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## Dear Parents & Carers

### Message from Mrs Majcher

#### A word

September came and went and we are well into the school year. There are a few more children testing positive on PCR tests than at this time last year. Thank you for keeping your children at home if they are showing symptoms and keeping us informed. A couple of staff members have also contracted the virus, however, have not suffered too much as most staff have been double jabbed. It is certainly something to consider if you haven't got around to it yet.

With the weather suiting the time of year, please ensure your child wears a coat to school, even if the sun is shining the wind can be very cold.

#### Our new look Website

Our website has had a well-deserved update, which should make it easier to navigate on a mobile phone. We hope you are finding it easier to use.

#### School Lollipop Person

We are still in desperate need for a lollipop person. We would be really happy if the vacancy could be filled before the evenings start to draw in again this winter. Please do ask anybody you know who might be interested. If you are interested please contact the office who can give you further information. Job shares would be considered.

#### New Books

We have purchased a number of texts to support the teaching of writing. These will be readily available in each class soon.

#### Staffing Update

Ms Pendrey has had to leave us due to a change in her personal circumstances. She was very sorry to go.

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#### Parking

We have had a number of complaints about dangerous parking outside of the school. Please park considerately and safely at all times. The yellow zigzags are there for the safety of your child, and as such should be avoided between the allotted times on the road signage. You may have seen police visiting at the end of school this week, they are currently rotating visits around a number of schools at the start and end of the day, and will be happy to chat to you or answer any questions you have.

#### Dropping children off

A number of parents are slowing their cars down outside of the school gates, letting their child out to cross the road unsupported, then continuing their journey. This is very dangerous practice. Chapel road is a very busy road at that time in the morning with taxis, dust carts, skip lorries, vans, etc all using the road as is their right. Please keep your child safe.

#### Morrisons

Morrisons are running their Good to Grow scheme where schools can collect free gardening equipment and Carrington Junior School is participating.

For every £10 spent in store or online, you will receive a grow token that we can then use to redeem for gardening and growing equipment.

Parents/carers will need to download the MyMorrisons app, then sign in or register to MyMorrisons and select Carrington Junior School. The scheme ends on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

## Harvest

This year we will be collecting for One Can Trust during the last week of term, prior to our harvest assemblies. Please could you donate as generously as possible to this excellent cause. Further details will be sent out closer to the time. One Can Trust are always very grateful for our donations.



## PTA Update

Following the AGM, I am delighted to announce that the PTA will go on! A new committee has been formed and details will follow via Class List. Another great year ahead! Lots of events to look forward to and enjoy. The next event will be a mufti day on Friday 22nd October. Minimum contribution of a pound please.

## Cycling Challenge

Children have the chance to take part in a cycle-a-thon between now and 8th November. Children from a number of local schools are taking part. If your child rides a bicycle and wishes to take part, they can collect a recording form from their class teacher. Prizes will be given out in November for the top three distances at Carrington Junior School in addition to the regional prizes which children can compete for.

## Dates for your diary

Date		Time
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Braiswick Photograph order forms deadline	End of School
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Ufton Court Trip for Year 5	All day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Bags 2 School	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations	3.30 pm to 6.00 pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	PACCAR Trip for Year 4	All day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations	4 pm to 7.00 pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Mufti Day	All day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Break up for half term	Normal leaving times
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Inset Days (closed for children)	All day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Children return to school	Normal opening times

## Writing challenge

Children have the chance to take part in our Autumn Writing Challenge, which runs up to half term. There are three choices of writing themes children can choose to write about and there will be prizes for each year group and writing theme. Your child's class teacher will send out details of the challenge at the end of this week.



## Mrs Majcher and staff