



# Carr Junior School

AIM HIGH, SHINE BRIGHT!

W/C 18TH NOVEMBER 2024 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## A Message from our Principal

Hello!

I can't believe we have just completed our 11th week of the school year! The children are now gearing up to completing their Autumn term assessments next week which will allow us to see the progress they have made so far and inform what is written in their end of term reports which will be sent home in the final week of the term. It is really important that the children get the opportunity to complete their assessments alongside their peers so attendance at school is key.

This week we had a visit from an author named Toby Glover. The children had the opportunity to meet him and hear parts of his stories which they really enjoyed. I know many of you took advantage of meeting him after school as well to purchase one of his books or get an autograph. Maybe his books will make it onto Christmas lists this year! Year 5 had a great day on Wednesday visiting York High School and taking part in lots of fun activities and ended up bringing lots of goodies home. They did so well on their walk especially in this freezing weather! Another well done goes to Y6 this week as they took part in their Height and Weight screening. The nurses were so impressed with how our Y6 children conducted themselves that they felt they should get a special mention this week - well done for representing our school so fantastically Carr Stars.

Thanks to parents once again for your support today on our non-uniform day with your generous donations towards our raffle prizes. We now have some brilliant Christmas colour hampers to win at the Christmas bingo night on Wednesday 11th December. Make sure you come along so you are in with a chance of winning them.

In this week's newsletter you will find information about:

Parent Survey results - **new this week**

Be Bright Be Seen pop-up shop - **new this week**

Parental Engagement events

Christmas dates

Tesco coins

PE Kit timetable

Reminders about coats, water in water bottles and contacting the school office

I hope everyone manages to stay warm and dry this weekend.

Miss Kerr

## Tweet of the Week!

 Carr Junior School @CarrJuniorYork · Nov 20  
Year 5 are really enjoying their art workshop at @York\_High this morning!  
We're feeling very festive! #creative #happy



### **Parent Survey Results!**

A huge thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete one of our surveys during the most recent Parents Evening. We have now collated the results and they are overwhelmingly positive. Below are some of the highlights. I am also really grateful for the other feedback we received. Again it was positive and there were some useful suggestions for how we can improve things.

- 99% of parents felt that their child was happy at school.
- 98% said that their child feels safe at school. 2% said they didn't know.
- 95% said that their child is making good progress. 5% said they didn't know.
- 98% said that their child is well looked after.
- 97% said that their child is taught well. 3% said they didn't know.
- 91% said that school makes sure children are well behaved. 8% said they didn't know.
- 96% said that they would recommend our school to another parent. If any of the parents who said they would not recommend our school would like to make an appointment with me, I would be happy to talk this through and find out if there are things we can do to change your minds.

### **School and Home working together!**

- Please be aware when contacting the school office at the end of the school day that it is extremely busy. This means that we aren't always able to answer phone calls immediately as we are seeing children out, sorting after school clubs / provisions and dealing with parent queries. If parents / carers need a message passing to their children, please endeavour to contact us by 3pm so that we have time to get the message to classes. We understand that there will be exceptions and emergencies where this can't be done but please could we try this in most cases. Thank you.
- Please make sure children are bringing a coat to school. The children will need their coats to be able to play outside as it continues to get colder and wetter. Thanks.
- We ask that children only bring water in the water bottles they keep in their classrooms. They are allowed to bring juice to have with a packed lunch but not to have in their classrooms.

Thank you in advance for your support. I believe that families and schools that work together, succeed together, and so I am looking forward to the year ahead.

### **Health & Safety and Safeguarding**

- If you would like to contact our Pastoral / Family Lead, Miss Daniella Harrison, please select Option 3 to be directed to the correct office.
- Please take care and be considerate of residents when parking cars at drop off and pick up times. Thank you.

### **Tesco Coins!**

We are very lucky to have been selected onto the Tesco Stronger Starts token scheme to help raise money for our lower yard to be upgraded! From the start of October until mid-January 2025, you will be able to pop your blue tokens when shopping with Tesco into our pot! Just look for Carr Junior School in the following Tesco locations...

