

1st December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,



THE CARLTON
JUNIOR ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER No: 3 Autumn Term 2022



The festive period is nearly upon us, so I thought it was time to share more details about what is still to come here at TCJA, before we break up for the Christmas holidays. It has been a busy half-term so far and as you would expect there is much to be packed into December! The days are now shorter and darker, so please make sure your children come into school on time, so they receive optimal learning time. Please check the calendar at the end of this newsletter, as there have been some additions and changes since our last communication.

Y6 SATS week

As you are aware an additional Bank Holiday has been granted for the King's Coronation and this means the academy will be closed on Monday, 8th May 2023.

Y6 SATs have therefore all been 'delayed' by one day and the timetable will now start on Tuesday, 9th May and run up to and including Friday, 12th May 2023. Y6 statutory writing assessments also continue right up to the end of June 2023. **It is absolutely vital that no holidays are booked during these months, to ensure Y6 children do not miss out on vital teaching and learning in the run up to these tests and assessments.** Do join us on 10th January 2023 for our Y6 SATs Parents' meeting – where you will be able to ask any questions you may have about these tests.

CONGRATULATIONS

You'll be delighted to hear that Mrs Daly has welcomed her baby son, born yesterday at 12.30am! It's always great to share some lovely news. We send the whole family our very best wishes and we look forward to meeting baby Daly.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Really.. where has this year gone?! Our main Christmas events are:-

- ✿ 3pm – Friday, 9th December – our hugely popular **PFA Christmas Fair** is back – do come & join us for a fun packed hour or so. If you can help on the day, please let Miss Tolley or Mrs Belshaw know. There will be 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!
- ✿ Our whole-school Christmas production this year will be **"Aladdin Trouble"**. There will be three performances:-
 - ★ 2pm on Wednesday, 14th December
 - ★ 5.30pm on Wednesday, 14th December – it is really important that the children return at 5pm to get ready for the evening production
 - ★ 9.30am on Friday, 16th December

Watch out for further details heading your way!

- ✿ Friday, 16th December is also **Christmas dinner day** and optional **Christmas jumper day**.
- ✿ Monday, 19th December – afternoon – **Y3/4 party**.
- ✿ Tuesday, 20th December – afternoon – **Y5/6 party**.
- ✿ Date tbc - The whole school will be going to St Paul's Church for a special Christingle service. Children are welcome to come to school in their Christmas jumpers for this special Christmas celebration. Date will be confirmed shortly.

FESTIVE TREAT BANK COLLECTION

All the Redhill Trust academies are again supporting the Festive Treat Bank collections in their locality. Here at TCJA we're supporting the St Paul's Church Food Bank. **We will be collecting until Friday, 16th December**, when we will take everything we've received to St Paul's. Please donate anything you can – it will all help. Some donation suggestions are mince pies, Christmas cake, tea, coffee, variety tins/boxes of chocolates, cans of pop – anything that you think would be appreciated! Thank you in anticipation of your

support for this great cause. The collection box for donations will be sited in the main entrance.

WINTER SUPPORT PAYMENT

We've had a couple of enquiries regarding what is happening with the Winter Support Payment. The County Council stopped the funding for free school meal vouchers during the holidays, and said that they would be paying that support in another way. We've now been notified that:

- The final details of the support to families is due to be released soon.
- The families should receive support directly, so at this point, they will not need to do anything further.
- Nottinghamshire County Council administers the list of those eligible for free school meals, so they are aware of who should be receiving this element of support.

Y4 & Y6 RESIDENTIALS

As pupils in Y4 and Y6 already know, we are delighted to be planning two residential visits later this academic year.

On the 9th March, participating Y4's will spend one night at the Swadlincote Youth Hostel and during their two days away, they will enjoy activities at Conkers. This is our first ever Y4 residential and we can't wait to take part in this experience.

Participating Y6's will spend two nights (17th – 19th July) at the Kingswood Centre in Dearne Valley enjoying a variety of adventurous activities across grassland, woodland and wetland. This is our first time visiting this Kingswood Centre and we are really excited about

the adventures they will be taking our pupils on.

“JINGLE JOG”

On Friday 2nd December pupils from Year 3 and 4 will be taking part in the 'Jingle Jog'. TCJA were allocated a number of places and these have been offered to selected pupils.

This is a mass participation event taking place at Rushcliffe Country Park. The pupils will be joining children from other schools to enjoy a festive 1 mile jog. The focus of this event is to enjoy physical activity whilst also spending social time with others of the same age.

