

21st December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



THE CARLTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER No 3: Autumn Term 2023



We have had such a lot to celebrate this year and the children at Carlton Juniors have given us so much to be proud of. I hope that you all enjoy a lovely holiday, whatever you are doing and manage to make some very special memories. A massive thank you for all the contributions to the Trust Festive Food Bank. I know this will make a huge difference to the enjoyment of Christmas for many families in Carlton.

WELL DONE!

A massive thank you and well done to Mrs Worrall and her team, who made 'Peter Pan' an outstanding production for everyone to enjoy.

It was a great opportunity for all the children to enjoy performing together and get a taste of what it is like to be on stage performing to a very large audience!

POPPY DAY APPEAL

We are pleased to say that we raised £174.72 for the Poppy Day Appeal this year.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

This was another great success, brilliantly organised and run by Miss Tolley and the PFA. Everyone enjoyed themselves and they raised just under £900.

CLASS ATTENDANCE (Up to Dec 18th)

- Hazel – 94.6%
- Cherry – 95.1%
- Holly – 92.7%
- Maple – 95.4%
- Silver Birch – 94.5%
- Plum – 95.5%
- Pear – 91.6%
- Willow – 95.8%

A good proportion of children are still on track to be entered into the draw for the £50 Tesco

voucher, with 100% attendance for the last 9 days. We look forward to welcoming your children back on Thursday 4th January.

Please continue to inform the office if your child is unable to attend the academy.

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

We are saying a few goodbyes at the end of this term. Our cook Tracey France has now moved to a new job. Janice Gartlan, who has worked in our kitchen for 34 years, has decided to retire. We wish them both all the very best and thank Janice for all her hard work and dedication over the years.

We are sad to also see Mr Mateo, Maple Class, leave us. We wish him luck and thank him for all his hard work since he joined us, and also his dedication to supporting with after school clubs.

GROWING 'GREATER FUTURES'

Finally I would like to thank all the families for your very swift responses to the iPad usage at home agreement. I know we have asked a lot from you, as the roll-out of this project has been very fast. We would usually give a lot more time to such a project but due to unforeseen delays with broadband upgrading we have been left with very little time at the end of this term for implementing the project. For obvious reasons, we did not want the iPads left at school over the holidays! Please do not worry about using the devices at home, we know there will be some teething problems and we will work with you in January to address any issues. There should be two apps to use on the iPads, TT Rockstars and Purple Mash. Purple Mash has a wide range of activities for your child to access. We are working closely with an Apple Distinguished School and our Tech Team who are supporting us with this new technology. *We are all learning together!*

Thank you very much to Miss Simmons and Mrs Hunter, for all the time and effort you have put into making this successful so far. Miss Simmons will be inviting parents/carers into school in the Spring term, to share our learning journey using the iPads with you.

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)**

**Please also keep an eye on the new-look calendar on the website, where, as well as the dates below, you will be able to find details of clubs, including links to letters, Microsoft Forms etc.:
<https://www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk/calendar/>**

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – 25th December to 3rd January

January

Thurs 4th 1st day Spring term
Mon 8th SATs boosters start
Tues 9th Silver Birch class swimming for 12 weeks
Weds 10th Y4 & Willow class – Hinduism faith experience
Weds 17th Y5 visit to Perlethorpe
Thurs 18th Y6 measurement programme
Fri 19th Year 5/6 Gedling Schools cross-country event
Fri 26th Jan Chance to Shine cricket coach to deliver sessions to Year 4 & 6

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

Tues 20th Young Voices concert in Sheffield
Wed 21st Scholastic Book Fair arrives until 28th
Thurs 22nd Y6 Sleep Workshop CAMHS 1pm-3pm

March

Women's History Month
Fri 1st Mar Team GB athlete Sam Khogali in school to deliver short circuits to all children
Thurs 7th World Book Day
Fri 8th Girls biggest ever football session
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 Paralympics week
Weds 27th Pear class orienteering – Rushcliffe Country Park
Thurs 28th Willow class orienteering – Rushcliffe Country Park
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
Thurs 18th – Yr4 residential to Conkers
to Fri 19th
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
Thurs 20th Class photos
Fri 21st World Music Day
Thurs 27th Silver Birch class orienteering – Gedling Country Park
Fri 28th INSET Day

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

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