



Dear Parents & Carers

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Message from Mrs Majcher

What a busy half term it has been for all of us. Thank you for respecting all our new protocols this term. It is great to see you all doing your bit to help keep us all safe. We are entering a period of uncertainty but by each and every one of us following rules and guidance we will help keep our school safe and open. Thank you too for all your kind messages of support and appreciation. They are always well received!

Dangerous Drop-offs

Standing closer to the road as I do in the mornings, there are times when I can't believe what I am seeing. One of the most dangerous 'stunts' is the car suddenly stopping outside the school gate, a door opening and a child trying to get out with a bag and PE kit as quickly as possible. This is so very dangerous. Please as a matter of urgency can this practice stop.

School Uniform

Please note the colour of our trousers and skirts is grey. At the moment there are a number of children wearing black trousers and skirts. We pride ourselves on how smart and uniform our children look so please can we stick to the correct colour. Thank you.

Thank you PTA

We had a very successful AGM and I am pleased to say we have just over £4000 to spend. So as a staff we have decided to update the reading books in the classrooms. This will reenergise the children. I have sourced the books from Marilyn Brocklehurst who set up our library, so the books will be absolutely amazing! The books will arrive after half term. Something to look forward to.

Phone numbers and phone calls

Please make sure that we have all your updated numbers at school. At the moment we are having to phone lots of parents only to find that the numbers are no longer correct.

Sweetie Collections are Back

We have started our sweetie competition again. For those new to us that means each class will collect wrapped sweets for their class jar and the class which collects the most jars wins. It's very simple, great fun and Covid friendly as all sweets must be wrapped and will be quarantined. I remember rightly, it was 3S who were the winners. So let's get collecting ...

Amazon Smile

When ordering through Amazon, the PTA have added us as a charity. This means when you click on Amazon Smile you can scroll down to find our school and a small percentage of your spend will be allocated to us. This will not cost you anything but will benefit your children. Please remember to use this.

Stationery

At this time of year, the children's pencil cases are running low. Please replenish the stock next week as that saves us time finding spares. The items that most often run out are whiteboard markers, rubbers and pencils. Many thanks.

Attendance

With a few exceptions, plus Covid self isolating, attendance has remained good. For this half term the class with the best attendance of 97% is 6C, well done. Please remember to always drop off and pick your child up at the correct times, lateness in dropping children off in the morning has increased lately, as well as collecting in the afternoon. If you feel you are going to be late, please contact the office to advise them, many thanks.

Best Book Award

The children have worked so hard on their handwriting and presentation that we will be awarding them for that effort. So, after each half or full term a certificate will be presented to the child with the neatest book. Let's see who the winners are after half term!

Dan the Skipping Man

In November we will be having a visit from Dan the Skipping Man and his team. They are fantastic at skipping tricks, which they will teach the children, and even have their own YouTube channel. The team will be providing skipping workshops for all the children and afterwards each child will receive their own skipping rope, so they can improve their skills.



Home learning update

By now you should have all had details of how to log on to Teams. There is a login link on the home learning hub page of the [school website](#).

We would like to say thank you to all the families that have already had experience of using Teams and who have supported their children with their home learning so far. The children have been really positive about their experiences and have come back to school completely ready to join in with their classes.

If you have not yet completed the questionnaire about device availability in the home, and your child would need some support with this if they were sent home for home learning, please can you fill it in by following this [link](#).

Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd November	Children return to School	Usual staggered start times
Tuesday, 3rd November	11+ Practice Test	Morning
Thursday 5th November	11+	Morning
Saturday 7th November	Family Photo Shoot	Morning, Carrington Infant School
Monday 30th November	11+ Results	
Friday 11th December	Christmas Lunch	Usual staggered lunch times

Mathletics

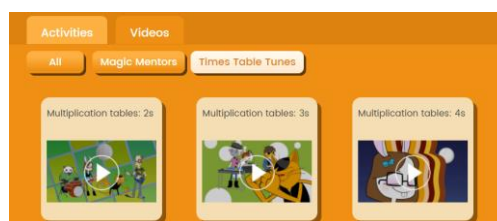
It's been another fantastic month on Mathletics. The problems with access at the start of the term have been resolved and we have been able to get on more normally. The top classes for October are:

1st – 5C with 36 certificates, including 2 gold certificates. Well done!

Joint 3rd – 4C 30, Joint 3rd – 4S 30

A special mention this month also goes to Blossom, who have as many certificates as some of the classes, despite only having 8 class members. This is a fantastic effort.

If you're new to Mathletics, don't forget to show your child the activity section, which has instructional videos in the Magic Mentor section and times tables songs in the Times Tables Tunes section.



NEW Times tables app

In November, your child will receive their login for a new times tables app which we will be using in school and at home. This app lets them learn times tables, test themselves and, take part in races against their friends. The PiXL times tables app can be downloaded from the app store or the play store onto mobiles or tablets. More details will be provided when your child receives their login.