York 2110 Gillygate

York 3480 York Extra (Clifton Moor)

York 4790 Norton

York 5024 Strensall

York 5314 Huntington Road

York 6677 Goodramgate

We would absolutely be overjoyed with your support with this! Thank you

## PE Timetable for the Week!

Timetable for week 4

Monday 25th November	Tuesday 26th November	Wednesday 27th November	Thursday 28th November	Friday 29th November
Y3 Swimming	3H extra PE session	Y6 PE	Sparks Class PE	Y4 PE
Y4 PE	4K extra PE session		Y3 PE	Y5 Swimming
Y5 PE	6F extra PE session			
	Y6 PE			
	Lunch time mile for all years			

### Be Bright Be Seen pop-up shop!

One of our ex pupils has been in touch this week to share information about a project they are working on at their secondary setting. The project is about promoting the campaign 'Be Bright, Be Seen' on the roads whether you are a pedestrian or cyclist. In support of this campaign, we will be hosting the students and offering our pupils the opportunity to buy merchandise which can ensure our children can be seen well by traffic on the darker winter evenings. The items will be on sale during break time on Thursday 5th December. All items will be priced between £1 and £3.

### Parental Engagement Events!

As part of our School Improvement Plan and Ofsted areas for improvement, we have been working on our parental engagement offer. We have put together a calendar of events to ensure parents have enough opportunities to get involved with school life. I will continue to update the 'Dates for your diaries' section on this newsletter with details of these events. We hope that you will enjoy getting involved and feel confident to support your children with their learning.

- Events this half term are:
- Online Safety drop in session with Mr Gray - Monday 25th November 3.20-3.40pm
- Phonics drop in with Mrs Hepworth and Mrs Hunton - Thursday 28th November 3.30pm and 5pm

## Dates for your diaries!

I have started to add Christmas events to the list below - please keep an eye on these as I will update with more details or events as we get further in the half term.

Date/s	Event	Year groups
Saturday 23rd November 10am-10.30am	Carr Choir singing in town at Christmas Market - <b>CANCELLED due to inclement weather forecast</b>	Choir
Monday 25th November 3.20pm - 3.40pm	Online Safety drop in with Mr Gray	Parents
Thursday 28th November 3.30pm and 5pm	Phonics drop in with Mrs Hepworth and Mrs Hunton	Parents
Friday 29th November	Non-uniform day in exchange for tombola prizes for Christmas Fair	All
Monday 2nd December	Polar Express Writing launch day Wear pyjamas and bring a teddy!	All
Tuesday 3rd - Wednesday 5th December	5M Bikeability	5M
Thursday 5th December during morning break time	Be Bright Be Seen pop-up shop	All
Friday 6th December 3.20pm	Christmas Fair	All
Monday 9th December	Christmas craft day Year 3 Christmas Dinner	All Y3
Tuesday 10th December	Year 4 Christmas Dinner	Y4
Tuesday 10th - Wednesday 11th December	5H Bikeability	5H
Wednesday 11th December	Year 5 Christmas Dinner Christmas Bingo	Y5 All
Thursday 12th December	Year 6 Christmas Dinner	Y6
Friday 13th December	Whole School Panto Visit	All
Wednesday 18th December 1.30pm	Christmas Carol Concert - performance one	All
Thursday 19th December 9.30am	Christmas Carol Concert - performance two	All
Thursday 19th December 3.15pm	School closes for Christmas holidays	All
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	<b>School closed - Training Day</b>	<b>All</b>
Monday 6th January 8.40am	School Opens	All



**CARR**  
**CHRISTMAS**



**Christmas Craft day**  
Monday 9th Dec

**Panto Visit**  
Friday 13th Dec (am)

**Christmas Bingo night**  
Wednesday 11th Dec

**Carol Concert  
Performance One**  
Wed 18th Dec 1.30pm

**Christmas Lunches**  
Monday 9th Dec - Y3  
Tuesday 10th Dec - Y4  
Wednesday 11th Dec - Y5  
Thursday 12th Dec - Y6

**Carol Concert  
Performance Two**  
Thur 19th Dec 9.30am



**CARR  
CHRISTMAS**

*Festive Family  
Musical Bingo*

Wednesday 11th December  
3.30-4.30pm in the hall

No need to pre-  
buy, all for sale on  
the night.  
Refreshments  
available

amazing  
PRIZES  
TO BE  
WON!

