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## Dear Parents & Carers

### Message from Mrs Majcher

We have had a lovely start to the new year. I always like this time of year as there are few interruptions and we can really focus on good learning, except maybe for the snow, although the system of finding out worked smoothly. Children have embraced our new initiatives this term such as Mathletics and WOW, walk once a week to school. Keep it up!

### Social Media

A number of children are messaging each other through a number of sites, eg Whatsapp and Facebook. Apart from the fact that these are illegal for our children (minimum age for Whatsapp is 16, Facebook 13). The issues are then being brought into school and are taking up valuable teaching time and learning time. Please help us to keep your children safe and happy.

### Mathletics Success

The children are very excited about Mathletics. Mrs Cameron has a weekly Mathletics assembly where she announces the top 10 highest scoring children. These children's names are then put up on our new Mathletics Leader Board. These children also get a gold star badge to wear for the week. I must say I haven't seen so many children excited about maths in a long time. Thanks too for your positive feedback.

### Cake Sale

We raised an amazing £320. Thanks for all your kind contributions. The children really enjoyed the cakes – a great way to cheer up a dull January day.

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### Allergy Reminder

Please remember not to send your child in with any nutty foods. We have a number of very severe nut allergy suffering children. Also if your child is a sufferer, please send in separate cakes when we next have a cake sale which we will reserve for your child only.

### Appointments during the School Day

We have had a sharp rise in the number of children leaving school for routine appointments during the school day. Please keep these outside of the school day.

Did you know: 90% attendance is like having a day off every two weeks.

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### Valentine's Chocolate Raffle and Cake Raffle

Another great thing to look forward to this month.

Tickets are on sale now for the children's Chocolate Raffle. Prizes include amazing chocolate boxes of all sizes. Tickets cost 50p.

Not to be outdone, there is something for parents/carers too. One of our lovely mums has made us a beautiful Valentine's cake to raffle. What a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day with your family. Tickets cost £1 and are on sale now at reception.

Both raffles will be drawn on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Good luck everyone!

## Volunteer Readers

We are desperately short of parent/carer volunteer readers. If you can spare some time we would be very grateful for you to help hear our children read. We would also welcome grannies and grandads who have some spare time too.

## Volunteer funds.

Just a gentle reminder regarding Volunteer funds. Additional financial support would enable us to put in place lots of things that would make your children have a better time at school. Any support you are able to make is most welcome, but I suggest a payment of £5 per child, per term. Payments would be set up through our cashless system for the amount you are able to contribute, to be paid near the start of each term. As always, thank you for your support.

## Snacks at Breaktime

Please note that children can have fresh fruit and/or vegetables only at break times. A number of children are bringing in crisps/chocolates which are not permitted at break times. Thank you.

## Parent Consultation Evenings

These are coming up this month. Don't forget to book yourself in. We have listened to feedback for having one late evening so Tuesday evening will end at 7.30pm. I look forward to seeing you all.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Time
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultation evening	4.00 – 7.30 pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultation Evening	3.30 – 5.30 pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine Cake Raffle/Chocolate Raffle	Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	3C Assembly	2.45 pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Children break up for Half Term	3.15 pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school	8.40 am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Drop & Stop	9-11am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Disco	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Echoes 8 Royal Albert Hall Performance	All day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Mufti Day	All day
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Look	3.30-4pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Look	8.15-8.40am
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Easter Assembly	2.45pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y4 Residential	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter	1pm

## Mathletics update

The children are doing fantastically with their work in Mathletics. Each week the top 10 pupils from across the school are given housepoints at our weekly mathletics assembly and any children who gain over 1000 points receive a certificate. Did you know that parents can find out exactly how your children are doing and where they need extra help? All you have to do is go to [www.mathletics.com/parents](http://www.mathletics.com/parents). Then you use your child's login and password to view a report of their current progress. Mathletics cleverly adapts questions to your child's ability to stretch or secure their knowledge; after completing three questions it makes a judgement about their ability within the topic they are doing and adapts the following questions accordingly. We hope they continue to enjoy the games and challenges.

## Poetry Display

Next time you are in, please come in and look at the amazing display of poetry produced by our creative pupils. The lucky winners had a signed copy of "The Brilliant Fish" presented in a special assembly by Julian Bazley himself. He was blown away by the talent in Carrington Junior school and was inspired by some of their ideas. Don't forget your last chance to purchase a book at a discounted rate of £6.50.

## Drop & Stop Reminder

It's great to see so many of you stopping to see what your children are up to. I know the children really enjoy it. However, can I ask that hot drinks are not brought in for health and safety reasons. Thank you.