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THE CARLTON  
JUNIOR ACADEMY™

Dear Parents/Carers,

## NEWSLETTER No: 5 Spring Term 2023



We hope you all enjoyed a lovely half-term break. It really is hard to believe that Easter is already fast approaching and we have lots to fit in before the start of the Summer term! As is usual here at TCJA, we have lots of exciting events and activities planned over the next few weeks, including our first ever Year 4 residential visit. We are very excited about this new addition to our calendar and hope that this will become a regular annual event. We will let you know how the visit went in our next newsletter.

### Y6 SATS

Well done to all the children attending the booster classes which will continue right up to SATs 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.

**Due to the King's coronation bank holiday (Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May), the Y6 SATs timetable will now start on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May and the final test will be on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May.** A full timetable will be provided nearer the time. Please also be aware that Y6 writing assessments continue right up to the end of June and we need Y6 children in their classrooms at all times! We thank you for all your support in this key period in your child's KS2 education journey

### YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK (MTC)

Year 4 pupils will take this multiplication test between 5<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023. It is essential that Y4 children attend school during this period. Please encourage your child to use the websites 'Times Table Rock Stars' or 'Maths Frame'. We need to ensure children are able to recall all times tables up to 12 x 12 within 6 seconds – so the more practice the better!

### YOUNG VOICES

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February, our academy choir enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Sheffield Utilita Arena where they took part in the Young Voices concert. Despite the late night (and at least it was Friday!), everyone had a fabulous time and thoroughly enjoyed raising their voices in song with several thousands of other participants. Thank you to parents/carers who came along to watch – it was a great experience for everyone involved.

### Y4 RESIDENTIAL

This visit is getting very close now! On 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March participating Y4's will spend one night at the Swadlincote Youth Hostel and will then enjoy exciting activities at Conkers. We are really looking forward to our very first Y4 residential and we know the children are really excited about this too. Miss Simmons, Mr Mateo, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Bamford and Miss Dyer are all accompanying this visit.

**Please ensure that any outstanding payments are made as soon as possible. Thank you.**

### CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES (to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023)

➤ Hazel –	95.05%
➤ Maple –	93.83%
➤ Holly –	93.06%
➤ Cherry –	91.71%
➤ Silver Birch –	90.79%
➤ Plum –	94.8%
➤ Pear –	92.04%
➤ Willow –	93.98%

As you can see, Hazel class continue to be our best attended class and have even gone above 95%, well done!

**However, every class has made a slight improvement since the Autumn term – so thank you to all parents/carers for your support with this. Our work must continue though, as our attendance at 93.1% is still below the current National Average of 93.8%, and we must strive to see an even bigger improvement.** Let's see if we can make the next few weeks up to Easter as close to 100% attendance as possible – we'd like to see all our pupils in their classrooms every day.

## PUNCTUALITY

Some children are still regularly late to school. Our 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 in to reception, sign the child into school and provide reasons for lateness. This is to ensure the safe entry of children into the school.

## CARLTON CELEBRATES

Our celebration assemblies continue to be very popular. Our 'Thanks for all you do' assembly will be held on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. Please join us if you can. Our end of term celebration assembly will be on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Y5 & Y6 parents/carers are invited to celebrate with us at 9.00-9.30am, followed by Y3 & Y4 parents/carers at 9.30-10.00am. Our thanks once again for supporting the 'Take Care' work and helping us to grow the academy values. 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.

## ACADEMY WEBSITE & TWITTER

Don't forget to check out our academy website at: [www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk](http://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!

## WORLD BOOK DAY/BOOK FAIR

World Book Day took place in school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The theme this year was 'You are a reader'. All classes enjoyed the opportunity to virtually participate in a Michael Murpurgo event via YouTube.

Children also received their £1 World Book Day book token to get a FREE book! You may like to keep this until our Scholastic Book Fair, which will be held in the last week of the Spring term (28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March), where you will still be able to spend your £1 voucher. Otherwise free books are available at Tesco.

Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers/>

Check out the World Book Day Family Hub:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

for more things to do at home. We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day. This could not happen without the support of parents and carers, as always, thank you.

## INSPIRING LEADERS

As you may know from previous newsletters, we have four children who are 'Inspiring Leaders' in our academy. They are leading a different focus each term. This term's focus is 'The Big Swap'. This will enable children to exchange unwanted books, magazines, comics and DVD's. To help us along, local shops have kindly donated items for us to swap.

'The Big Swap' will be held in the academy hall on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3.15 – 4pm. Further details will follow.

## DRAMA HUT – ONLINE WORKSHOPS

In the last week of the Spring term Years 3, 4 and 5 will all enjoy exciting online workshops based on their History topics. These themed drama workshops have proved to be hugely popular in previous years and we are delighted to be using drama and other exciting activities to explore and learn more about History.

