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Dear Parents/Carers,



THE CARLTON
JUNIOR ACADEMY™

NEWSLETTER No: 1 Autumn Term 2023



Welcome back everyone! Here is our first newsletter of the 2023-24 academic year. This year is guaranteed to be a busy, event-packed year as always. Please can you make sure we have your up-to-date contact details so we can keep you informed about what's happening.

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 has been lovely seeing the academy buzzing with children in their beautiful smart uniforms. A 'Meet the Teacher' event will be held at 2.15pm on

Monday 11th September - we will be explaining more about what your child will be learning about, 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

Well done to last year's cohort who achieved greatness in their SATs results and well above the National Average!

A reminder of Y6 SATs week

13th - 16th May 2024.

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 issue a fine**).

We also remind parents/carers that statutory writing assessments continue until the end of June 2024, so ask that Y6 parents continue to 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 – where 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/X - you are welcome to follow us.

YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK (MTC)

Y4 pupils will take the online test between 3rd – 14th June 2024. It is essential that your child attends school during this period. An information workshop will be held later in the year for all Y4 parents/carers who wish to know how to support their children with this new National Test.

Last year the children did amazingly well, with an average mark of 23/25. 46% of the cohort achieved 25/25. Thanks for all your support from home with achieving this for your children.

STAFFING & CLASSES 2023-24

- **Holly Class (Y4)** Miss Simmons
- **Hazel Class (Y4)** Mrs Worrall
- **Cherry Class (Y3)** Miss Birtwistle
- **Maple Class (Y3)** Mr Mateo
- **Silver Birch Class (Y5)** Mrs Daly
- **Plum Class (Y5)** Miss Hickling
- **Pear Class (Y6)** Mrs Charlesworth & Mrs Willson
- **Willow Class (Y6)** Mrs de Gilbert & Miss Hodgson

We're pleased to welcome our new School Direct trainee, Miss Mohammadian (Pear class). Mrs Clarke, our SENCO will be in school every Wednesday and Thursday morning. Mrs Hunter continues to undertake cover in classes and Mrs Sills will be teaching dance/PE to several classes across the school. Our team of fantastic teaching assistants returned, and will continue their excellent support of

teaching and learning. Mrs Phillips will be in school on Wednesdays, supporting Mrs Clarke with SENCO matters. We continue to work with our attendance officer, Rachael Wragg. We are very pleased to have Ms. Gillespie, who continues as our Children and Families Worker. Our office remains busy! Mrs Cooke is working full time in the office, Mrs Hall supports us one day a week now and Mrs Belshaw has reduced her hours to 4 days.

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 for a replacement.**

PARENTPAY

Dinner money and Breakfast Club payments (other than tuckshop) can be made via ParentPay. Activation information for accounts is available on request, please contact the office and we will email it to you. Many thanks.

MOBILE PHONES

Pupil mobile phones, smart watches and mobile devices (such as iPads 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.

NEW GATES

We have new gates. These will be open each morning and afternoon during arrival and leaving times. The gates will automatically close at 9am and after this you will need to use the intercom system for entry. Vehicles may well use the road during this time, so please use the side path to be safe.

If your child is arriving late, you must accompany them to the office to be signed in.

CAR PARK

Please note that the car park is for staff only. We do have a disabled space which those with blue badges are welcome to use. If you have access/disability issues, please let us know so we can assist you with what you need to visit us.

UNIFORM

THANK YOU PARENTS/CARERS – the children all look exceptionally smart in their uniforms! Please can you ensure that any earrings are 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.*

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT DATA

As you know we hold contact information on the school's office computers for all our pupils. Our privacy statement for pupils is available on the website. 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 revised September 2023 '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.

TUCK SHOP

Our healthy school tuck shop sells fruit drinks (50p), healthy pizza muffins (40p), crumpets (40p) and toast (10p per 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.**

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.

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 can 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.

