

9th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



THE CARLTON
JUNIOR ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER No: 4 Spring Term 2023



A slightly belated Happy New Year to all our parents/carers. It's so hard to believe it's now 2023 – where did the last year go – particularly December, which disappeared in a blink! 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 of exciting events and activities planned, including our first ever Year 4 residential visit – we are very excited about this new addition to our calendar.

Y6 BOOSTERS/SATS MEETING

Our Y6 Booster classes start next week (w/c 16th January). 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 at 3pm on Tuesday 10th January – please join us if you can.** We thank you for all your support in this key period in your child's KS2 education journey

Y4 & Y6 RESIDENTIALS

As you know, on 9th – 10th March participating Y4's will spend one night at the Swadlincote Youth Hostel and enjoy activities at Conkers. 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.

Please ensure that the necessary payments are made in line with the payment schedule you have been provided with. Thank you.

Year 4 parents/carers are invited to a meeting about the Swadlincote residential at 2.45pm on Wednesday, 18th January.

CARLTON CELEBRATES

Our celebration assemblies continue to be very popular. Our thanks once again for supporting the 'Take Care' work and helping us to grow the academy values. The next Celebration Assemblies will be on **Friday 27th January**. Y5 & Y6 parents/carers are invited to celebrate with us at 9.00-9.30am, followed by Y3 & Y4 parents/carers at 9.45-10.15am. We do ask that no more than two people attend per family. Mobile phones must be turned off or silenced, kept out of sight in a bag/pocket and photographs/recordings are not allowed.

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES (AUTUMN TERM)

➤ Hazel –	94.85%
➤ Maple –	92.77%
➤ Holly –	91.63%
➤ Cherry –	91.36%
➤ Silver Birch –	90.26%
➤ Plum –	94.6%
➤ Pear –	91.06%
➤ Willow –	93.71%

Hazel class were the best attended class in the Autumn term, well done! **However, attendance generally is a real issue and we must 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 – and we are a long way off that at the moment.** Let's see if we can make the next few weeks as close to 100% attendance as possible. Let's get all our pupils into their classrooms every day.

Some children are regularly late to school. The attendance officer, Mrs Rodgers, will contact these families to offer support and advice to improve punctuality for these children. If your child is late to school, an adult must escort the child to reception and sign the child into school and provide reasons for lateness. This is to ensure the safe entry of children into the school.

SPRING TERM - STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted that Mrs Tait has returned from maternity leave and she is now teaching in Silver Birch Class, alongside Mrs Osborne, who we were pleased to welcome to Carlton Juniors at the start of the Spring term. Mrs Tait & Mrs Osborne replace Miss Brookes who left the academy at the end of the Autumn term, as did Mr Patchett.

CHILDREN IN NEED UPDATE

We were delighted that our Carlton Cabinet members sold all the Pudsey-related merchandise and further funds were added in pupil contributions to the non-uniform day and a cake sale, raising a grand total of £558.55. Thank you to all our parents/carers for supporting our fund raising efforts.

PARKING/STAFF CAR PARK

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!

We also ask that you do not use the very busy and awkward staff car park, unless a disability means you require vehicle access. Please display your blue badge if this is the case.

END OF AUTUMN TERM ROUND UP & VARIOUS THANK YOU'S!

It was 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 again proved its annual popularity and raised £850 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 whole-school Christmas production "Aladdin Trouble". It was so lovely to see all your children involved in performing to their wider family. The money raised from ticket sales is used to pay the production costs for the show. Any remaining funds will then be put towards the costs the academy incurs to subsidise all educational visits and workshops, including visitors into the academy.

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

The whole academy thoroughly enjoyed visiting St Paul's Church for a Christingle service – our thanks to Rev Wendy for welcoming us at St Paul's once again and to Mr Kerry who was a great donkey!



A thank you also for your understanding and patience with our catering difficulties in the last 2 days of term when we had to provide packed lunches rather than our usual hot meals!

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!

Also, a massive well done to our two Carlton Cup winners and Stars of the Autumn term. It was pleasing to see Hazel class with the 'take care' points reward this term, as well as being the best attenders!

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

- 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
3pm - Y6 SATs parents' meeting
Thurs 18th 2.45pm – Y4 Residential – parents/carers information meeting
Fri 20th Bikeability
Fri 27th Awards Assemblies (9.00am Y5/6 & 9.45am Y3/4)

February

- Fri 3rd Young Voices concert
w/c Mon 6th Mental Health week
Tues 7th Mindfulness sessions (30 minutes) – all classes
Parents' meetings
Weds 8th Parents' meetings
Thurs 9th Internet Safety Day
Fri 10th '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 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 5 th	Children back in school
Thurs 8 th	Class photographs
Fri 16 th	'Thanks for all you do' Assembly with parents/carers
Weds 21 st	am – Sports Day (weather permitting)
Fri 30 th	INSET – Academy closed

July

Mon 3 rd	INSET – Academy closed
Weds 12 th	TCA & C-le-W Y6 transition days
Mon 17 th –	Y6 residential – Kingswood Centre, Dearne Valley
Weds 19 th	
Weds 19 th	pm – Family afternoon – picnic lunch
Thurs 20 th	9am final Awards Assemblies (9.00am Y5/6 & 9.45am Y3/4)
Fri 21 st	2pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Tues 25 th	Last day of the Summer term & the 2022-23 academic year

We are looking forward to a great Spring term, with lots of exciting events and activities! 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