



Carr Junior School

AIM HIGH, SHINE BRIGHT!

W/C 13TH JANUARY 2025 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from our Principal

Hello!

Our second week of the new term and 2025 has been just as successful as the first. It was lovely to celebrate the many achievements of children from across the week in this morning's assembly. I always love to hear about children's achievements outside of school too so please do encourage your children to share their certificates and medals with us.

I have been in lots of classes across the week which has been great. The children are now getting stuck into their new Big Idea work which has a focus on History. They are also really enjoying our new writing scheme in which they study a book in more depth and produce lots of writing linked to the book. It is proving very popular. I'm sure your children would love to tell you about the books they are studying.

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

- Staffing update in 4K - **new this week**
- Inhalers
- Become a Trustee
- Spring parental engagement dates
- PE Kit timetable
- Reminders about coats, water in water bottles and contacting the school office

Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing all of our Carr Stars again next week.

Miss Kerr

Tweet of the Week!



Trustee Information

Please see the letter which was sent out with last week's newsletter giving information on how you can become a Trustee and find out more about the role.

Spring Parental Engagement dates

See for the opportunities to join us in school for a range of activities during the Spring term.



SPRING TERM
Dates for your diary

- 17/1** Coffee & Cake with Miss Harrison
9.45-10.45am
- 23/1** Music info for parents - 3.30pm
- 29/1** SEND parent Q&A - 9-10am
- 7/3** Coffee & Cake with Miss Harrison
9.45-10.45am
- 7/3** Science afternoon
- 26/3** World Maths Day parent drop-in -
3.15pm
- 27/3** Landing Event (pm)

Staffing Update in 4K

As you know, we were looking forward to welcoming Mrs White back to school on a Friday after Christmas to continue to teach the class. Unfortunately, Mrs White has not been able to return to school this term. We are working hard to find a suitable and consistent replacement for 4K. I will update you as soon as I am happy that we have the correct person in post as to who will be teaching the class on that day going forwards. As always, if you have any concerns, please come and see me or email me and we can arrange a good time to discuss any worries.

Thank you.

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.

PE Timetable for the Week

Timetable for week 3 - If your child will be doing outdoor PE, please ensure they are wearing warm enough clothes. This can be tracksuit bottoms or leggings with their school cardigan or jumper.

Monday 20th January	Tuesday 21st January	Wednesday 22nd January	Thursday 23rd January	Friday 24th January
Y3 PE	3H extra PE session	Y6 PE	Sparks Class PE	Y4 PE
4CG Swimming	3A extra PE session		Y3 PE	Y5 PE
4K Forest School	6F extra PE session			
	Y5 PE			
	Y6 PE			
	Lunch time mile for all years			

School Lunches

Please note, from 31st March 2025, the cost of school lunches will be increasing to £2.88 a day, £14.40 a week.

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.

Inhalers

Please could any parents of children needing inhalers, please ensure the inhalers are being sent into school. We require an inhaler which can be kept with your child in their classroom so that it is on hand quickly in case it is needed. Children are able to take these inhalers with them to PE lessons and take them after break times etc. Please ensure you send one to school which can be left here and also please can you make sure that they are in date. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

Dates for your diaries!

Date/s	Event	Year groups
Tuesday 21st January 3.30pm	Y6 SATs Parent information meeting	Y6 - Parents
Thursday 23rd January 3.30pm	Music information session for parents	All - Parents
Tuesday 28th January	Young Voices trip	Y4 only
Wednesday 29th January 9-10am	SEND parent Q & A session	All - Parents
Friday 14th February 3.15pm	School closes for Half Term holiday	All
Monday 24th February 8.40am	School Opens	All
w/c Monday 3rd March	STEM week	All
Tuesday 4th March and Wednesday 5th March	Spring term Parents Evenings	All - Parents
Friday 7th March 9.45am PM	Coffee with Miss Harrison Science afternoon - parents invited	All - Parents All - Parents
Wednesday 26th March 3.15pm	World Maths Day Maths Parent drop in	All All - Parents
Thursday 27th March PM	Portal to the Past - Big Idea landing event	All - Parents
Monday 31st March 3.20pm	Easter Fair at Carr Infant School	All - Parents
Friday 4th April 3.15pm	School closes for Easter holidays	All



3A - RONIN H
3H - KAYDEN D
4CG - NATHANAEL S
4K - GRACE M
5H - HARRI E
5M - AMELIA H
6F - AJAY A
6J - OLIVIER K
6MW - JOEY C

3A - ALBIE R
3H - OTIS F-W
4CG - DEXTER M
4K - OLLIE R
5H - JACOB C
5M - EVIE B
6F - FRANKIE D
6J - NANCY W
6MW - PHOEBE S



4CG LEO H X2
4K JACOB G
4K JAMES R
5H ALFIE K
5M CHARLIE C
6F KAILUM M
6F EMILIA H
6F MARY KATE S
6F THOMAS D
6F GEORGE M
6J OSCAR R
6MW VINNIE C-M

Attendance

3A - 93.67%
3H - 97.33%
4CG - 97.50%
4K - 92.58%
5H - 95.16%
5M - 94.33%
6F - 97.41%
6J - 95.19%
6MW - 98.08%



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.

