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THE CARLTON
JUNIOR ACADEMY™



Dear Families, as we approach the end of our first half-term, I wanted to share our successes and news with you. Our new Y3 children have made an excellent start with us. It has been lovely seeing the children wearing their beautiful smart uniforms, proud to represent and attend The Carlton Junior Academy. We are very pleased to say that the Academy is now absolutely full in every class with 242 on roll and a growing waiting list!

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.* Dates and details of what's happening are available on the website. We are trying to be as paperless as possible, so information will be sent out electronically where possible, in line with our communication policy.

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK 2024

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

Reading

85% reached expected standard (National average 74%)

31% reached Higher standard (National average 28%)

Writing

83% reached expected standard (National average 72%)

15% reached Higher standard (National average 13%)

Maths

75% reached expected standard (National average 73%)

24% reached Higher standard (National average 24%)

EGPS

75% reached expected standard (National average 72%)

27% reached Higher standard (National average 32%)

Combined (achieved in Reading, Writing and Maths)

73% reached expected standard (National average 61%)

10% reached Higher standard (National average 8%)

A reminder of Y6 SATs week - 12th to 15th May 2025

These are very important tests and we urge you 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 request that a fine is issued**).

We also remind you that statutory writing assessments continue until the end of June 2025, so please ensure Y6 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 – 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)

Our Y4 pupils worked incredibly hard to learn their timetables last year. Our average score was 22/25 with 56% of the cohort achieving full marks compared to the National Average of 29%. Y4 pupils will take the online test next year **between 3rd – 14th June 2025**. 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 2024-25

Elm Class (Y3) Miss Boruch

Cherry Class (Y4) Miss Birtwistle

Yew Class (Y5) Mr Sugars

Pear Class (Y6) Mrs Charlesworth & Mrs Willson

Hazel Class (Y3) Mrs Worrall

Silver Birch Class (Y4) Mrs Daly

Plum Class (Y5) Mrs Wingfield

Willow Class (Y6) Mrs de Gilbert & Miss Hodgson

Mrs Clarke, our SENCO, is in school every Wednesday and Thursday morning, with support from Mrs Phillips each Wednesday. Mrs Hunter and Mrs Sills teach dance/PE/computing to several classes across the school to cover PPA. Ms Gillespie continues as our Children and Families Worker. Our office remains busy! Mrs Cooke, Mrs Hall, Mrs Belshaw and Mrs Atkin make up the team, working various days to help and support in any way they can.

PARENTPAY

We are now a cash-free school! Dinner money, Breakfast Club and all other visit and 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.

ARRIVING SAFELY

Please can you ensure that you use the side path as much as possible when entering and leaving the site. There have been some near misses with children walking on the road with taxis and families requiring disabled access.

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 – 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). Girls must not wear leggings - smart school trousers only please.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DATA

As you know we hold contact information for all our pupils. Our privacy statement 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 an electronic 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 2024, '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 and email addresses.

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 – 8.40am, staffed by Miss Beeton & Mrs Belshaw. The cost is £4.00 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.

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES & SCHOOL MEALS

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 £3.00 per day (£15.00 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.**

We are promoting good table manners in the dining hall and encouraging all children to learn to eat with a knife and fork, rather than their fingers.

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, hazelnut spread or satay chicken products. 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

OUR FOCUS

This year, our Academy Improvement Plan will build on the successes of last year and further develop the following areas:

- Reduce the number of absent pupils and those who are regularly late for school
- Further improve outcomes for higher achieving pupils and children's writing across the school
- Enhancing the Reading strategy with a new phonics programme
- Continue the 'Greater Futures' project, introducing iPads to the new Y3 classes and using the technology to support learners with SEND. The children will gain 'iGenius' status, by enhancing their Apple technology skill set.
- Work closely with the Trust to access co-curricular opportunities in sports, reading and the arts
- Work closely with the Trust to embed equality, inclusion and diversity objectives.

CONGRATULATIONS

At our first Redhill Trust Awards Ceremony, The Carlton Junior Academy won two awards. A huge congratulations and thank you to the CJA team for the part they have played in my award for 'Innovation in Education' This recognises the success of our 'Greater Futures' project and how we have brought the opportunity to use technology in learning, to the children.

Mrs Worrall also won 'The Redhill Academy Trust Primary Teacher of the Year.' Very much deserved recognition for all she does to ensure your children achieve highly and demonstrate our values.

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