

Carrington Junior School Spring Term Newsletter 1



10th January 2025

Message from Mrs Cameron

This term we come back to school ready to get going with our learning after a fantastic Autumn Term.

Like everyone else at the moment, we are experiencing tremendous amounts of winter sickness.

I would like to thank all the staff for all their efforts to support the children and each other despite often being several staff members short.

We have exciting events coming up this term, from trips to the zoo, local sporting competitions and visits to local organisations.

This term we also look forward to inviting parents into school to see children's work, attend coffee and talk sessions and to take part in reading breakfasts.



End of term celebrations

There were several wonderful celebrations of what our children can achieve at the end of the last term, from the Year 3 Nativity, to Year 4 Christingle, and Choir performances at local elderly teas and at the village lights switch-on.

Well done to all involved!



Learning enrichment during the Autumn Term

We had lots of events happening before the holiday: Year 3 had their Stone Age Day, Year 5 visited Ufton Court and Year 6 had a visiting Norwegian professor come to teach them about the biology of wild animals. There are more pictures on the [Website](#).



School Council Visits Parliament

On 7th January, this year's and last year's school councils visited the Houses of Parliament. After a few worries about transport caused by the unexpected snow flurries, the group were soon on their way and had a fantastic day.

The children were able to tour the Houses of Parliament, visiting many famous rooms, seeing thrones used by our kings and queens, and learning about how the system works. Although the House of Commons was sitting, the children were able to stand between the benches in the House of Lords, and also visited Westminster Hall.

The children were all brilliant ambassadors for the school, and impressed the tour guides, and the armed police, with their polite questions. Well done School Council!



Reading Breakfasts

Have you heard about our Reading Breakfasts yet?

A lovely chance to come and enjoy the school's books with your children, with light bites available.

Reading breakfasts take place at the start of school on Thursday mornings between 8:45am and 9:30am.

The next **Reading Breakfasts** will be:

- **23rd January – 5S and 6S**
- **6th February – 6C and 5C**

Believe Achieve Succeed



Get involved

The following family engagement opportunities are coming up this term:

- **Book looks** - visit class after school on **29th January** between 3:30 and 4pm, or before school on **30th January** between 8:15 and 8:45am to see your child's books in their class.
- **Parent tea and tour** 2pm on **11th February**: come for a cup of tea or coffee and a guided tour around school to see how it runs.
- **Parent maths talk** 9am/2:30pm on **Tuesday 4th March**. Mr Shand will be talking about how our new maths scheme works and how things have changed in the last 10-20 years in maths learning. Tea and coffee available.
- **Pupil premium information coffee morning**
Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium but you're not sure what it means for their education? Why not come along to find out more. Informal talk from Mr Reid and Mrs Cameron with tea and coffee.

Safety at pick up and drop off


Please can I remind all parents that there should not be any stopping/parking on zig zags and double yellow lines at all. Nor should parents who are dropping children off, drop them on the far side of the road so they can run across. This will lead to an accident one day.

It is more important that children arrive in school safely and are perhaps a minute or two later, than being on time but compromising the safety of others with dangerous stopping and parking.

Thank you.



Communication Avenues

Issue	Who to contact	
Absence or illness/ medical matters	School office	
Payments	School office	
Uniform	School office	
Drop-offs of lunches and kit	School office	
Pastoral matter – urgent (school need to know today)	School office / family liaison worker / staff at a gate (<i>SeeSaw may be picked up after school day</i>)	
Pastoral matter- not urgent	Class teacher at end of day / family liaison worker / SeeSaw	
Academic matter	Class teacher in the first instance / SeeSaw / senior leadership team if matter is continuing after meeting with teacher	
Special needs matter	Class teacher in the first instance/ SENDCo if matter requires additional support after meeting with class teacher	

Dates for your Diary

Thur 23 Jan – 5S/6S Reading Breakfast

Fri 24 Jan – Y4 Roman Day

Mon 27 Jan – Y6 Disability Workshop

Tues 28 Jan – Y5 to Adams Park for *Show Racism the Red Card*

Wed 29 Jan – Parent Book Look @3.30pm

Thur 30 Jan – Parent Book Look @8.15am

Mon 3 Feb – Choir goes to *Young Voices 2025* at the O2

Thur 6 Feb – 5C/6C Reading Breakfast

Wed 11 Feb – Parent Coffee and Tour @2pm

w/c 17th Feb – Half-term

Mon 24 Feb – Back to school

Wed 26 Feb – Panto in school: *The Railway Children*

Tues 4 March – Parent Coffee and Talk: Maths @9am and 2.30pm

Tues 18 + Wed 19 March – Parents Evening, more to follow



[Full School Calendar is here](#)
(also available on the Eschool App)