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Dear Parents/Carers



THE CARLTON
JUNIOR ACADEMY

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So far, this half-term is going well. School feels much more normal with many plans being made and kept, such as our football teams resuming matches and plans for fund raising events such as Red Nose Day- who can remember buying red noses, but not being able to wear them last year! Far fewer children have been affected by Covid since returning from the last half-term holiday, although I want to reassure you that we are keeping good hygiene practices in place and sending children with symptoms home for PCR tests. Should numbers rise again, like they did before the February half-term, I will let you know and reintroduce measures but we do seem to be over the worst of it, so fingers crossed.

COVID-19 - New guidance

There is a link on our website to further, more detailed guidance but in summary - if your child has any of the following symptoms, please do not send them in to school. Call us and let us know, and book a PCR test by calling 119 or through the online service.

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

It is still recommended that pupils with confirmed PCR tests stay at home and isolate. They may be infectious for up to 10 days. They should take a LFD test from day 5 after their symptoms started (or positive test day if no symptoms), followed by another test the next day. If the two tests are negative, they are well enough to do so and they no longer have a temperature, they can return to school.

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

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

By wearing yellow and blue, we raised £245 in support for families in Ukraine - thank you for your generosity at this time of economic hardship and uncertainty for all of us. As usual, we are supporting children to understand what is happening in the world and helping them to feel safe. If you feel your child needs any extra help with this, please don't hesitate to contact the teachers. Also, if your family are struggling to make ends meet or for any other reasons, remember we are here to help, so please get in touch with us.

FRIDAY AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We are pleased to once again invite parents to Friday assemblies. The next one will be on 25th March: Years 5/6 will be at 9.00-10am, and Years 3/4 at 2.00-3pm. With Mothers' Day on Sunday 27th March, this assembly will be themed 'Thanks for all you do' with an opportunity for your child to give cards to carers/parents who attend. After the assembly, your children will be serving cakes and tea/coffee on this occasion as an extra thank you for all you do. More details to follow.

ONLINE SAFETY

The number of complaints we are receiving about children's activity online has increased. This is very concerning, particularly as it is a large part of the learning all children do at school. We have advised a number of parents to report incidents to CEOPS and the police, who take the issues seriously and have spoken to parents/carers about their children's behaviour and safety online. Please ensure that children are not accessing apps and games that are above their age range such as WhatsApp (12), or TikTok (12).

Children should not be bringing mobile phones or smart watches into school.

PARKING

Again we have received more complaints about parking in and around Foxhill Road, the treatment of Crossing Patrol staff and parental conflict over parking and blocking roads. Please be considerate to our local residents, to Mrs Walker, and to each other. Please **DO NOT BLOCK ANY DRIVEWAYS**, even for two minutes – **parking on a dropped kerb is an offence, and can result in a fine and penalty.** Also do not park on the hatched lines near the crossing - again, this is an offence, and is dangerous for children using the crossing, as it obstructs drivers' views.

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

CARLTON TAKES CARE COINS

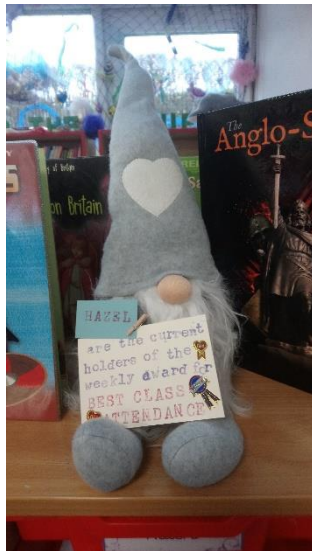
Mrs Wood has given every teacher a jar of golden coins. When children collect 10 of the coins for 'going the extra mile' to demonstrate our values, she rewards them with a new book to keep. We have one winner so far, Shaan in Y6. Well done!

CARLTON ACADEMY ART EXHIBITION

- this exhibits art work from our family of schools. It was lovely to see families at the opening event. Each class will visit the art exhibition to experience visiting Carlton Academy and to celebrate our fantastic artists.

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES (SPRING TERM UP TO 9th March)

- Rowan – 95.8%
- Maple – 94.5%
- Holly – 94.1%
- Hazel – 94.9%
- Silver Birch – 91.7%
- Plum – 95.7%
- Pear – 92.3%
- Willow – 93.0%



This is Dobby, our Attendance Mascot! Each week, the class with the best attendance gets to keep him in their class room for the week.

Plum and Rowan Classes have enjoyed an extra playtime attendance reward this term for best weekly class attendance. Well done!

Three children are picked by the random number generator each week to receive certificates for 100% attendance and punctuality.

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!

SPRING BABY

As you are already aware, Mrs Tait temporarily left at the end of the Autumn term to enjoy her maternity leave. She was delighted to announce the birth of Theodore Tait on 17th February. We wish the new family well, with an enjoyable maternity leave.

RED NOSE DAY

This is scheduled for 18th March. The Carlton Cabinet have plans – see separate letter. Red Noses will be on sale at school from Monday 14th March.

UNIFORM

Another shout out to all parents/carers to support us with upholding the uniform policy. Long hair should be tied back to avoid headlice spreading, trainers are not allowed- shoes please; girls should not be wearing leggings and jewellery, and boys should wear trousers, not tracksuit bottoms. The PE uniform is not being adhered to, with children wearing jumpers with unsuitable slogans, particularly in Year 6.

UNIFORM SWAP

We have rescheduled our uniform swap day, previously interrupted by Covid, for Thursday 24th March at 3.15-3.45pm in the hall. Please send in any washed, good condition uniform, PE kit, shoes/trainers/football boots, on this day for the swap. You are welcome to come in and help yourself to any items you might need. If you are unable to get into school, call the office to request items you need and we will try to send them home with your child, if they are swapped.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We really loved dressing up and celebrating books and reading. Please keep encouraging your children to read regularly. Mrs Wood loves giving out badges in assemblies. Well done to the winners of the competitions during this week.



ACADEMY 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)

March

Fri 18th Red Nose – Comic Relief day
w/c Mon 21st Shakespeare week
Weds 23rd Seeds to Success celebration assembly
Thursday 24th Uniform Swap
Fri 25th 'Thanks for all you do' Assemblies
Thurs 31st Final Awards Assembly – Spring term
Y6 Yoga – first session
tbc Bikeability



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

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

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