

## Dear Parents &amp; Carers

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**Message from Mrs Majcher**

It was lovely to meet so many of you during our Parent Consultation Evenings. Again we had record attendance. Being a part of your child's education is vital and working together with you is something we take very seriously as a school.

**O2 Success**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, Carrington Junior School Choir performed as part of a choir of 8500 children at the O2 Arena in London. Their varied repertoire included songs from musicals, a rousing interpretation of Ode to Joy, and an exciting Pop Medley of current hits. They performed alongside stars including The Shires and Tony Hadley and strutted their moves with Street Dance troupe Urban Strides. The children had worked tirelessly throughout the autumn term and given up many lunchbreaks in January in order to learn the words and polish their moves and this dedication paid off as the lights dimmed and the concert began. They were wonderful, singing and dancing throughout, and really relished in the opportunity to perform in such a large venue. A huge congratulations to all of the children who performed and an enormous thank you to all of the parents who came to support the event. Look out for Carrington Junior School Choir at their next concert in the summer term!

**Update on the Courtyard Garden**

The mural has been completed and Girlie, my beautiful cat has been immortalised forever. The children have been very excited to watch her come to life stroke by stroke. The building work is also progressing well and we hope for better weather during the weekends to enable Richard to continue

**Valentine Raffle Fun**

Thank you for supporting our raffle. We raised an amazing £389.80 which will go towards our diamond activities this year. We had over 50 prizes which were donated by staff and the children enjoyed winning and selecting their chocolate bounty.

**Hairstyles and Nail Varnish**

A gentle reminder that 'zigzag' style hairstyles are not permitted in school. There has also been an increase in nail varnish being worn in school which is equally not acceptable. Please look at our Uniform Policy on our website for further details.

**PTA Events**

Our hardworking PTA are always trying to think of more enjoyable ways of raising money for the school. Look out for the Smartie Challenge coming up – it is such a fun way of involving the children in collecting silver coins.

**Absence Letters**

There is a significant increase in parents/carers emailing us to inform us that they will be taking their child away from school, particularly for holidays which we do not authorise. Should the need arise to take your child away from their compulsory education please come in discuss the matter with me and collect a form.

**Good Hygiene**

We have had much sickness this year already (including staff) and take good hygiene very seriously. Please ensure your child has clean tissues everyday to use and remind them to wash their hands after using the toilet. Then we are doing all we can to keep those nasty bugs away!

## Mrs Gonzalez' top tips for wellbeing

### Kindness

Key for a happy life, includes giving and doing things for others. So this month I am asking the children to do things for you. Yes, you deserve a helping hand. It's time to put your feet up, ask for help with chores, savour a cup of tea. