



Term 3 Week 1 : Friday 21st April 2023

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Welcome back to school and the first week of the summer term, the final term of three in the school year. I hope you managed a good Easter break and are enjoying the generally brighter weather.

We have had a good start to the new term which is great. Pupil attitudes and behaviour have been particularly pleasing.

This term also sees our small but special cohort of year 6 pupils begin their final term with us here at Carlton. They obviously are also now in the final build up to their National Curriculum tests (or SATs) which they have at the start of May. (Tuesday 9th).

As I explained in my communication yesterday the **NEU have planned two further strike days in the coming weeks - next Thursday (27th April) and the following Tuesday (2nd May) .** With the bank holidays (including the additional one this year for King Charles' Coronation) the next few weeks are a little bit stop-start in nature. Please do pay attention to the calendar (on website and attached) and the diary dates in our weekly newsletter to help guide you through these next few weeks.

This week:

- Monday 17th Selby Educational Trust (SET) Training day The staff team across the SET had a super day at Selby CP School. We spent time discussing adaptive teaching methodology for children with additional needs /SEND, and more time further investigating meta-cognition, with colleagues from the EEF (Education Endowment Foundation). Across SET we are using expert input and research-based models to further develop our teaching pedagogy and practise. An excellent Trust training day.
- Tuesday 18th pupil returned to school for the summer term
- On Thursday Year 5 and 6 started their swimming lessons.
- All pupils enjoyed a Cheerleading workshop in school today another enrichment and enhanced PE experience. I was so impressed by the children's listening, collaboration and coordination! A super experience for all!
- You should all have received information about our parent teacher consultations events please remember to select your preferred date and time slot ASAP.

<u>Pupil Numbers and new starters</u>: Over the Easter break we have been notified of our Reception new intake numbers for September 2023. We have a really good-sized cohort joining us which is great news! I am delighted to welcome all children and families to our school – whether the child is 'new to school' or has older siblings already here. I now have the pupil numbers to plan a 7 class structure for next year, as previously indicated, meaning we will have a single class for each year group , with no mixed age classes. More details to follow in the next few weeks.

Staffing update.

I wrote to Year 1 parents yesterday explaining that Miss Jackson is unfortunately going to be absent for the next few weeks. On behalf of the Jaguars class, the whole school team and the wider community we send well wishes to Miss Jackson for a full and speedy recovery. Miss Gray will be teaching in Jaguars class, ably supported by Mrs Stones. Mrs Sherwood will be also supporting more frequently across school.

Mr Cooper, caretaker, remains absent from school but we be returning soon. Continued well wishes to him.

Miss Maeer, who has been a long-time worker at a Carlton, originally as a midday Supervisor and then as part of the catering team, both with NYCC then with Mellors this year, has moved on. I thank Miss Maeer for her loyal service, support and contribution over the 9 years at Carlton. We wish her well for her next chapter.

The school day.

In the next few weeks I will be sharing our proposals for altering the school day from September 2023. These changes will be minor and are in the line with the expectations laid out by the Department for Education (DfE) in their 'white paper'. Basically, we need to extent the school day by 15 minutes each day and we are considering best option for doing so. More to follow shortly.

Important News & Reminders:

- <u>Midday Supervisors (MSAs)</u> We are looking for a new MSA to join the team. If you would like to find out more about the MSA position please to speak to the admin team or me.
- <u>Assessment:</u> As mentioned earlier, in May Year 6 pupils (from Tigers class) take their Key Stage 2 National Curriculum tests or SATs (week beginning Tues 9th May). In addition Year 2 children (Leopards class) will be completing their end of Key Stage 1 assessments the following week (Monday 15^{th th} May). Both of these sets of standardised tests are compulsory and taken by all pupils across the country. It is really important that both Year 2 and Year 6 pupils have excellent attendance over the next few weeks.
- <u>School Drop off-</u>Only year 5 and 6 children, with signed permission, should be on school site by themselves all other children should be accompanied by an adult our older sibling if appropriate.

Please see some important dates below. Here's to great summer term ahead!

Regards and best wishes Jon Watson Head teacher Developing lively, inquiring and creative minds

Key dates:

This term is always a busy one with lots of events happening. I have included and listed important dates such as National Curriculum test weeks, but have also included provisional dates for other events, including our Summer Production and Transition days below.

<u>Summer Term 2023 :</u>	
Wednesday 26 th April	Parent teacher Consultations session1
Thursday 27 th April	NEU Strike – school closed
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May	NEU Strike – school closed
Thursday 4 th May	Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Lotherton Hall
Thursday 4 th May	Parent teacher Consultations session2
Friday 5 th May	Coronation Lunch and assembly in school
	(Red white & Blue or 'smartly dressed' day)
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday - King Charles' Coronation
Tuesday 9 th May	National Curriculum KS2 test week
Monday 15 th May	National Curriculum KS1 test week

Friday 26thLast day of half termHalf term beginning on Saturday 27th May 2023- school closed

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Monday 5 th June 2023	Children return to school
Tuesday 6 th June	Year 6 Parliament Trip to London
Sunday 11 th June 1-4pm	Friends' Summer fayre – with stalls, live entertainment and lots more
Monday 12 th June	KS1 Phonics screening week
Monday 12 th June	Year 4 Times Table Checking week
Monday 12 th June	Urban Strides Street Dance workshop
28 th ,29 th & 30 th June	Year 6-year 7 Transition days at the Snaith School
Wednesday 12 th July	Pumas and Tigers Performance TBC
	Performance for school 2pm – 3pm TBC
	Performance for parents 5.30pm – 6.30pm TBC
Friday 14 th July	Move up Morning 1 – internal transition day
	Year 6 Leaver's Fest
	Reports home to parents
Monday 17 th July	Move up Morning 2 - internal transition day
Friday 21 st July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9.30am – 11am (approx.)
Friday 21 st July 2023	Last of school term/year - school closed for the summer break
Monday 24 th & 25 th July	Disaggregated Inset Days – School closed for pupils
Monday 4 th September	Staff Training day
Tuesday 5 th September	Children return to school
NB. Sports day date still to be arranged	

All dates can be found on our website: <u>Term Dates – Carlton Primary (setschools.uk)</u>