

16th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,



THE CARLTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER No: 2 Autumn Term 2021



The half term break already feels like a distant memory with everything already moving on at a pace here. So much has already happened in our first two weeks back so I thought I would share some of this great news with you. As we work towards Christmas, the days get even busier so please check the calendar for parties, plays, the Christmas fair and other fun events.

COVID-19

As you know, Covid-19 still seems to be lingering here, like it is everywhere. I would like to thank all the parents/carers for your support over time with taking your children for PCR tests if they have any of the following symptoms:

**Continuous cough
High temperature
or
Loss/change of smell/taste**

Lateral flow tests are only to be used when the person does not have the above symptoms.

If you are unsure what to do, just give the office a call and we can help. There is also more detailed guidance - just before the dates section towards the end of this newsletter.

SCHOOL WEBSITE & TWITTER

We have a great school website. Check it out at:
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

We got off to a great start with our first Celebration Assemblies. It has been overwhelming to see so many of you supporting the 'Take Care' work and helping us to grow the academy values. The next Celebration Assemblies will be on **Friday 26th November**. 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. 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.

HAPPY FAMILIES GROUP

Mrs Clarke ran our first Happy Families session with Mrs Gillespie, our Family & Child Support Worker. The group enjoyed meeting to support each other with issues around sleep. The next meeting will again be held at the Infant Academy on 3rd December at 9am. Mrs Clarke has organised for an expert in Autism to attend and you are welcome to come along to ask questions, simply have a chat or share your experience and support others.

CLUBS

We have had an amazing response for places at all our clubs and it is great to see the children enjoying these wider experiences again. Thank you for your understanding with limited places and helping us, and the children, to settle into the new routines of running these sessions again.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club runs from 7.45am – 8.40am, 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.

FLU SPRAY

This has been rescheduled for Weds 24th November. Please sign the consent if you haven't already done so by following the link:

<https://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

ONE KIND WORD

This week (15th -19th November) is Anti-Bullying week. 'One Kind Word' is supporting all children to use kind words and think about how we treat each other. Children have worn odd socks to encourage them to recognise and celebrate being different from each other.

YEAR 3

Universal free school meals ends when your child leaves the infant academy 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!**

WIDER CURRICULUM EXCITEMENT

The classes have enjoyed taking part in Art workshops with the Victoria & Albert Museum. We have also enjoyed visits from The Drama Hut who delivered Viking, Stone Age and Mary Seacole themed workshops. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed these opportunities for improvisation, role play, poetry, riddles, song and movement.

The whole academy enjoyed our first visit to St Paul's Church to celebrate Harvest Festival. It has been nearly two years since we've held an event there and it was lovely to be back! It was also great to see so many parents/carers joining us to enjoy the readings and singing. We have some real talent across the academy. Our aim is to grow confidence in our pupils through enjoying and participating in these events.

REMEMBRANCE

On 11th November, the children were joined in our assembly by members of The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry, Mapperley & District Royal British Legion and Megan Kelleher, from The Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Children also enjoyed learning about a range of objects from war times such as a Morse Code Machine. In the afternoon, they met Rev. Wendy Murphy at the Carlton Cemetery to lay our academy wreaths.

We again raised funds for the annual Poppy Appeal this year – the box will be collected by a member of the British Legion and as soon as we know the total raised – we'll let you know.



PUPIL VOICE – CARLTON CABINET

Earlier this term we held class elections to appoint our new Carlton Cabinet 'Ministers' – see below. They are being supported in their activities by Mrs Charlesworth. We are sure the Cabinet will have a very productive year and look forward to hearing about what they are getting up to!

| Class | Ministers |
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| Rowan | Lacey & Theo |
| Maple | Cairo & Evelyn |
| Holly | Freddi & Mollie |
| Hazel | Jacob & Neve |
| Silver Birch | Sophia & George |
| Plum | Max & Lily |
| Pear | Sebastian & Ella |
| Willow | Kessia & Jacob |

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Once again a plea! 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. The infant equipment is for smaller children to enjoy and we will have to pay for repairs.

CURRICULUM

In the summer term parent questionnaire, a lot of you asked for further clarification about what your children are learning. There is now a clearer guide to our curriculum on the website in the tab 'About Us' and then the tab, 'Our Curriculum.' Please take a look. We will continue to send out termly letters about learning too.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Monday 15th November is also the start of this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal Week. Our academy is excited to be joining with many others around the UK to participate in the fundraising programme.

