

Carr Junior School

AIM HIGH, SHINE BRIGHT!
W/C 10TH MARCH 2025 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from our Principal

Hello!

This week has been assessment week across school and Mock SATs week for our Y6 Carr Stars. We are so proud of all the children once again as they have worked really hard on all of their tests and the teachers are now looking at the progress they have made. We know that the children using Reading Plus the most are making loads of progress with their reading and so along with today's newsletter there is a letter for parents about how children can access it at home.

We have been really pleased with attendance this week which has really helped everyone with their assessment week. This week, our average daily attendance has been 96.2% compared to last week which was 95.2%. This makes such a big difference! Thank you so much for all of your support and the work you do at home to ensure children are attending school.

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

- Red Nose Day new this week
- Road safety around school
- Readathon new this week
- Become a Trustee
- Spring parental engagement dates
- PE Kit timetable
- Reminders about coats, make-up, water in water bottles and contacting the school office

After such a busy week, I wish you all a restful weekend.

Miss Kerr

Tweet of the Week!





Road Safety around school

Once again, I ask that all parents support us in ensuring the roads around our school are kept as safe as possible. If you are witness to dangerous driving near to the school entrance, we advise that you contact the local PCSOs or report the incident via 101. Thank you.

Trustee Information

Please see the letter which was sent out, giving information on how you can become a Trustee and find out more about the role.

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.

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

I'm sure there are some **Roblox** fans amongst our pupils. But is **Roblox** safe for children to play? This is the question that a lot of parents are grappling with, following the recent concerns raised in the media. To help ease those fears, Pocket-lint tech journalist and Games Expert, Andy Robertson sheds light on the game and how it can be played safely. Please follow the link for more details.

https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-roblox-and-how-your-kids-can-play-it-safely/

PE Timetable for the Week

Timetable for week 4 - 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 17th March | Tuesday 18th March | Wednesday 19th March | Thursday 20th March | Friday 21st March |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Y3 PE | 4K extra PE session | Y6 PE | Sparks Class PE | Y4 PE |
| Y4 Swimming | 5M extra PE session | | Y3 PE | Y5 PE |
| 4K Forest School | 4CG 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.

Spring Parental Engagement dates

See for the opportunities to join us in school for a range of activities during the 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)



Readathon!

It is time to start bringing your sponsor forms and sponsor money back to school if you have taken part in the Readathon! Please bring these into school from next Monday 17th March. The forms and money can be handed in to the school office. Thank you so much!

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.

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/9]JuOKR

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 |
| Friday 21st March | Red Nose Day - wear red and bring in donations | All |
| Wednesday 26th March | World Maths Day | All |
| 3.15pm | Maths Parent drop in | All - Parents |
| Thursday 27th March PM | Portal to the Past - Big Idea landing event | All - Parents |
| Friday 28th March | Non-uniform day - bring a tombola prize donation for the Easter Fair | All |
| 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

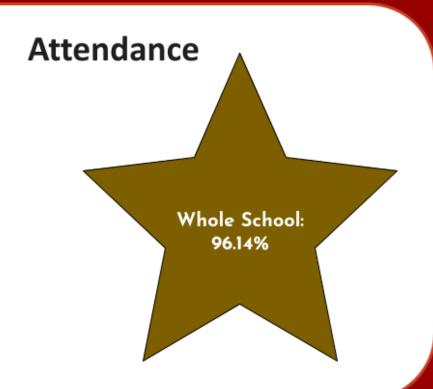
Thank you

Excel Staff Recognition Awards - Parent / Community Nominations

July 2025 will see the inaugural Excel Staff Awards, where we will be celebrating the exceptional contributions of staff across our Trust. One of the award categories is Excelling Through Parent or Community Recognition, therefore we are extending our nomination process for this category to parents and carers.

Complete the nomination form below and help us honour those who go above and beyond!

The parent / community nomination form is here



3A - 94.81% 3H - 95.19%

4CG - 97.70%

4K - 97.13%

5H - 93.33%

5M - 94.64%

6F - 96.43%

6J - 97.86%

6MW - 98.72%

Red Nose Day - Friday 21st March

The children can wear red and bring in a donation of up to £1 for this great cause. Thank you in advance for your donations. The children can either wear their uniforms with red accessories or red non-uniform. It is up to them! We have set up a link on Parent Pay if anyone would like to pay their donation this way.

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.





SPARKS - ALEX W

3A - FRANKIE P

3H - REGGIE W

4CG - JOSEPH D

4K - LINCOLN A

5H - OLIVER N

5M - LOGAN S

6F - LEIGHTON H-I

6J - SAVANNAH K

6MW - SKYE Q

SPARKS - JACOB G

3A - BELLE S-F

3H - EMELIA T

4CG - FRANKIE C

4K - BEATRIX B

5H - EMMIE-LOU H

5M - EVAN G

6F - POPPY F

6J - LEXI J

6MW - RILEY R



3A OLIVE H
3A MARNIE H
3A RONIN H
3H LAYLA W
3H KAYDEN D
3H KASSIUS C
4CG BELLA W
4CG OLIVER S

4K LUCY G
4K ELSIE G
5H MEGAN H
5H ALEX W
5H MAX S
5M CHARLIE C
5M BOBBY F
5M HARRISON S
6MW AMBER T
6MW LILLY S

Site Assistant
Permanent
10 hours per week, 2 hours per evening between 4.30pm and 7pm (times dependent on lettings), Monday to Friday
52 weeks
Grade 4 Level 1-4 (£24,335 to £25,503 full time equivalent)
Actual annual salary £6,577.03 to £6,892.70

Closing date: midnight on Sunday 11 May 2025

Interview date: to be confirmed Start date: As soon as possible

Carr Junior School is seeking an enthusiastic, highly motivated and caring Site Assistant to join our school team as soon as possible. The successful candidate will be responsible for ensuring that the school buildings and grounds are safe, secure and in proper working order, maintaining a safe working environment for all. The school was built in 1949 and as well as classrooms, a swimming pool, the main hall and office space within the school, we have a lot of space around the school, consisting of two concrete play areas and a large school field.

You will have excellent time management and organisational skills, with the ability to work as both part of a dedicated team and independently. You must be committed to providing the best environment for our children to learn in.

In return, we can offer a supportive working environment, with colleagues who care deeply, are experts in their fields and who are passionate about what they do. We also offer a range of staff benefits, and further details regarding our benefits and information about our Trust can be found on our website.

Further details about the school are available on the school website www.carrjunior.co.uk.

An application form, job description and person specification are available from the Trust website https://excellearningtrust.org.uk/careers/

Please submit completed forms to recruitment@southbanktrust.co.uk for the attention of Mrs V Kerr, Headteacher.

Excel Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All appointments are made in accordance with safer recruitment practices and the statutory guidance in Keeping Children Safe in Education. Online checks will be carried out on all shortlisted candidates, and all appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check, satisfactory references and checks regarding suitability to work with children.

Excel Learning Trust reserves the right to close advertisements early. Advertisements will therefore close at midnight either on the advertised closing date, or at the point the decision has been taken to close the advertisement early. Applicants will be invited for interview once suitable applications are received, therefore early applications are strongly encouraged and advised.









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