



Carrington Junior School



What a great start to the year!

The start of term has been jam packed with events: rugby tournaments, times tables challenges, wonderful maths, Kurling workshops, author inspiration and fantastic football.



All the year groups have settled in wonderfully. Year 3 are starting to get to grips with the violin, Year 4 the ukulele, Year 5 brass instruments and Year 6 drumming. Keep up the good work Carrington Junior School! *Mrs Cameron*

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Drop and stop

On Tuesday 11th we have our first Drop and Stop since 2020.

Drop and Stop is a chance to spend some time in school and to see your child's learning first hand by spending a bit of time in the classroom.

At 9am there will be a maths chat in the hall with Mr Shand explaining some of the concepts linked to mastery maths learning, followed at 9:30 by half an hour to visit class and see what's going on first hand.

Please be aware if any classes are particularly full, we may ask parents to come on a school tour for 15 minutes and then go back into the classroom for the next 15 minutes on rotation.

Forest school

Mrs Randall has been running the first forest school session of the year in Y3-5 (Year 6 will have sessions later in the year). The children have come back with increased confidence, stories to tell and a few wet wellies! It's been great to see this new aspect of school life up and running and enjoyed by all.



Goodbye and thank you

At half term we say goodbye to Mrs Chaney who has worked at Carrington Junior School for over twenty years as a teaching assistant. In that time she has seen a lot of changes as well as keeping all the other staff in line as chief stationery organiser.

Mrs Chaney will leave us to take retirement and to spend more time with her family and grandchildren on the sunny Sussex coast.

We wish her a wonderful time making memories with her family.



Communicating with teachers

Over the first few days of term teachers will be in touch via SeeSaw, or to share a SeeSaw access code with you. You can download SeeSaw from your phone's app store, or the internet.

Your child's class teacher will communicate with you at least weekly using SeeSaw, sharing class messages and some of their work. Please be aware teachers may not reply instantly to messages, particularly those sent outside working hours. You should always contact your child's class teacher first for queries about the school day and their learning.

Therefore, if your query relates to more urgent attendance, personal or medical matters,

Attendance

While at the start of Covid-19 some changes had to be made to pre-booked holidays and the holiday companies did not provide the possibility of rearranging these holidays for school holidays, this situation is no longer the case.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to permit any holiday taken during term time and no holiday should be booked for dates when school is open. These are government and Local Authority rules and relate to all children. We understand the price differences— teachers and teaching assistants can't take holidays during term time either. Local Authority procedures recommend that all term time holiday should be reported to the attendance team who may issue financial penalties.

Taking holiday during term time can mean children miss key learning in a 2 or 3 week unit of learning, and it can be very upsetting for them to try to catch up and have to do different work to their friends. Children can also miss out on time with their friendship groups if they are absent from school and can feel left out from events that they have missed.

While there is an absence request form in the school office- this is intended to be used for unavoidable events such as funerals of close family members and weddings of immediate family members such as parents or aunts and uncles.

They've done it again!– Year 6 boys and girls footballers

Both the girls and boys football teams have made it through to the District Finals. Well done to all the team members for a great first tournament of the year. Some excellent play and some excellent teamwork. Well done!



Congratulations house captains

Many of our pupils gave excellent speeches at the house captain elections. It can be pretty nerve wracking speaking publicly and they all did brilliantly.

Tulare— Jacob and Thomas (vice captain)

Bing— Matilda and Younis (vice captain)

Morello—Olivia and Will (vice captain))

Stella— Sophie and Bella (vice captain)

Dates to remember:

Tuesday 11th October—**Maths drop and stop** (Talk in hall 9am-9:30am, visit classes 9:30am-10am)

Friday 21st October— **Year 5 Harvest assembly** 2:45pm in hall/ **Mufti day** PTA

24th-28th October— HALF TERM

Monday 7th November— **Winter flu vaccinations**

Monday 14th/ Wednesday 16th November— **Parents evenings** in person in school

Friday 25th November— **4S class assembly**— 3pm in hall

Tuesday 13th/Wednesday 14th December— **Year 3 and Blossom nativity** times TBC

Thursday 15th December—**Junior disco** PTA

Tuesday 20th December—**Break up for Christmas Holidays** 1:25pm