

Carrington Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers 12th July 2021

A Message

Last Friday we had a great Cherrylicious day. There were lots of fun activities going on around the school, from cherry cheesecakes to cherry collages! We then enjoyed ice lollies and lots of bubbles filled the air. The children really enjoyed themselves, so did the staff! There was a comment made by one of our youngest children, "I didn't know there were so many children in the school!" I think I shall always remember that comment, as it is so pertinent of our Covid time.

Transition Afternoon

Your child has enjoyed some time with his/her new teacher today.

For our new Year 3 children, there is transition information including a PowerPoint prepared for parents and carers to view on our <u>website</u>. If your child is joining Blossom Class (the ARP), you will receive additional information this week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Here are the arrangements for next year.

Academic Year 2021/22

Year	Teacher	Current Class	New Class Name
Group			
3	Miss Cornish	Sapphire	3C*
3	Mrs Badhan	Amethyst	3S
4	Mrs Randall	3C	4C*
4	Mr Shand	3S	4S
5	Mrs Anstiss/Miss Harte	Y4	5C*
5	Mrs Marks	Y4	5S
6	Mr Reid	5S	6C*
6	Miss McConalogue	5C	6S

^{*}Year Group Lead

Hello and Goodbye

Mrs Badhan, a very experienced teacher is very excited to be coming to teach with us. Mr Shand wanted an opportunity to teach younger children after a few years teaching Year 6. We also welcome Mr Reid, another very experienced teacher from a local school who is looking forward to teaching Year 6. We say goodbye to Mrs Shiraz who is going to teach young people with disabilities at a nearby school. We are delighted to welcome Mrs O'Leary who will be our new Family Support Worker, following the retirement of Mrs Douglas. Sadly, we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Billcliff who has really enjoyed working with us this past year. Miss Pendrey, our new HLTA, will also be joining us in September. She will be working across all the classes.

September Start and End Times

The planned start and end times for the school day are as follows:

	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6	Blossom Class
Start	8.30am - 8.40am	8.40am - 8.50am	8.40am - 8.50am
Finish	3.05pm	3.15pm	3.15pm

These times may change if government guidance changes. We will always give families the maximum possible notice if any changes need to be made.

Our Time Children's Services will continue to run breakfast and after school club. We will no longer run our sibling club.

Curriculum

As your child has experienced this term, there will be a full curriculum provision including all subject areas. At a recent Learning Council meeting the children explained how much they were enjoying learning the full range of subjects again.

We continue to be aware that children have some gaps in learning caused by the two major lockdowns over the last 18 months. We continue to deliver a slightly adapted learning experience which builds gradually upon children's understanding in subject areas, while still giving them the experience and challenge of their age-related curriculum. Our assessment tools help us to identify individual learning gaps as well as areas that the whole class is finding difficult so that teachers can plan to fill these specific gaps. The Power Maths and the Opening Doors writing units, include a high level of supported challenge which enable children to make progress and catch up.

During the school day, we run some small groups to help children at all levels to reach their potential. Some of these groups take place after school. If your child is invited to an after-school group, they will receive a letter or SeeSaw message at the start of each half-term.

The teachers have worked really hard this year to adapt the curriculum in a number of ways, replacing trips with curriculum experience days and virtual visits. As we move into the new academic year, we aim to return to a situation where we can complete more of our normal school activities including trips and school events. This will all be subject to the school's current risk assessment and government guidance.

September and Covid

Although all restrictions will be relaxed by September, we as a school have decided to keep some of the protocols we adopted this year. These include the handwashing, Mrs Sawicka, our school in-house cleaner, and a small degree of staggering. Mobile phones will continue to not be allowed in school. As the year progresses we may amend our practices as we see fit in order to keep our children and staff as safe as possible. Although these restrictions were not welcome initially, we have indeed found that our sickness rate in school has really decreased. Let's all hope for a better year for us all next year.

Dates for the Autumn Term 2021: Thurs 2 September Fri 22 October

Wed 3 November Fri 17 December

Inset days: Wed 1 September 2021, Mon 1 November 2021, Tues 2 November 2021

Half-term: Mon 25 October – Fri 29 October

Yours sincerely

Mrs Majcher
Head Teacher