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES (TO 25th NOVEMBER)

➤ Hazel –	95.42%
➤ Cherry –	92.26%
➤ Holly –	91.92%
➤ Maple –	94.41%
➤ Silver Birch –	90.9%
➤ Plum –	95.5%
➤ Pear –	92.73%
➤ Willow –	95.65%

Willow are still (just) the best attended class, as they were at half-term – but Plum and Hazel are not far behind. **However, attendance generally is a real issue and we need to improve! As you know we have very high targets for our attendance and we would really like to see attendance levels around 98% if we can.** Let's see if we can smash the next few weeks, as we run up to Christmas, by getting pupils into their classrooms every day - we can do it!

ACADEMY IMPROVEMENT

The following priorities have been identified in our 2022-23 Academy Improvement Plan:-

- Implement strategies to achieve pupil attainment levels above the academy's 2019 levels or national average, whichever is higher and restores outcomes for higher achieving pupils to above national average by the end of Key Stage 2.
- Further develop the reading strategy to accelerate reading ages for all pupils.
- Further improve provision for and outcomes in writing.
- Secure excellent outcomes through excellent provision for SEND pupils.
- Further improve pupils' memory and recall.
- Restructure senior and other new/temporary leadership roles.
- Embed Teaching & Learning fundamentals.
- Develop an academy-wide approach to the delivery of a co-curriculum.
- Further develop strategies to reduce the absence of all pupils whose attendance is below national average.
- Continue to reduce fixed term suspensions.
- Embed The Redhill Academy Trust's Equality Diversity and Inclusion objectives.
- Embed Trust-wide Health and Safety support and processes.

INSPIRING LEADERS

As you may know, we have four children who are 'Inspiring Leaders' in our school. They are leading a different focus each term. This term's focus is 'The Big Turn Off'.

They are encouraging all the children to switch off lights, appliances and generally use less electricity in both our academy and our local community. This makes us be more conscious about sustainability. So far, we are very pleased with all the children and adults in school, as lots of lights and appliances are being turned off.

If you as a family can join in with 'The Big Turn Off' and send in a message or photo of this to your child's class teacher via Class Dojo, then your child will be entered into a raffle. They will receive a raffle ticket for each time evidence is sent in.

The draw will take place before February half term and there will be two winners, each of whom will receive a £5 Amazon Gift Voucher.

We look forward to next term's focus. Thank you for your continued support.

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

Sam, one of our pupils in Year 5, has worked really hard to produce an informative presentation about how to keep safe online.

His presentation was shared with the whole school in an assembly and it has really made sure that all the children in school understand how they can keep themselves safe online. The presentation has now been posted on the school website - in the pupils' online safety section. I'm sure if you can spare some time to watch it, you will agree what a great job Sam did. Well done, Sam!

CHILDREN IN NEED

Our thanks to everyone for supporting this annual charity event. We are currently still processing the income raised over the week. Once we have paid the proceeds direct to Children in Need we will receive a certificate. We will let you know our final figure, but we did raise in excess of £300. Sales of Pudsey merchandise went down an absolute storm and we will certainly be exploring buying more of this again next year!

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)

December

- Fri 2nd Y3/4 'Jingle Jog' – Rushcliffe Country Park
Tues 6th 2pm Y6 DARE Graduation
Fri 9th Dec 3pm Christmas Fair
Weds 14th 2pm & 5.30pm Christmas Production
Thurs 15th pm – Y6 to TCA's Christmas Production
Fri 16th 9.30am Christmas Production
Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day
Fri 16th Last day for donations to the festive treat bank collection
Mon 19th pm – Y3/4 Christmas Party
Tues 20th pm – Y5/6 Christmas Party
Weds 21st 9am final Celebration Assemblies (9.00am Y5/6 & 9.45am Y3/4)
11am – Choir performing at local care home
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 Silver Birch class – swimming lessons start
Y6 SATs parents' meeting

February

- Fri 3rd Young Voices concert
w/c Mon 6th Mental Health week
Tues 7th Parents' meetings
Weds 8th Parents' meetings
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
Thurs 9th – Y4 residential – Swadlincote YHA & Conkers
Fri 10th
Fri 17th Comic Relief – Red Nose day
'Thanks for all you do' Assembly with parents/carers
w/c Mon 20th Shakespeare week
Thurs 23rd Y6 pre-SATs Yoga sessions start
Fri 31st 9am final Awards Assemblies (9.00am Y5/6 & 9.45am Y3/4)

March

Fri 31st Last day of Spring term

EASTER HOLIDAY 3rd April – 14th April

April

Mon 17th Children back in school

May

Mon 1st Bank holiday – Academy closed

Mon 8th Bank holiday – Academy closed

w/c Tues 9th 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 & C-le-W Y6 transition days

Mon 17th – Y6 residential – Kingswood Centre, Dearne Valley

Weds 19th

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

We are really looking forward to an exciting and rewarding set of Christmas activities here at TCJA – we hope you are able to join us for at least some of these. 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