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Dear Parents/Carers,



THE CARLTON
JUNIOR ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER No: 3 Spring Term 2022



A somewhat belated Happy New Year. It's so hard to believe it's now 2022 and we have been dealing with the impact of COVID19 for nearly two years! We hope you enjoyed a fabulous festive break and it has been great to welcome back all our pupils at the start of the Spring Term. As is usual here at TCJA, we have lots planned and we are keeping everything crossed that we remain fully open over the coming term.

COVID-19

As you know, Covid-19 is still making life difficult for us all.

Thank you to all parents/carers for your on-going support 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.

NEW GUIDANCE - removal of confirmatory PCR tests

Anyone, including staff and pupils, who receives a positive lateral flow test but has no COVID-19 symptoms will no longer have to take a PCR to confirm the result. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID. **This is effective from Tuesday 11 January.**

As usual, should you be unsure about what to do, just give the office a call and we can help.

SEEDS TO SUCCESS – message from Mrs Hunter

Thank you for your continued support with helping your child to achieve their 'Seeds to Success'. Your child is making a difference to their own lives and the lives of others. The seeds are tasks that your child completes at home and at school. There is a copy of the seeds in your child's personal organiser so that you can see which seed your child would like to complete. When your child achieves a seed they are recorded in their 'We Grow Greatness' booklet that is kept in school.

Last term, many children completed the seed 'Do something for your family' which you can still complete if you'd like to. We had children cooking, baking, tidying bedrooms, sweeping up leaves and making their packed lunch.

This term's seed is to think about a job you would like to do when you are older, research it and present it in any way you like. Have fun completing the seeds and please send a photo or written explanation of what your child has done on Class Dojo, pop a note in their organiser or just tell your child's class teacher at the end of the day. I'm really looking forward to hearing about the jobs the children might like to do in the future.

FRIDAY AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We are unable to invite parents to the January assembly. We continue to have high levels of COVID at the moment and feel it is safer for everyone to minimise visitors into the academy and gathering in crowds. Hopefully, we can re-start this popular event after half-term.

Y6 BOOSTERS/SATS MEETING

Y6 Booster classes start this week! Please ensure your child attends all the sessions they have been offered. This is a hugely important part of our vital preparation for Y6 SATs in May. There is a Y6 SATS parents meeting (via Zoom) at 4pm on Tuesday 18th January – if you need help to access this meeting, please contact your child's Y6 teacher. We thank you for all your support in this key period in your child's KS2 education journey

ONLINE SAFETY

EE have partnered with child experts and charities to create the PhoneSmart Licence

This is a fun, interactive and educational course which helps children and young people learn how to stay safe and be kind online, and encourages them to use their phones for good, not hate.

The PhoneSmart course is split into five episodes, where children and young people can follow four engaging young characters as they get their first phones and embark on their online adventures. Each episode covers key aspects of online behaviour, from cyberbullying to fake news and has fun quizzes, interactive elements, and pop-up facts to help children and young people learn vital online do's and don't's.

PhoneSmart has been created for children, aged 10-13, who have just received their first smartphone. It's also a tool for parents and guardians to help gauge their child's readiness for the responsibilities of smartphone ownership, as well as helping to start the bigger conversations about the risks they might face online.

To learn more about the EE PhoneSmart licence – visit:
<https://eephonesmart.co.uk/about/>

There is also a video about the new initiative here:-
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQnnaxKFJtU>

PARKING

We continue to receive occasional complaints about parking in and around Foxhill Road. We ask that you do not park over driveways, too close to corners or in some cases even on the pavements. Please be considerate to our local residents.

We direct anyone who contacts us to report incidents to the police, backed up with photographic evidence if they have it. Nottinghamshire County Council do have mobile units that monitor known problem areas - and they do have the power to fine offenders!

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES (AUTUMN TERM)

➤ Rowan –	95.5%
➤ Maple –	96.0%
➤ Holly –	93.7%
➤ Hazel –	96.3%
➤ Silver Birch –	95.5%
➤ Plum –	97.0%
➤ Pear –	93.5%
➤ Willow –	94.0%

Plum continued their great attendance and were the best attended class in the Autumn term, well done! We would really like to see all classes above 96%, but sadly, COVID is making this difficult.

ATTENDANCE UPDATES – INCLUDING REWARDS

During this half term 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 will contact you if they become worse and it's possible that the distraction of being in their class will help!

Our attendance & punctuality rewards continue:-

Punctuality reward (weekly)

Pupils' names, of those who are in school on-time every day, go into a weekly draw, drawn on Monday morning - 3 winners 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.

Best Class attendance (weekly)

The winning class is announced at our Monday assembly. They have an extra 15 minute break time or a 15 minute activity of their choice. They also get to keep our attendance mascot 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. This will be a session at somewhere like the Mill Base or Colwick Park Adventure Centres. More details will follow when we know who has qualified!

MAYOR OF GEDLING – CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We continued our history of success in this annual competition! Our congratulations go to Theo D, Anais W, Rose G, Ruby M, Neve J, Lily M, Lexi T and Kyla B, all of whom had their Christmas cards chosen by the Mayor to be displayed in Arnold Town Centre. Well done to all of them on their artistry.