On Friday 19th November, children can come to school wearing something yellow, something spotty or even a onesie! If your child wishes to join in, donations of £1 are welcome for the Children in Need Appeal.



PFA CHRISTMAS FAIR

This popular event is BACK – we have so missed our Christmas fun! The Fair will be held at 3pm on Friday, 3rd December. If you can help on the day, please let Mrs Belshaw or Mrs Cooke know.

There will be the return of some exciting games, the hugely popular tombola, raffle, cakes, refreshments & gifts to buy.

We're also looking for donations of chocolates, toiletries, teddies, wine etc. Please bring any donations to the academy office.

Also, on the day we need **LOTS** of cakes to sell on the cake stall. These can be brought into us on the morning of the fair and are always very popular. Thank you so much!

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES (UP TO AUTUMN HALF-TERM)

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| ➤ Rowan – | 95.4% |
| ➤ Maple – | 96.6% |
| ➤ Holly – | 94% |
| ➤ Hazel – | 96.3% |
| ➤ Silver Birch – | 96.1% |
| ➤ Plum – | 97.6% |
| ➤ Pear – | 93.4% |
| ➤ Willow – | 94.3% |

Plum were the best attended class in the first half of the Autumn term, well done! We would really like to see all classes above 96% if we can. Let's see if every class can be above 96% at the end of the Autumn term – fingers crossed!

ATTENDANCE UPDATES – INCLUDING REWARDS

At this time of year we see an increase in sickness absence. Please don't forget to phone in first thing in the morning if your child is not coming to school. If you're unsure whether or not your child is fit to come in, please try sending them, unless they have COVID symptoms as previously outlined. We can always contact you if they become worse and it's possible that the distraction of being in their class will help!

As you already know, at the start of this half-term, we re-launched the following attendance & punctuality rewards:-

Punctuality reward

If your child is in school on-time every day, their name will go into a weekly draw, drawn on Monday morning - the 3 winners will receive a certificate. At the end of the year, all children previously entered into one of the weekly draws will go into a BIG draw - 5 names will be drawn, each winning a £10 shopping voucher. Our first draw took place on Monday, 8th November and continues weekly.

Best Class attendance (weekly)

The winning class is announced at our Monday assembly and they are allowed an extra 15 minute break time or a 15 minute activity of their choice. They also get to keep our new attendance mascot in their classroom for the week.

Attendance Reward

The qualifying period for this reward is 1st November 2021 – 27th May 2022 and your child will need to achieve **97%+** attendance to be included. Term time holidays, medical appointments and illness are still 'absences' and will affect your child's attendance percentage. During June/early July, qualifying pupils will be offered the opportunity to attend an adventurous outdoor activity. The activity will be a session at somewhere like the Mill Base or Colwick Park Adventure Centres. More details to follow!

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 119 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)

November

Mon 15th Anti-bullying Week – ‘One Kind Word’
Fri 19th Children in Need
Weds 24th Flu Spray all children
Fri 26th Celebration Assemblies:-
9am – Y5 & Y6
9.30am – Y3 & Y4



December

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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - 20th to 31th December

January

Tues, 4th First day back
Weds 5th Choir visit to Young Voices Concert – Utilita Arena, Sheffield
w/c Mon 10th Curriculum newsletters
Tues 11th SATs parent meeting

February

Tues 8th Parents' Evening
Weds 9th Parents' Evening
Tues 8th Internet Safety Day
Fri 11th 'Thanks for all you do' lunch with parents/carers

HALF TERM 14th – 18th February

March

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

EASTER 4th April – 18th April

April

Tues 19th First day back
tbc Move and Learn Y5?

May

Mon 2nd May Day
Mon 9th Y6 SATs week

HALF TERM 30th May – 3rd June

June

w/c Mon 6th Multiplication check window opens – Y4s
Thurs 9th Class photos
Fri 17th 'Thanks for all you do' lunch
Fri 24th INSET – school closed
Mon 27th INSET – school closed

July

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

Should you have any queries or problems, please let us know, so that we can deal with any concerns quickly.

Mrs Sharon Wood
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