



Dear Families,

## NEWSLETTER - Summer Term

*Here are some updates on how things are going and what to expect for the rest of this term. As we move ever closer to the end of this academic year, there are still plenty of exciting things happening here at Carlton Juniors. We hope to see you in school to share some of them with us.*

### Y4 MULTIPLICATION TEST

The window for the Y4 MTC is 3<sup>rd</sup> June - 21<sup>st</sup> June. The children have worked really hard to learn their times tables for this test and I would like to thank you for supporting us in this. The Year 5 and 6 teachers do really notice the difference that thoroughly learning the times tables makes for children in terms of their progress and confidence in Maths. If your child is likely to be absent in the next two weeks, please let us know so that we can make arrangements for their test to be completed.

### INSET DATES

Please remember that Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July are both INSET days and the academy will be closed to all pupils.

### TRANSITION

We are busy with transition visits for Y6 and Y2 children. Transition includes visits to secondary schools and hosting secondary school staff here to visit the children moving to their schools. Children moving within year groups will also have time with their new teacher and class on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There will be a parent/carer welcome event at 5-6pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, for the new to school families. Please contact the SENDCO Mrs Clarke if you have any questions about transition.

### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance continues to be a concern. There are a number of children who continue to be persistently absent from school and arrive late. Taking term time holidays is adding to the missed education time. Fines are now being issued by the local authority team for term time holidays and where children are persistently absent from school, however our aim is to work closely with families and support improvement in attendance rather than see families receiving fines.

### CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES (to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024)

➤ Hazel –	94.7%
➤ Maple –	94.5%
➤ Holly –	93.3%
➤ Cherry –	94.8%
➤ Silver Birch –	93.5%
➤ Plum –	94.8%
➤ Pear –	92.7%
➤ <b>Willow –</b>	<b>95.3%</b>

As you can see, Willow class continue to be our best attended class, as they have been all year. **Our overall attendance is now 94.2%, which although improving, is still below the National Average of 94.7% (as at 17<sup>th</sup> May) - we must strive to see more improvement.**

Let's see if we can make these last few weeks up to summer as close to 100% attendance as possible – watch out for news about a new attendance initiative coming next week!

### PUNCTUALITY

Some children are still regularly late to school, especially pupils in Year 5. Our Attendance team, 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 the reception, sign the child in to school and provide reasons for lateness. This is to ensure the safe entry of children into the school.***

## **Y6 SATS – WRITING ASSESSMENTS**

Our Y6 pupils have nearly completed their writing assessments, which continue until the end of June. They are really shining in this final assessment and we are proud of their determination to develop as excellent writers. Please ensure your child attends every day so that they complete all the necessary writing pieces.

## **Y6 RESIDENTIAL**

Our Y6's who are going on this are now getting very excited as we move ever closer to their residential at the Dearne Valley Kingswood Activity centre (17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July). Again, thanks to the staff making this residential possible.

## **FUND RAISING**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, we will be holding our annual Family Picnic and enterprise afternoon. Years 3-5, and any Year 6 children not attending residential, will be given a budget by the PFA and challenged to increase the money invested by as much as possible. This has previously proved to be a very inspiring afternoon for the children and we have raised a good amount of money for the school. More details to follow closer to the time.

## **#SPORTS DAY**

This year we have planned to hold our sports day earlier in the term, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Hopefully, stormy weather will not wash away

the track markings this year! Further details to follow.

## **CONKERS**

You will be pleased to know that the children who took part in the Conkers residential were highly commended for their behaviour and manners during their two days. A great time was had by all! Many thanks to the staff who went the extra-mile to support this over-night experience.

## **SUN SAFETY**

As the weather (hopefully) warms-up, please ensure your child brings in a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses for when the sun is out. There is plenty of shade on the school site; we're lucky to have lots of mature and beautiful trees as well as the gazebo. Remind your child that if they start to feel overheated to ask a member of the academy staff if they can move into the shade. Children also have access to their academy water bottles at all times.

## **UNIFORM**

**We are noticing a greater number of trainers being worn in school.** Please can you ensure your child wears school shoes and not trainers. Similarly, tracksuit bottoms and leggings are not allowed, nor is jewellery including rings and bracelets.

Watches must not be smart watches, linked to the internet. The correct PE kit includes black or blue shorts and a white T-shirt with trainers. The children may wear a plain tracksuit top on cooler days. Football tops and T-shirts with logos are not permitted. Please can you ensure your child has the correct uniform. Thank you for supporting this policy.

## **SHOW RACISM the RED-CARD**

We are pleased to be working with Show Racism the Red Card . Children will take part in workshops on 11<sup>th</sup> June and our staff will join with Carlton Infant staff to receive further training in this area of learning.

## **BOOKS**

Thank you so much for your recent book donations. We are always very grateful for any children's books you no longer want cluttering up bedrooms and shelves at home.

## **IPADS**

Using iPads to support learning is proving to be very positive, with children showing great respect for their new equipment. Thank you to all the families for returning the iPads after completing homework each week. We will be hosting more open events in the coming weeks so that you can see how they are being used, keep an eye out for the dates. Our Trust CEO was very impressed with how the children are using the iPads and engaging in their learning with them.

## PARENT SURVEY

Thank you for completing the parent survey. The governors and leadership team have carefully considered the feedback. Thank you for all the lovely, encouraging comments and recognition for our whole team's hard work and dedication. One of the main points for comment was around communication – it was a mixed opinion on how much and how we communicate with you. However, you value the communication we have, especially through Dojo. I have asked teachers to share class information on Dojo and wider, whole school information will be sent via the office. Please do look at the website for dates and reminders too or simply call and ask if you are not sure of something. We will continue to send reminders about events as requested.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please also keep an eye on our calendar: <https://www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk/calendar/>

### June

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> School swimming for some Y6 pupils  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Anti-Racism workshops  
Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Y6 Residential – Parents' meeting 5pm  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> am - Maple & Holly classes visiting Lakeside Arts  
pm – Cherry & Hazel classes visiting Lakeside Arts  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Y6 Transition Workshops CAMHS 1pm-3pm  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Thanks for all you do assemblies – Yrs 5&6 @ 9am, Yrs 3&4 @ 9.40am  
Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Sports Day (morning) – Yrs 3&4 @9.30am, Yrs 5&6 @ 10.45am  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Class photos  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> World Music Day  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Y6 to TCA – author visit  
Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Silver Birch to TCA for computing  
Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Plum class orienteering – Gedling Country Park  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Silver Birch class orienteering – Gedling Country Park  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> INSET Day

### July

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> INSET day  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Y6 CLW Transition Day  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Y6 TCA Transition Day  
Y2 – Visit morning and new classes  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Y6 TCA Transition Day  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Plum class to TCA for computing  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Year 2 - New Parents' meeting 5pm  
Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Yrs 5&6 to Lakeside Arts  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2:15pm  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Y6 Residential Kingswood (back on Fri 19<sup>th</sup>)  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Family Afternoon and picnic lunch – Enterprise event  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Y6 Leavers Disco 6pm-7:30pm  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Last awards assemblies – Yrs 5&6 @ 9am, Yrs 3&4 @ 9.45am  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Last day of academic year

### September

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> INSET Day  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> School re-opens to pupils

*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