



Dear Parents/Carers,

NEWSLETTER No: 1 Autumn Term 2022



Welcome back everyone! Here is our first newsletter of the 2022-23 academic year. 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 is lovely seeing the academy buzzing again with children, activity and lots of happy, smiling faces! A 'Meet the Teacher' event will be held at 2.15pm on 12th 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 2023

A reminder of Y6 SATs week

8th- 11th May 2023

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 2023 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

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.

YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK (MTC)

This on-line test launched in June 2022 (after a 2 year COVID delay!), and Y4 pupils will take the test between 5-23rd June 2023. It is essential that your child attends school during this period. Watch out for details of an information workshop for all Y4 parents/carers who wish to know how to support their children with this National Test.

STAFFING & CLASSES 2022-23

Congratulations to Miss Kerrison who got married over the summer and has now changed her name to Mrs Worrall. Mrs de Gilbert is back in school, but will be leaving us shortly to commence her maternity leave - we wish her all the best and will keep you posted with baby news!

- **Hazel Class (Y3)** Mrs A Worrall
- **Cherry Class (Y3)** Miss S Birtwistle
- **Maple Class (Y4)** Mr J Mateo
- **Holly Class (Y4)** Miss A Simmons
- **Silver Birch Class (Y5)** Mrs K Daly
- **Plum Class (Y5)** Miss Hickling
- **Pear Class (Y6)** Mrs L Willson & Mrs S Charlesworth
- **Willow Class (Y6)** Miss N Hodgson

We're pleased to welcome our new School Direct trainee, Miss Swannell (Plum class). Mrs Clarke, our SENCO will be in school every Wednesday & Thursday. Mrs Hunter continues to undertake cover in classes and Mrs Sills will be teaching dance/PE to several classes across the academy. Mr Daniels will also continue to enhance our teaching of PE/Sport. Our team of teaching assistants have also all returned and will continue their excellent support of teaching and learning. Mrs Phillips is in school Tuesdays and Wednesdays – taking Y5/6 pupils swimming and supporting Mrs Clarke with her SENCO role. Anna Vasco (La Jolie Ronde) will again be teaching French in Y3, Y4 & Y5 classes every Tuesday, from 6th September. Catch-up tutoring also continues with Mrs Avery, Mrs Rogers, Mrs Foster and Mrs Hodgen. We continue to work with our attendance officer, Rachael Rodgers and are also very pleased to have Ms Gillespie continuing in her role of Children and Families Worker.

CARLTON CELEBRATES

Celebration assemblies where we reward children for their 'Take Care' work and demonstrating the academy values are held monthly. Parents/carers are invited to celebrate with us on 30th September and 14th October (Y5 & Y6 at 9.00-9.30am, followed by Y3 & Y4 at 9.30-10am). We hold two assemblies due to the 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.**

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 towards the cost of 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.

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

These are sent out termly for each year group and are available with lots of curriculum information on our website.

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.*

EMERGENCY CONTACT DATA/PUPIL PRIVACY NOTICE

As you know we hold contact information on the academy'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 with details of new addresses, contact numbers etc. **It is vitally important that you state two emergency contact numbers as recommended in the '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.

Please do take a look!

TUCK SHOP

Our healthy school tuck shop sells fruit drinks (50p), healthy pizza muffins (40p), crumpets (40p) and toast (10p - ½ slice, 20p – full 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 at the Juniors or the Infants, 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 £2.50 per day (£12.50 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.

QUICK REMINDERS

- No dogs on site please.
- The car park is for the use of staff and blue badge holders only.
- Dojo – no messages to be sent after 5pm or before 8am. Please also avoid sending messages at weekends and holidays.

RESPECT

Please can I remind all parents/carers to treat all staff with respect. Shouting, swearing and threats will not be tolerated. We will always try our best to support all families with any issues, but please respect all of my staff, who are doing a tremendous job.

P.E.

