9.00-9.30am, followed by Y3 & Y4 parents/carers at 9.30-10am on: 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 26<sup>th</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> December. We have decided to hold two assemblies due to the increased numbers of children we now have and the limited space in the hall. We ask that no more than two people attend per family. Mobile phones must be turned off or silenced and photographs/recordings are not allowed.

### YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK (MTC)

This on-line test should have launched in June 2020, but was cancelled. Y4 pupils will now take the test between 6-24<sup>th</sup> June 2022. It is essential that your child attends school during this period. An information workshop will be held in school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm for all Y4 parents/carers who wish to know how to support their children with this new National Test.

### STAFFING & CLASSES 2021-22

- **Rowan Class (Y3)** Mr D Patchett
- **Maple Class (Y3)** Mr Mateo
- **Holly Class (Y4)** Miss A Simmons
- **Hazel Class (Y4)** Miss A Kerrison
- **Silver Birch Class (Y5)** Mrs K Daly
- **Plum Class (Y5)** Miss Hickling
- **Pear Class (Y6)** Mrs S Charlesworth & Mrs G Tait
- **Willow Class (Y6)** Mrs C de Gilbert & Mrs H Foster

We're pleased to welcome our new School Direct trainees, Miss McIntosh (Willow class) and Miss Church (Pear class). Mrs Clarke, our SENCO will be in school every Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Mrs Hunter continues to undertake cover in classes and Mrs Sills will be teaching dance/PE to several classes across the school. We also welcome back Mr Daniels, who will be enhancing

our teaching of PE/Sport both here and at Carlton Academy. Our team of teaching assistants returned, but with the welcome addition of Ms Tolley, Mrs Evans and Mrs Brown. They will continue their excellent support of teaching and learning. Mrs Phillips will be in school Tuesdays and Wednesdays – taking Y5/6 pupils swimming and supporting Mrs Clarke with SENCO matters. Anna Vasco (La Jolie Ronde) will again be teaching French in Y3, Y4 & Y5 classes every Tuesday, from 7<sup>th</sup> September. We continue to work with our attendance officer, Rachael Rodgers. We are very pleased to have Ms Gillespie, previously Mrs Eyre, back with our team again as our new Children and Families Worker.

#### **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 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.**

#### **PARENTPAY**

Dinner money and breakfast club payments (other than tuckshop) can be made via ParentPay. Activation letters for accounts have been distributed, please contact the office if you require another copy. Many thanks.

#### **MOBILE PHONES**

Pupil mobile phones, smart watches and mobile devices (such as i-pads etc.) **must not** be brought into the academy. If a device is discovered in a child's possession during the day, parent/carers will be asked to collect it from the office.

Devices must not be brought in by pupils walking home alone. We are unable to store them safely. If in exceptional circumstances, a pupil needs to bring in a device, it 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.**

**Parents/Carers must not use their mobile phones when on academy premises.**

#### **UNIFORM**

THANK YOU PARENTS/CARERS – the children all look exceptionally smart in their uniforms. Please can you ensure that any earrings and small studs, not hoops and that shoes are worn, not trainers. Our shirts are red and not white, so when they grow out of the white ones, please replace with red ones. PE kit is simply a plain white T-Shirt with dark blue or black leggings or shorts, trainers and in colder temperatures, it is recommended to wear a plain black or navy blue tracksuit. *No logos please.*

#### **CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS**

These are sent out termly for each year group and are available with lots of curriculum information on our website. We are updating this information and will be holding a further information event later in the year, in response to the parent/carer spring-time questionnaire.

#### **EMERGENCY CONTACT DATA**

As you know we hold contact information on the school's office computers for all our pupils. 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 2021 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' DfE document.** Please also keep us informed of any changes that may occur throughout the year, particularly to mobile numbers as we do utilise a text messaging system to let you know about school events etc.

Our Pupil Privacy notice for pupils is available on the website. This has recently been updated in light of changes due to Brexit-so do take a look

#### **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. 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. The cost is £3.00 per day and includes breakfast and childcare. If you are interested in your child attending breakfast club, please contact the office. 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.

**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS** – details of these will be sent out shortly.

### **PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Please do not let children use the playground equipment after school. This is to stop accidents occurring and keep the equipment in good working order.

