



Carrington Junior School



Happy New Year!

It was wonderful to welcome all the children back to school this morning.

Over the break I was lucky enough to bump into a few children and parents from Carrington Junior School, be that on a walk in the woods, or bouncing on a trampoline! These surprise meetings reminded me how important it is to have connections with others. Here at Carrington Junior School we are part of a shared community of pupils, staff and families. I look forward to welcoming more people into school to strengthen these ties, as well as letting you see more of the wonderful things the children achieve while they are here.



If you have any suggestions for events, or times of day for events, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you to the PTA who have provided the funds to buy the new benches, which are being installed around the playground.

Mrs Cameron

Believe. Achieve. Succeed.

New arrivals

We are pleased to be able to tell you that Miss Kaca gave birth to a healthy baby boy in December. We wish her and her family well as they get used to being a family of four.



New staff

We welcome three new staff to school this term:

Mrs Goody joins us as a PPA cover and Year 5 teacher. She brings over a decade of experience with her from teaching in a nearby authority. Mrs Goody will work in most classes at some point each term, and will also work regularly in 5S to cover training and release time on a Friday and Wednesday afternoon.

Ms Gastineau will be joining us in an administration role and will be the voice you hear on the phone from next week, and the person you meet in reception.

Mrs Caine joins us as a TA, working in Year 3, and starts later this month.

Please do say hello if you see one of our new staff members around. They are looking forward to meeting all our families.

Family involvement

School would not be what it is without the generous support of our children's families. Most of you are aware of the work that the PTA do to raise funds for both schools. Did you know there are two other ways you could get involved with supporting your child's school?

Parent Forum

Parent Forum normally runs once a term and is a chance for families to meet with the school leadership and governors to discuss current issues. Meetings normally take 60-90 minutes and the chairperson (a parent) has a role both before and after the meeting, liaising with other parents and writing up the meeting. Previously discussed issues at these meetings have been school trips, new reading schemes and maths schemes, uniform, school houses and changes to school leadership. We are currently seeking a parent to take on this role and would also be keen to return to face-to-face meetings with tea, coffee and biscuits.

Parent Governor Roles

Parent governors are part of the school governing body and attend meetings approximately 6-8 times a year, as well as completing a termly school visit linked to their role as governor – this could be looking at how a particular subject is taught. Training is given for this role and many companies recognise the development opportunities that this role brings and give occasional work-day release time for people to fulfil a governance role.

If you would be interested in either of these roles, please contact Mrs Cameron via the school office.

Pencil case reminders

Your child should have their own school supplies in a small pencil case that fits into their trays. Many children will have received new stationery over the Christmas period. It might be worth checking with them if they need to bring pencils, whiteboard pens or a new glue stick into school, since these are the items that most often get used up.



Dates to remember:



Friday 20th January—Choir at O2 for Young Voices

Friday 3rd February—5C class assembly

Monday 20th February —**INSET DAY** (No school for children)

Monday 6th/ Tuesday 7th March—Parents evenings

Friday 17th March —5S class assembly

Wednesday 29th March— Year 4 Easter assembly