

21 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are nearly at the end of the first half term of the school year already! It has flown by, with all year groups participating in many wider opportunities in addition to our classroom-based curriculum offer.

As the lead member of staff for Personal Development in school, I am delighted to be writing to you to raise (or rekindle) awareness of the Opportunities Pledge we have in school. As a staff team we have worked hard to develop this offer; our promise to all of our Carr Stars that during their time with us we will provide a wealth of ways in which to broaden their skills, interests and personalities that exceed objectives covered by the National Curriculum.

A few weeks back all pupils had an assembly with myself to relaunch the Opportunities Pledge for this year. Pupils each have their own 'passport' which is stamped by staff as they access the opportunities on offer which moves through school with them... Year 3 were very excited to receive theirs this term! This document lists a range of trips and activities that all pupils will have a chance to do before they leave at the end of Year 6, including things like a pantomime visit, a residential trip, first aid training, opportunities to cook/bake, performing on a stage and many more. We are proud of the range of opportunities we have on offer to our pupils, a range which has been refined over the years to take into account pupil, family and staff input.

Although we are only in October, all pupils have begun to collect stamps in their passports for this academic year. Some activities that have already been started (or are scheduled to take place soon) include:

- A whole-school cross-country event.
- A Year 5 visit to the city centre with YoYo.
- Opportunities to join extra-curricular clubs.
- Forest school sessions for some year groups (others will follow!)
- Wellbeing Thursday cooking, crafting, gardening and sporting activities.

As the year progresses, more opportunities will open up and those which are on rota basis (such as Wellbeing Thursday) will be enjoyed by more year groups.

I look forward to being in touch a little later in the academic year to keep you further updated on how we have been striving to provide fun, exciting and engaging wider opportunities for all of our pupils. If you have any questions about this offer then please do not hesitate to make contact through the school office.

Thank you for your continued support in all that we do,

Sarah Munday, Personal Development Lead