Our Vision and 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 has four 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

The staff are really looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year here at TCJA. 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

Dates 2023/24

September

Mon 4th INSET Day
Tues 5th Children start
Thurs 7th Inspiring Leaders Pupil Conference
Mon 11th Meet the Teacher 2.15 – 3.15pm
Tues 12th Swimming starts with Plum Class
DAaRT starts in Y6 (afternoons for 10 weeks)
Wed 20th Y3 Science Workshops
Thurs 21st SATs parents' meeting 3.30pm
Thurs 21st National Fitness Day
Fri 22nd INSET Day
Mon 25th Safety Zone at Holme Pierrepont for Y6
Tues 26th European Day of Languages
Thurs 28th Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church pm – all welcome

October

Black History Month
Mon 2nd National Space Week
Tues 3rd Parents' Evening
Weds 4th Parents' Evening
Weds 4th Individual photos
Mon 16th National Recycle Week
Thurs 19th Y6 Orienteering Trip – Pear Class
Fri 20th Y6 Orienteering Trip – Willow Class
TBC Y6 Science day

HALF TERM – 23rd October to 3rd November

November

Mon 13th Anti-bullying Week
Thurs 16th Y6 Body Image Workshops CAMHS
Fri 17th Children in Need Day

December

Fri 1st Y4 Science Workshops x 2
Fri 1st PFA Christmas Fair
Tues 5th DAaRT Graduation 2.15pm
Fri 8th Flu vaccinations
Fri 8th Y6 Science Workshops x2
Mon 11th 11am dress rehearsal to Y2 tbc

Weds 13th 2pm & 6pm Christmas Production
Fri 15th Christmas Production 9.30 am
Christmas Jumper Day and dinner
Mon 18th Y 3/4 party pm
Tues 19th Y 5/6 party pm
Fri 22nd Final Awards assembly 9am

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – 25th December to 3rd January

January 2024

Thurs 4th 1st day Spring term
Mon 8th SATs boosters start

February

Mon 5th Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 6th Parents' Evening
Safer Internet Day
Weds 7th Parents' Evening
Fri 9th 'Thanks for all you do' assemblies with parents/carers

HALF TERM - 12th February to 16th February

February

Wed 21st Scholastic Book Fair arrives until 28th
Thurs 22nd Y6 Sleep Workshop CAMHS 1pm-3pm

March

Women's History Month
Thurs 7th World Book Day
Mon 11th INSET Day
Tues 12th British Science Week
Fri 15th Red Nose Day
Fri 15th 'Thanks for all you do' lunch with parents/carers
Mon 18th Mock SATs week
Mon 18th Shakespeare week
Thurs 28th Final Awards Assembly

TBC TCA arts exhibition opens
TBC Yoga starts Y6

EASTER – Friday 29th March to 12th April

April

Mon 15th World Arts Day
Mon 22nd Earth Day
Thurs 25th Y6 SATS Workshops CAMHS 1pm-3pm
TBC Move and Learn Y5

May

Mon 6th May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 13th Y6 SATs week/Mental Health Awareness Week
Mon 20th Y6 Bikeability
Tues 21st World Day for cultural diversity

HALF TERM - 27th May to 31st May

June

Mon 3rd Y6 Bikeability last group
Mon 3rd Multiplication check – Y4s
Wed 5th World Environment Day
Fri 7th Y5 Science Workshops x 2
Thurs 13th Y6 Transition Workshops CAMHS 1pm-3pm
Fri 14th Thanks for all you do assembly
Weds 19th Sports Day am
Fri 21st World Music Day
Fri 28th INSET Day

TBC Class photos

July

Mon 1st INSET day
Wed 3rd Y6 TCA Transition Day tbc
Y2 – Visit morning and new classes
Thurs 4th Y6 TCA Transition Day tbc

Mon 8th Year 2 - New Parents' meeting 5pm
Tues 16th Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2:15pm
Wed 17th Y6 Residential Kingswood (back on Fri 19th)
Weds 17th Family Afternoon and picnic lunch – Enterprise event
Tues 23rd Y6 Leavers Disco 6pm-7:30pm
Fri 26th Last awards assembly
Fri 26th Last day of academic year