



Carr Junior School

AIM HIGH, SHINE BRIGHT!

W/C 10TH FEBRUARY 2025 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from our Principal

Hello!

We have now come to the end of the first half of the Spring term. It has been such a busy half term where we have crammed so much in! In assembly this morning we celebrated all of the children who have formed a judging panel for the Royal Society Book Awards 2024. They have made a superb video of their activities and their winning book which they are going to submit into a competition and hope to win £500 for buying school even more books.

We were overwhelmed on Wednesday when we had so many donations of buns and cakes for our Valentine's Cake Sale! Thank you so much for your generosity of donations of cakes and then children bringing in money to buy the cakes.

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

- Year 6 Reading Plus information - **new this week**
- Stem Week and Science afternoon - **new this week**
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
- Parents Evening
- Year 6 Hoodies
- Exciting reading challenge
- Become a Trustee
- Spring parental engagement dates
- PE Kit timetable
- Reminders about coats, make-up, water in water bottles and contacting the school office

I would like to wish you all a happy half term holiday.

Miss Kerr

Tweet of the Week!



Carr Junior School @CarrJuniorYork - Feb 12

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We've had an overwhelming response to our Valentines Cake Sale with perhaps our biggest haul of brilliant bakes to date! A huge thanks to our Carr Stars for their terrific tasty treats, all proceeds will go directly into our school fund 😊



Spring Term Parents Evenings

Our Spring Term Parents Evenings will take place on Tuesday 4th March and Wednesday 5th March. Please see the letters which were sent home for details of how appointments can be booked. Each appointment will be 10 minutes long and will take place in the children's classrooms. There will be an opportunity for parents / carers to view children's work as it will be in trays outside of classrooms. It will be lovely to see lots of you there.

Spring Parental Engagement dates

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

Dates for your diary

SPRING TERM

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)

EXTREME READING CHALLENGE

This term, we are hosting a competition for our Carr Stars - the Extreme Reading Challenge. We would like children to take a photo of themselves reading their books in unusual and out-of-the-ordinary places. An example could be up a climbing frame or on a trampoline (children have been asked to be mindful of being safe and to check with an adult first). The more creative - the better! We would love for families to get involved as well so please feel free to join in. Photo entries can be sent to admin@carrjunior.elc.org.uk FAO Mrs Williams - Extreme Reading Competition entry by the end of Monday 10th March. Winners to be announced w/c 17th March.



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.
- We have noticed an increasing amount of children wearing make-up, false eyelashes and false nails to school. Please note that these are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn.
- 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 1 - 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 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February	Friday 28th February
Y3 PE	6F extra PE session	Y6 PE	Sparks Class PE	Y4 PE
Y4 Swimming	3H extra PE session		Y3 PE	Y5 PE
5M Forest School	6MW extra PE session			
	Y5 PE			
	Y6 PE			
	Lunch time mile for all years			

School Lunches

Please note, the cost of school lunches has been revised and from 31st March 2025, the cost of school lunches will be increasing to £2.80 a day, £14.00 a week.

Year 6 Reading Plus information

Please see the attached letter for information about how children can access Reading Plus from home. The children are currently doing an amazing job on their Reading Plus accounts and their scores in Reading tests are going up very quickly as a result of them using it at school. We would like to build on this success by encouraging the children to access Reading Plus from home as well.

Mr Gray's handy hints to keep our children safe online!

After a very successful Safer Internet day I thought I'd bring scams to your attention - Social media scams have become increasingly common in recent years. Often, the victims are children because they may be more vulnerable to these types of attacks due to their lack of experience and knowledge about online safety or due to the inability to use critical thinking skills efficiently. Follow the link below to find out more.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/how-to-tackle-online-scams/>



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.

Year 4 MTC

Parents of Y4 children have received a letter from the Y4 teachers informing them about the upcoming MTC which is a check of how well the children know their times tables. There will be an opportunity for Y4 parents to ask any questions at a meeting after school on Tuesday 25th February.

Readathon!

We are taking part in an exciting reading event which is for a really good cause and could also allow us to buy more books for school. We have launched this with the children and have had lots of interest already. Please read the letters and support your child if they would like to take part. Thank you so much!

Stem Week and Science afternoon

Along with this newsletter you will find a letter inviting you to come and take part in a Science lesson with your children during Stem Week next half term on Friday 7th March 2pm-3pm. Please can we stick to just one member of the family attending as we may not have enough chairs to go round!

