

### A quick message from Mrs Cameron:


From recent weather, it seems that April showers are upon us with full force. During March the children have had the chance to really shine.

Year 3 visited the Discovery Centre in Bracknell where they were praised for their excellent behaviour.

Sports teams including girls' and boys' football, netball and also children attending sports festivals have represented the school. Not only did the children work together well with their teams but schools visiting for home matches have commented on how welcomed they have been made to feel. Enormous thanks to the staff involved in making this happen, including Mr Shand, Mrs Pilgrim, Mrs Lomas, Mrs Taylor, Mr Bailey and Mr Withams from WWFC Education Trust.

Representatives of our school choir did an amazing job performing at the Royal Albert Hall for Echoes 9. They sang brilliantly and had the honour of being centre stage for their performance. An amazing experience all round. I was thrilled to receive a message from the conductor praising the children for their brilliant behaviour throughout the day too. Well done!





## Notices

### Summer uniform reminder

Please remember that when we return to school in the summer term, children may wear their summer uniform. This can be either a blue and white summer dress, or grey shorts/skirt and a uniform logo white polo shirt. They should wear school shoes, unless we have received medical confirmation of a need for other footwear.

Since the summer term will hopefully bring sun with it, please can children also have sun cream applied before school and bring a sun hat with them.

Please also remember that earrings are not part of the school uniform but children may wear plastic protectors if they wish to stop holes from closing. For children wanting to pierce ears, the very start of the summer holidays is a good time, allowing them to become established over the summer.

### Smart watches and step trackers

We encourage children to wear simple step trackers/watches if they wish to. During the summer, we will be having a daily mile track fitted and we encourage all children to be active while they are at school and at home. Please remember that any device worn in school should not be capable of sending or receiving messages or making recordings. If your child brings a device capable of these things, it will be looked after for the remainder of the day and returned to them at home time.

### Deputy head teacher appointment

Last week we completed a formal interview process for the permanent Deputy Head role and we are pleased to announce that Ms Gibbons was successful in applying for the post. Ms Gibbons brings to the role a wealth of experience as a class teacher, experienced SENDCo and school leader, both at this school and others. She is looking forward to working with children and families at Carrington Junior School.

### Reading volunteers in school

As we move towards the Summer Term, we will be holding some updated training for reading volunteers. If you are able to give an hour or two to school on a regular basis, and are interested in being a volunteer, please email the school office to be added to the list for this. Thank you to those who have already given their names, we will be in touch shortly after Easter.

### Parking

Thank you to all parents and carers who are parking sensibly in the marked spaces at the start and end of school. Please can we gently remind parents that the zig zag markings at the front of school should not be parked upon to drop off children in the mornings, even momentarily. Please can parents also remember that car engines should be turned off when waiting.

Use of the school car park is not permitted for the drop off and collection of children at any time. This space is reserved for school transport taxis and people with specific permission to park due to personal reasons. A list of permitted parking is kept in the school office.

### Speaking to class teachers

It has not always been easy to meet face to face over recent years. Now that restrictions have eased a little, we are able to start face to face meetings with parents again. It was wonderful to meet with so many parents at the recent parents' evenings. It is now possible to arrange face to face meetings with teachers if you have something important to talk about. Please come and talk to us if you have any concerns or queries- there is no such thing as a stupid question- if you have a question we will be pleased to answer.

### Book swap

The week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> April we will be having a book swap in school. We ask that children bring in up to 3 read books in on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> when they return to school. There will then be time slots for each class to complete their swaps, according to the number of books they brought in, throughout the week.

### Updated Covid Guidelines

We have been advised by Public health that the guidance that applies to schools is as follows:

When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education

- Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.
- **Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people**, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result:

- It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.
- **If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test**, if they can.

After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

- Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

### Dates to be aware of:

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – 4S Easter Performance  
in person 2.00 pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April – 4C **Easter performance** –  
in person 09.00 am

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – **PTA mufti day** – bring £1  
(1:10/1:15 finish)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April- **Summer term starts**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April- **Year 5 reading buddies  
with Year 2, Y4 Swimming starts**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April- **Cricket workshops** (whole  
school)- wear PE kit

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – **PGL parents' meeting** via Teams 7 pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May- **circus on school field** PTA

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May – **Year 6 SATs**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – **PTA disco**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May- **Whole school photo**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – **Schools joint Jubilee celebration**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for half term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – **INSET day**/PTA Legoland

6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June – **Year 6 at PGL**