### **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 and hazelnut spread. This is due to severe food allergies/ intolerances of several children in school.**

### **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

***Sadly, COVID-19 hasn't gone away – so below are all the details of the current guidance we are following in relation to COVID. (Do read on .... as after the COVID section, you also get a list of important diary dates!)***

## **COVID-19 GUIDANCE**

**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.**

### **COVID-19 symptoms in pupils**

If your child or an adult in your home has the following symptoms, cough or loss of sense of smell/taste or a high temperature, they should isolate and book a PCR test. The symptomatic person must follow isolation guidance until the PCR result is received (and thereafter, if the result is positive) and so must any adult household members who are not fully vaccinated, unless they are taking part in a vaccine trial or unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons.

PCR tests are available via the online coronavirus test booking service or by calling 119.

If the symptomatic person tests positive, all other household members (including children aged 4 and under) are advised to get a PCR test. Other household members may need to continue to self-isolate even if their PCR test is negative and you will be advised about this by NHS Track & Trace.

If your child tests positive or is having a PCR test, please notify the office immediately of the result of the test and keep us updated on progress of the child. Those who receive a negative test result may return to school if they feel well and no longer have COVID-19 symptoms.

Those who receive a positive test result should follow stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection: continue to self-isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste - continue to stay at home if they still have a high temperature.

### **Positive COVID -19 test results**

If your child has the following symptoms: please arrange for a PCR test. If a positive result is shown on a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test, a confirmatory PCR test must be taken.

If this is taken within 2 days of the LFD test and is negative, the pupil can stop isolating and return to school.

NHS Test and Trace now conducts all contact tracing for positive test results. NHS Test and Trace may contact schools for help with contact tracing. Identified close contacts no longer need to self-isolate if they are aged under 18 and 6 months or if they are adults who have been fully vaccinated (defined as 2 doses of MHRA-approved vaccine with second dose at least 14 days prior to exposure).

Identified close contacts should however get a PCR test (children aged 4 and under only need to get a PCR test if they are household contacts) and follow guidance on preventing spread of coronavirus.

Close contacts are defined as: living in the same house; face-to-face within 1m; not face-to-face but within 1m for more than 1 minute; extended contact within 1-2m for more than 15 minutes as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day; travelling in a small vehicle with an infected person. Adults identified as close contacts and who have not been fully vaccinated will still be required to self-isolate (unless there is a medical reason why they have not been vaccinated or they are taking part in a vaccine trial).

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We hope this gives you an idea of the busy year ahead. More dates will be arranged no doubt and some will change although we will do our best to let you know in advance of any changes.  
(tbc – to be confirmed)

### September

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> INSET Day  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Children back in school  
w/c Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Curriculum letters  
Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Y5 School Swimming starts  
Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Y6 DARE starts  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher 2.00pm  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> 10am Rev. Wendy assembly  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> INSET day – appraisal/CPOMS training/Leadership time  
tbc MTC Parental workshop  
tbc Y5/6 Safety Zone



### October

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening  
Individual photos (Y6 1st)  
Y6 Science day  
tbc Harvest Festival

### HALF TERM – 18<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October

### November

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Flu Spray all children  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Y6 V&A Art experience  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Assembly  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Anti-bullying Week  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Children in Need

### December

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> DARE Graduation  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Fair 3pm  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> 11am dress rehearsal  
Weds 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm & 6pm Christmas Production  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Production 9.30 am  
Christmas Jumper Day and dinner  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Rev. Wendy to make Christingles  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 party pm  
Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 party pm  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Christingle Assembly 2-3pm  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Final Awards assembly  
tbc Evolution Dance Festival

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - 20<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>th</sup> December

### January

w/c Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Curriculum newsletters  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> SATs parent meeting

### February

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening  
Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Internet Safety Day  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 'Thanks for all you do' lunch with parents/carers

### HALF TERM 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February

#### March

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> World Book Day (tbc book fair)  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Mock SATs week  
Frid 18<sup>th</sup> Red Nose day  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Shakespeare week  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 'Thanks for all you do' lunch with parents/carers  
Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Final Awards Assembly  
tbc Bikeability  
tbc Carlton Academy Art exhibition

### EASTER 4<sup>th</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> April

#### April

tbc Move and Learn Y5?

#### May

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May Day  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs week

### HALF TERM 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

#### June

w/c Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Multiplication check window opens – Y4s  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> 'Thanks for all you do' lunch  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> INSET – school closed  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> INSET – school closed  
tbc Class photos

#### July

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Year 2 - New Parents' meeting 5pm  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> am Sports Day  
Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Y6 TCA/CLW transition day  
Y2 – Visit morning and new classes  
Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Family Afternoon and picnic lunch – Enterprise event  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Last awards assembly  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Y6 Leavers' assembly  
tbc Hagg Farm visit  
Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Last day of term  
Thurs 28<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