Y5 Contact details

Please can we ask that parents check these carefully and return to school with any handwritten changes so that we can update our records. Thank you.

Tooth brushing and Fluoride varnish programme

We are going to be taking part in the NHS programme named above. As part of this, school will get a visit from a dentist / therapist who can check children's teeth and apply fluoride every six months. Thank you to all those who have already sent back the consent forms to take part. It is proving really popular which is fantastic. There is still time to fill your consent form in and send it in to school in your child's planner. Thank you for your support.

Amazon Wishlist

We are having a huge focus on Reading this year and we would like to update the books on our bookshelves. We would like to fill them with current reads and books children have chosen. We have created an Amazon Wishlist full of books classes have chosen that they would like to see on their bookshelf. If you would like to, or know of anyone or businesses who would like to buy us a book here is the link. <https://amzn.eu/9JJuOKR>
Your support is greatly appreciated!

Dates for your diaries!

Date/s	Event	Year groups
Thursday 23rd January 3.30pm - POSTPONED	Music information session for parents	All - Parents
Monday 24th February 8.40am	School Opens	All
Tuesday 25th February 3.30pm	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Parent info event	Y4 - Parents
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 2pm-3pm	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

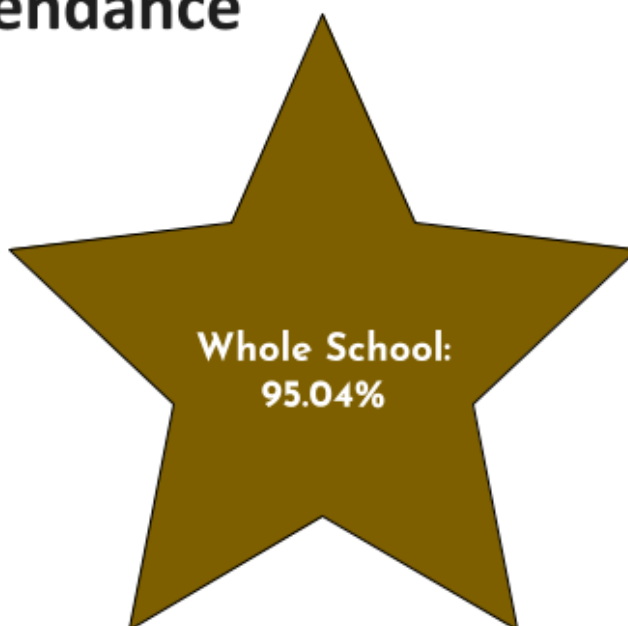
Health & Safety and Safeguarding

- 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 time

Thank you

Attendance

3A - 95.00%
3H - 93.00%
4CG - 99.64%
4K - 96.45%
5H - 95.67%
5M - 94.83%
6F - 95.00%
6J - 91.54%
6MW - 93.82%



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.

There is 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.

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.



SPARKS - BOBBY F

3A - ANNA L

3H - HARVEY F

4CG - JAMES S

4K - ELLIS W

5H - SOPHIE P-D

5M - ELEANOR C

6F - EVELYN R

6J - JUDE R

6MW - ERIN T

SPARKS - ALEX W

3A - REUBEN H

3H - PHOEBE L

4CG - BELLA W

4K - DAISY T

5H - JACOB B

5M - BEN B

6F - NANCY W

6J - JUBAL M

6MW - LILY G



3H - MASI N

4K - JACOB G

5H JESSICA P

5H LEO R

5H MEGAN H

5H PIPPA L

5H DAISY-JAYNE H

5M - BOBBY F

6F - ALEX S-F

6F - AJAY A

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

£1 per week

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Splitting the £1.00

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Carr Junior School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at YourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Carr Junior School

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means

- £30 weekly cash prize
- £2,080 a year for our school

To start supporting, visit: yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for: Carr Junior

Category	Amount
40p goes to our school	40p
36p goes to cash prizes	36p
20p goes to admin costs	20p
4p goes to VAT	4p

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Reading Support for primary children

Thursdays 4 - 5pm Acomb Explore Library

Encourage a love of reading with one to one reading support. Our trained volunteers are providing one to one reading support for primary age children sharing our joy of reading as they practice their reading skills. We will help them to read their own books from school or from the library helping to build up their reading and comprehension skills.

We are here to listen.

Helping to raise the literacy standards and a joy of reading in the children of our community

Speak with the library team or drop in

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17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY

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