£1 sheet  
(one game)  
£4 Book  
(Four games)



## Attendance

3A - 93.00%  
3H - 87.29%  
4CG - 95.17%  
4K - 90.33%  
5H - 95.47%  
5M - 91.00%  
6F - 95.19%  
6J - 87.04%  
6MW - 99.23%



### Attend to Achieve!

Attendance at school is crucial to success. Attending school, on time, is the most important action children take in order to make excellent progress and achieve their full potential.

Attendance matters and every day counts. Our school target for attendance is 96%. If you need to report an absence or need support with your child's attendance, please contact our school office. We have an Attendance Officer (Miss Annetts) in our admin team and a Pastoral Lead (Miss Harrison) who can support you with your concerns alongside the class teachers.

### Mr Gray's handy hints and tips!



Each week I will direct you to useful information about some of the most common questions about being online; understanding games, suitable apps, safe settings, etc.

If school and home can work together, we can hopefully allow our children to enjoy the online world in an enjoyable yet safe manner. On Monday 25th November at 3.20pm, in the community classroom, I will be running a session on all things online and keeping our children safe. I will point you in the direction of some excellent resources and try to answer any questions that you may have and if I can't then I'll find out the answer! In the meantime I'd like to point you in the direction of this online safety guide - <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-safety-guide-6-10-year-olds/>



SPARKS - KAILUM M  
3A - SAMUEL S  
3H - MACY C  
4CG - OLIVER S  
4K - ELSIE G  
5H - MINNIE K  
5M - ADELAIDE W  
6F - EMILIA H  
6J - AMELIA S  
6MW - GEORGE W

SPARKS - ALEX W  
3A - ISLA M  
3H - MILLY C  
4CG - HANNAH S  
4K - JACK H  
5H - LEXI N  
5M - ABIGAIL B  
6F - LEIGHTON H-I  
6J - OLIEWIER K  
6MW - HANNAH R



CANTEEN - EVE & TARA  
5H LEXI N  
5H SUMMER P  
5H MINNIE K  
5H ROWAN S



**CHRISTMAS CRAFT & COFFEE 2024**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10.00am – 2.30pm**  
**Acomb Parish Church Hall**  
**Front Street YO24 3BZ**

Craft Stalls  
 Pilsa Every Time Tombola  
 Angel Tree Pilsa Fellowship & Fair Trade Stalls

Community Cafe with Christmas Treats & Lunches  
 Children's Christmas Crafts, Games & Activities

St Stephen's Church  
 Website: [www.acombparish.org](http://www.acombparish.org)  
 Facebook: St Stephen's Church - Acomb Parish

Acomb Parish



**The Holy Redeemer Christmas Tree Festival**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 12 - 4pm**

Visit Santa's Grotto & The Elves' Workshop  
 Decorate & Dedicate a Tree  
 Community Carols  
 Christmas Craft Fair  
 Festive Cafe & Mulled Wine  
 Christmas Light Switch-on at 4pm

Pre-Booked Craft Tables only £5  
 Contact Mat on 07380 954043 or email [office@holyredeemeryork.com](mailto:office@holyredeemeryork.com)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
 View the Christmas Trees in Church from 11-3pm  
 Christmas Wreath Workshop 1-3pm - Bookable in advance £30 pp

108 BOROUGHBRIDGE ROAD, YORK, YO26 6AB



**Christmas COMPETITION**

**DESIGN YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS CARD**

CREATE AN AWINTER THEMED PICTURE  
 Please use paint, crayons, pencils or chalk.  
 (Do not use glitter or cotton wool)

Please write name, age and school on the back and then hand to the cook.  
 The Kitchen Team will then select their favourite 3 to send to us.

Schools will need to send all entries by 23/11/24 to:  
 Dolce Ltd, 5, Crosswell Park, York Road Industrial Estate  
 Wetherby, Yorkshire, LS22 7BU

We will announce a nationwide winner in early December

**WIN AN IPAD**  
 AND A PAGE OF YOUR XMAS CARDS TO SEND TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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**INSTRUMENT AMNESTY**

Do you have any instruments sitting in storage that are no longer being played? Let us take them off your hands to be played by our pupils. Excel Learning Trust schools are holding an instrument amnesty to increase our pupils' access to musical instruments. Please drop off any unwanted instruments to Knavesmire Primary School, Camplashon Road.