To ensure all children are able to take part in P.E. lessons, we have reverted to our pre-COVID system for changing for P.E. Children need to bring in their P.E. kits on Monday and take them home on Fridays to be washed over the weekend. We found lots of children didn’t come to school wearing their kit and there was growing confusion about which days P.E. was taking place. Changing for P.E. at school also better prepares the Y6 pupils for when they move into Y7 and secondary education – where this is an expectation.

Carlton Junior Academy - our Vision & 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 also has five 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
- Equality of opportunity for all our students and staff

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

Thurs 1st Children back in school
w/c Mon 5th Autumn Curriculum letters sent out
Tues 6th Y5 (Plum class) School Swimming starts
Thurs 8th Inspiring Leaders pupil conference
Fri 9th Y3 violin tuition starts
Mon 12th 2.15pm – Meet the Teacher
Tues 13th Y6 DARE programme starts
Fri 23rd INSET – Academy closed
Fri 30th Awards Assembly (9.00am Y5/6 & 9.45am Y3/4)



October

Mon 3rd Sleep hygiene workshops
Tues 4th Parents' evening
Weds 5th Photographs – individual & siblings
Parents' evening
Fri 14th Awards Assembly (9.00am Y5/6 & 9.30am Y3/4)
Last day of Autumn half term 1

HALF TERM – 17th to 28th October

October

Mon 31st Children back in school

November

Weds 9th Flu spray – all year groups
Fri 11th Remembrance Assembly
w/c Mon 14th Anti-bullying week
Fri 18th Children in Need

December

Tues 6th Y6 DARE Graduation
Fri 9th Dec 3pm Christmas Fair
Weds 14th 2pm & 6pm Christmas Production
Thurs 15th pm – Y6 to TCA's Christmas Production
Fri 16th 9.30am Christmas Production
Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day
Mon 19th pm – Y3/4 Christmas Party
Tues 20th pm – Y5/6 Christmas Party
Weds 21st 9am final Awards Assemblies (9.00am Y5/6 & 9.45am Y3/4)
Last day of Autumn term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – 22nd December to 3rd January

January

Weds 4th INSET – Academy closed
Thurs 5th Children back in school
w/c Mon 9th Spring Curriculum letters sent out
Tues 10th Y6 SATs parents' meeting

February

w/c Mon 6th Mental Health week
Tues 7th Parents' meeting
Weds 8th Parents' meeting
Thurs 9th Internet Safety Day
Fri 11th 'Thanks for all you do' Assembly with parents/carers
Last day of Spring term 1

HALF TERM 13th – 17th February

February

Mon 20th Children back in school
Thurs 23rd Book Fair delivered

March

Thurs 2nd World Book Day
w/c Mon 6th Y6 mock SATs week
Fri 17th Comic Relief – Red Nose day
'Thanks for all you do' Assembly with parents/carers
w/c Mon 20th Shakespeare week
Fri 31st 9am final Awards Assemblies (9.00am Y5/6 & 9.45am Y3/4)
Last day of Spring term

EASTER 3rd April – 14th April

April

Mon 17th Children back in school

May

Mon 1st Bank holiday – Academy closed
w/c Mon 8th Y6 SATs week
Fri 26th May Last day of Summer term 1

HALF TERM 29th May – 2nd June

June

Mon 5th Children back in school
Thurs 8th Class photographs
Fri 16th 'Thanks for all you do' Assembly with parents/carers
Weds 21st am – Sports Day (weather permitting)
Fri 30th INSET – Academy closed

July

Mon 3rd INSET – Academy closed
Weds 12th TCA Y6 transition day
Weds 19th pm – Family afternoon – picnic lunch
Thurs 20th 9am final Awards Assemblies (9.00am Y5/6 & 9.45am Y3/4)
Fri 21st 2pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Tues 25th Last day of the Summer term & the 2022-23 academic year
Y6 residential **dates tbc**

We are really looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year here at TCJA. If you have any queries or problems, please let us know, so that we can deal with any concerns quickly.

Mrs Sharon Wood
Head Teacher