



February 2022 Updates

Carrington Junior School

A quick message from Mrs Cameron:

As half-term approaches, we start to look forward to events after half-term, and hopefully some warmer weather. There are lots of events to look forward to right from the first day back.

We hope that all families at Carrington Junior School have a good break for half-term and get some time to relax as well as to make some family memories.

School starts again on Monday, 28th February at the normal times of 8.30am for Year 3 and Year 4 and 8.35am for Year 5, Year 6 and Blossom.

Events to look forward to...

World Book Day

World book day takes place on Thursday, 3rd March. Children may dress up as a book character that inspires them and bring the book in with them. There are book prizes for all year groups for the best dressed. There will also be reading themed activities during the day and every child will have a voucher to bring home with them.

Parents' Evenings

We are excited to be able to hold Parents' Evenings in person for the first time in many terms. Following mixed preferences at a recent parent forum meeting, in the future, we are looking to offer both in-person and remote options during the school year.

The arrangements will be slightly different to normal, with Year 3, Year 4 and Blossom appointments taking place in the hall, and, to allow for better spacing, Year 5 and Year 6 appointments taking place in the Year 6 classrooms. Access to appointments will be through the beautiful school courtyard. We ask that parents and carers only come onto the school site immediately before their appointment time, and we will be requesting that all attending appointments wear a face covering.

After your appointment, there will be an opportunity to view some of your children's books.

Events in school

We are currently making plans to return to more of our normal school activities as the year continues. We hope that by the Summer Term we will be able to again have family and child reading sessions in school, visits to classrooms and class assemblies. We are also hoping to be able to offer the return of more of our range of extra-curricular clubs as we move into the Summer Term. We will let you know more about the arrangements and dates for these events closer to the Easter break.

Notices

Covid-19 update

As you will be aware, many of the recommendations around Covid-19 and precautions related to this are being reduced by the time we return to school after half-term. We have not yet received updated guidance from the Government and anticipate that this will come during the holidays. We will be maintaining our slightly staggered start and keeping Y3/4 and Y5/6 in distinct groups for breaks and assemblies, as well as maintaining good ventilation and hygiene. We will let you know of any changes after updated guidance has been issued.

Site update

You may have noticed a few changes around the school since January, we have had our new playground gazebo installed at the end of the playground. This is already being used by children as a quiet place to sit during break and lunch, as well as being used for some lessons, since it fits a whole class inside. This week, Year 4 have been singing sea shanties in the gazebo.

We have also been lucky to have updated markings on the playground. The netball courts have been refreshed, as well as the addition of a new game called four square, and a times tables themed hopscotch marking to help the children remember their 6-9 times tables. If you haven't heard of four square, the rules are explained in a short video here.

<https://www.playworks.org/game-library/foursquare/>



At the far end of the field, a Forest School shelter is going up and this will be in use later in the year when Forest School sessions begin.

Dates to be aware of:

Monday, 28th February – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 – **Dance workshops** – please bring in PE kits

Thursday, 3rd March – **World Book day** – All year groups

Tuesday, 8th March* – **Parents' Evening** – 4.00pm-7.30pm (except for 4S, Mr Shand's class)

**Mr Shand (4S) will have an alternative parents' evening on Thursday, 10th March (3.30pm-7.00pm) due to a football tournament clash*

Wednesday, 9th March- **Parents' Evening**- 3.30pm-6.00pm (whole school)

Wednesday, 16th March – **Year 6 Victorian Day**

Tuesday, 22nd March – **Year 3 visit to the Discovery Centre**

Tuesday, 29th March – Year 5 and Year 6 choir- **ECHOES performance** at the Royal Albert Hall

Wednesday 6th/Thursday 7th April- **Year 4 Easter performance** – in person

Friday, 8th April – **PTA mufti day** – please bring £1