Further details will be sent to each year group nearer the activity date – but an overview of the workshops are:-

- Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 – Romans & Celts
- Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 – Ancient Egyptians
- Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Ancient Greeks

We are requesting £2 voluntary contributions towards the cost of these workshops – there will be more detail in the letters.

### **SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE**

Nottinghamshire County Council have informed us that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 the price for a school meal will increase to £2.60 per day (£13 per week). Please can you ensure you pay the correct amount on ParentPay once we return from the Easter break? Many thanks.

### **CARLTON ACADEMY ART EXHIBITION**

All our children have produced some amazing artwork for this annual family of schools art exhibition, which is held at The Carlton Academy. The theme this year is 'What I love?'

The children have all been working extremely hard over the last few weeks to create outstanding pieces of art. The art exhibition will be open from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March till the 19<sup>th</sup> May. All our classes will be visiting at some point and once we have dates for this, we will let you know!

### **CROSS COUNTRY & SPORTING ROUND UP**

Over the last term, we have taken part in different sporting activities. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, we took our cross-country teams to Wollaton Park to compete in the Nottingham High School festival. The first team involved had to battle fierce competition on a tough hilly course with roughly 140 competitors, with our highest place finish being 26th. The next team also had to compete against 140 children. Amazingly, Leo came in 3rd place and won a well-deserved bronze medal; all this whilst being under the weather! Every child made Carlton Junior proud with their behaviour and effort throughout the event.

The football season is beginning to heat up again as we have taken part in a festival of football and have multiple league games taking place. The team have been proud to play their games in brand new kits, which have been kindly provided by KML Electrics (Mr and Mrs Stevens). We want to give a massive thank you to all the adults that come to watch our events. Your continued support makes a massive difference to the children and we appreciate it tremendously.

### **SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOPS**

At the end of January both Year 5 classes took part in Shakespeare workshops in preparation for Shakespeare week. The workshops focused on "The Tempest" and looked at different drama techniques which could be used to portray the story. The children explored the story of The Tempest and acted out different scenes; they also made predictions on what they thought would happen next. These sessions were run by the Shakespeare Hub.

Alongside this, Plum class has been chosen to showcase their acting talent with other schools in Nottingham at the Lakeside Arts Theatre. To prepare for this, on 9<sup>th</sup> March Plum class will be learning the first part of the play with a Shakespeare specialist and then on 20<sup>th</sup> March, they will perform this at the Theatre to an audience.

## 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

- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day  
w/c Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Y6 mock SATs week  
Weds 8<sup>th</sup> NSPCC workshops (tbc)  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Shakespeare workshop – Plum class  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> – Y4 residential – Swadlincote YHA & Conkers  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup>  
w/c Mon 13<sup>th</sup> British Science week (theme: connections)  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Comic Relief – Red Nose day  
'Thanks for all you do' Assemblies with parents/carers  
(9.00am Y5/6 & 9.30am Y3/4)  
Y3 Science Farm webinar  
w/c Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Shakespeare week  
Y5 Shakespeare Showcase at Djanogly  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Y6 – level 3 Bikeability  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Y6 pre-SATs Yoga sessions start  
3.15pm – 4pm – 'The Big Swap' in the hall  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Y3 online Roman & Celts Drama Hut workshop  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> STEM workshop – all classes  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic School Book Fair – in the hall  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup>  
Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Y4 online Ancient Egyptians Drama Hut workshop  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Y5 online Ancient Greeks Drama Hut workshop  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Awards Assemblies (9.00am Y5/6 & 9.30am Y3/4)  
Last day of Spring term

### EASTER HOLIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April

#### April

- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Children back in school  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Science workshops – all classes  
Y6 dental check (info to follow)

#### May

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Bank holiday – Academy closed  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Bank holiday – Academy closed  
w/c Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs week  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Willow class – visit to Trent Bridge  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Pear class – visit to Trent Bridge  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Y6 measuring  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May Last day of Summer term 1

### HALF TERM 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### June

- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Children back in school  
5<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Y4 Multiplication check (actual date tbc)  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Class photographs  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> 'Thanks for all you do' Assembly with parents/carers  
Weds 21<sup>st</sup> am – Sports Day (weather permitting)

Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET – Academy closed</b>
<b>July</b>	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>INSET – Academy closed</b>
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup>	TCA & C-le-W Y6 transition days
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> –	Y6 residential – Kingswood Centre, Dearne Valley
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup>	
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup>	pm – Family afternoon – picnic lunch
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	9am final Awards Assemblies (9.00am Y5/6 & 9.45am Y3/4)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	2pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the Summer term & the 2022-23 academic year

*It's been a great Spring term so far and we still have lots of exciting events and activities to come, as Easter is fast approaching! We hope you are able to join us for some of these events – it's always great to welcome parents/carers and other family members into the Academy.*

*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