SPRING TERM - STAFFING UPDATE

As you are already aware, Mrs Tait left at the end of the Autumn term to enjoy her maternity leave. We will keep you updated with baby news as soon as we hear! Mrs Charlesworth is now teaching Pear class Monday to Wednesday, with Mrs Foster teaching Thursday and Friday. Mrs Foster also continues to teach part time in Willow, but now on Monday and Tuesday.

At the start of this term, we were delighted to welcome Mr Narborough to Carlton Juniors. He is teaching in Rowan class and is joining as an experienced Year 3 teacher. He is already getting on brilliantly with the lovely pupils in Rowan class!

Mr Morley is now teaching on Wednesdays and Thursdays covering teacher planning time, 1:1 and small group tuition, and generally covering classes. We are so pleased he continues to work with us across all our classes.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

These re-started this week and we have again had an amazing response for places at all our clubs. It is great to see the children enjoying these wider experiences.

CHILDREN IN NEED UPDATE

We were delighted that our Carlton Cabinet members sold £157.10 of Pudsey-related merchandise and a further £128.90 was added in pupil contributions to the non-uniform day, raising a grand total of £286.00. Thank you to all our parents/carers for, as usual, supporting our fund raising efforts.

END OF AUTUMN TERM ROUND UP & THANKS!

A huge thank you to all our parents/carers for your understanding and patience with our catering difficulties in the last 2 weeks of term. It was extremely challenging with staff isolating and a lack of deliveries, but, with your help, we at least delivered a hearty packed lunch!

It was also an action-packed few weeks in the run up to the Christmas break. Here are a few updates and reminders about some of the events that took place.

The PFA Christmas Fair proved to be hugely popular and raised over £700 for PFA funds. We are grateful to everyone who came and supported the event and those who donated, or in some cases baked, items for the fair.

Our grateful thanks to all parents/carers in supporting Carlton Juniors to put on our Christmas production “Cinderella and Rockerfella”. It was so lovely to see the whole academy involved in performing again and to have ‘in person’ audiences to perform to! The money raised from ticket sales will be used to pay the production costs for the show. Any remaining funds will then be put towards the costs the academy incurred to subsidise all educational visits and workshops, including visitors into the academy.

Another big thank you to everyone who supported us in our Christmas Foodbank collection. The number of donations was amazing and would have made a big difference to Christmas for some local families. Thank you for being so wonderful and supportive of this cause.



To finish off the term with a big smile on our faces, many thanks to Mrs Sills and her Dance Club Team, who put on a fantastic performance for us at the end of last term. It takes hard work and commitment to produce a dance of such a high standard. Well done!



SCHOOL WEBSITE & TWITTER

Don't forget to check out our academy website at: www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk for loads of information (including all the statutory stuff!), links to newsletters and lovely photos of our pupils. We also post information and celebrate achievement on TWITTER – do follow us to get all the latest news!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We hope this gives you an idea of the busy times 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)

January

Tues 4th Swimming lessons start - Silver Birch class
Tues 18th Y6 SATs parent meeting
Fri 21st Y6 Shakespeare Dance workshop
Fri 28th Y6 online First Aid workshop

February

Tues 1st Y4 Ancient Egyptian workshop (change of date)
Tues 8th Internet Safety day
Tues 8th Parents' Evening
Weds 9th Parents' Evening



HALF TERM 14th – 18th February

March

Thurs 3rd World Book Day
w/c Mon 7th Mock SATs week
Fri 18th Red Nose –Comic Relief day
w/c Mon 21st Shakespeare week
Weds 23rd Seeds to Success celebration assembly
Fri 25th 'Thanks for all you do' lunch with parents/carers
Thurs 31st Final Awards Assembly – Spring term
Y6 Yoga – first session
tbc Bikeability
tbc Carlton Academy Art exhibition

EASTER 4th April – 18th April

April

Tues 19th First day back
Tues 19th Silver Birch class resume swimming lessons
Thurs 21st Y6 Yoga
Thurs 28th Y6 Yoga
Thurs 28th Book Fair arrives in school

May

Mon 2nd May Day – school closed
Thurs 5th Y6 Yoga – last session
w/c Mon 9th Y6 SATs week

HALF TERM 30th May – 3rd June

June

w/c Mon 6th Multiplication check window opens – Y4s
Thurs 9th Class/Group photos
Fri 10th pm – Y6 'Coping with Challenges' online workshop
Fri 17th 'Thanks for all you do' lunch

June

Fri 24th INSET – school closed
Mon 27th INSET – school closed

July

Fri 1st pm – Y6 'Empathy & Migration' online workshop
Mon 11th Year 2 - New Parents' meeting 5pm
Tues 12th 9am – Y3/4 Sports Day (weather permitting!)
11am – Y5/6 Sports Day (weather permitting!)
Weds 13th Y6 TCA/CLW transition day
Y2 – Visit morning and new classes
Thurs 14th Seeds to Success celebration assembly
Weds 20th Family Afternoon and picnic lunch – Enterprise event
Thurs 21st Last awards assemblies
Fri 22nd Y6 Leavers' assembly
tbc Hagg Farm visit
Weds 27th Last day of term
Thurs 28th First day of summer holiday

We are hoping for a great Spring term – COVID permitting! 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

