

Dear Parents & Carers

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Message from Mrs Majcher

It was great to see so many parents/carers come to parent consultation evenings. There was a definite buzz in the room as parents/carers were eagerly listening to what the teachers had to say. There were also lots of compliments too which is always lovely to hear. As a suggestion, if you have more than one child, it may be prudent to allow a gap between appointments.

Valentine's Day Raffles

What an exciting event this was! We had over 60 chocolates to raffle, all varying from size, flavour and colour. The children waited with great anticipation to see who the next winner was. Then at the end there was a clap to thank Mrs Williams and Mrs Pusey for organising the event so well. The first child to win was asked to draw the cake raffle. This again was very exciting. The lucky winner was Mrs Saunders and Billy was ecstatic when he realised this. When Mrs Saunders came to collect the cake, she was truly amazed to see it. A huge thank you to Mrs Oleszczuk for making such a beautiful cake for us. We were all truly amazed at its beauty.

Dolce Dinners

I would like to say a big thank you to Dolce staff for supplying us with tasty samples during our parent consultation evenings. Lots of parents had a taste and really enjoyed the wide variety of food. If you would like your child to have hot dinners, please contact the office.

Stop & Drop

We are changing the format of this slightly to include a short 'Curriculum Update' in the hall at 9am before going to have a look around the school.

Board Games Please

If you have any unused board games at home, please send them in. We have plans to set up a Games Club and a good variety of board games would be much appreciated. Games such as Scrabble, Chess, Draughts, Boggle, Monopoly would be great. Our children would benefit from playing lots of different games. Thank you.

Walking to School

We have now completed our first month of walking to school and using the travel tracker to record our journeys. Children are enjoying showing off their badges, which very cleverly had a snowman on to match our recent weather. Now that the weather is getting better it is wonderful to see so many children coming to school with their bikes, or walking a tiny bit further, which makes the road outside school less crowded and means the children arrive cheerful and ready to learn.

We have a great opportunity coming up to enter the annual badge competition to attempt to come up with a winning design for one of next year's badges. The theme is inventions that changed the world and children are asked to come up with a design linked to a great invention that has had a big impact. It can be anything linked to science, art, engineering, architecture or mathematics. Entry forms were given out before half-term and need to be handed back to class teachers or the office by Monday, 11th March.

Echoes 8 Rehearsals

The Year 5 and 6 children taking part in Echoes 8 at the Royal Albert Hall later this month had their first large group rehearsal. They are working hard with some quite difficult music and choreography to make sure they are ready for the final performance. It was fantastic to get a first taste of what it will be like to sing with hundreds of children and be part of a wonderful extravaganza. They were great ambassadors for the school and really enjoyed working with the opera singers and the choreographer for the first time.

Acts of Kindness

We are exceptionally proud of our pupils' behaviour, especially with how kind they are towards each other. So we thought we would extend this; we have launched '40 Acts of Kindness', where the children are asked to do something kind. From a beautiful smile when greeting someone to helping a friend who needs a listening ear. Please encourage this at home, perhaps you could get a hug or even help with the washing as an act of kindness. If you have seen any particular acts of kindness, we would like to hear about it.

We have asked the children to have a think about what acts of kindness they could do in school. Our display in the hall – Our Wall of Kindness is full of our brilliant ideas.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 5 th March	Year 4 Parent/carer Information meeting for Residential trip	7.00 pm
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	
Tuesday 12 th March	Drop & Stop	9-11am
Thursday 14 th March	PTA Disco	To be confirmed
Friday 15 th March	Parent Forum Meeting	1.45 pm
Friday 15 th March	6C assembly	2.45 pm
Monday 18 th March	Echoes 8 Royal Albert Hall Performance	All day
Thursday 21 st March	Mufti Day - £1.00 donation	All day
Friday 22 nd March	6S assembly	2.45 pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Book Look	3.30-4pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Book Look	8.15-8.40am
Friday 29 th March	Y4 Easter Assembly	2.45pm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Y3 Trip to Mop End	All day
Wednesday 3 rd April	Y4 Residential	
Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter	1pm
Tuesday 23 rd April	Inset Day	All day
Wednesday 24 th April	Children Return to School	8.40 am

Pebble Painting

As spring is just round the corner, we want to brighten up the reception area again. Following the popularity of last year's visit from a local artist, we have invited Nick Cook back to help us express our emotions using art as well as spreading joy by giving someone a present - he will be visiting us again to paint pebbles to display and then give as an act of kindness. We are asking for as many pebbles as you can venture to find so the children can take part. So get hunting.

The Brilliant Fish

To inspire more pupils, Julian Bazley, the poet, will be back by popular demand. The children have been very excited to read his book so we have asked for a few more copies, if you would like one, let us know. He will be running another fun workshop on World Book Day. I wonder who will dress up as the brilliant fish from his book!

Recycle with Michael

Carrington Junior School have teamed up with the Salvation Army's recycling scheme in order to get local primary schools recycling old clothes and shoes, while also raising money. This is a fun and informative recycling initiative designed especially for primary school aged children. You will shortly be receiving a recycling bag to take home. All you need to do is fill the bag up and return not before Thursday 28th March to the front of the school.