Last week, we sent some information about a new scheme called Pharmacy First which allows parents to take children to the pharmacy with some illnesses rather than booking or waiting for an appointment at the GP. Please let us know if you make use of this service and if it was useful.

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION



In February, it is 'National Storytelling Week'. The theme is 'reimagine your world'.

Ahead of this, we're running a creative writing competition across our seven schools.

The winner from each age category will win a £20 Waterstones voucher and will have the chance for their writing to be shared across the Trust!

To participate, you need to:

- Write a piece of creative writing on the theme of 'reimagine your world';
- This should be no more than 300 words long;
- Submit to **your teacher** by Monday 27th January

Winners will be announced Friday 31st January 2025!



Category One:
Year 3 and Year 4

Category Two:
Year 5 and Year 6

Category Three:
Year 7 to Year 9

Week Kids' Art Open Studios

YorKAOS

KIDS' ART EXHIBITION

February Half Term @ SPARK*

Are you 5 to 11 years old?
Do you like creating art?

Join us at YorKAOS!

1. Create one amazing drawing, painting, collage, computer art, photo or video!
2. Take your art to an explore library at York Centre, Acomb, Clifton or Tang Hall during the last two weeks of January
3. Bring your friends and family to see your amazing art at SPARK*

Learn more at our website!
www.yorkaos.art

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The Retreat Clinics **Pave the Way Families**

FREE SIGNPOSTING EVENT FOR SUPPORT SERVICES, LOCAL FAMILIES, PARENTS & CARERS.

Join us at York St Johns Creative Centre where local support services will be available to give advice and information on mental health, neurodiversity, legal support, parents who are finding their early parenting journey a challenge, financial or health concerns, women's refuges, family abuse support, and much more.

Attending services include:
 HomeStart, York Integrated Care Board, Citizens Advice, Big Future Foundations, IDAS, York SENDIASS, The Retreat Clinics, SJPLAW, York Maternity Voices Partnership, Raise York / FIS, Foundation Positive Choices Services...

4TH FEBRUARY
DROP IN FROM 2PM - 6PM

AT YORK ST JOHN CREATIVE CENTRE
 Lord Mayor's Walk, York, YO31 7EX
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For more information email: Ewarren@theretreatclinics.org.uk

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Coffee Mornings

Thursday 23 January 2025
 10.30 - 12.30 am
 Acomb Explore

Monday 27 January 2025
 10.30 - 12.30 am
 YHA Clifton

Meet other parents and carers who share your lived experience. Swap tips, offload, get updates or share without judgement.

The first hot drink is on us as a thank you for allowing us to use your experience to inform our work with education, health and social care on parent carer voice.

We'll be easy to recognise with the table top sign. All are very welcome but if it's your first time and you would like to meet someone first, email Mary: connect@pcforyork.co.uk

Listening Event

SEND Strategy with Maxine Squire

Wednesday 29 January 2025
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Online

This online event is a conversation with Maxine Squire, Assistant Director, Education and Skills. Maxine would like to consult with parent carers, using their lived experience to inform the SEND strategy for York. Email Mary: connect@pcforyork.co.uk for the meeting link.

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NEWS LETTER

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Our aim for the beginning of 2025 is to ask parents and carers, young people and professionals what they would like us to offer, so we can focus on what is important to local families and see how we can accommodate people's needs in response to feedback.

Some of our ideas for improving our services include:

- Monthly drop-in clinics at locations across the city.
- Virtual drop-ins, so people can meet online.
- These would be specifically for parents and carers, potentially with a separate session for young people.
- A virtual session for professionals or anyone supporting a family with SEND.

We need your help to understand what would benefit parents and carers with children and young people with SEND, given we are such a small team regarding offering information, advice, and support. Please follow our new Facebook page, [York SEND Information Advice and Support Service](#), to stay updated with our service and to be notified of opportunities to help us shape our service.

Thank you for all your support for this new year ahead.
 Best wishes from,
 Melanie, Elizabeth and Sarah
YORK SENDIASS

York Carers Centre

Free Support for Unpaid Carers

LOVE January Mindfulness

Tuesday 28 January 2025
 10.30 - 12.30am
 Friends Meeting House, Friargate

Join us for a relaxing morning dedicated to self-care. Learn simple, practical techniques that you can easily incorporate into your daily routine to improve your well-being. No prior experience is needed. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a mindful, peaceful morning. Mindfulness for carers is facilitated by All Gear, Mindfulness Association.

To book please contact [York Carers Centre](#): enquires@yorkcarerscentre.co.uk 01904 715 490.

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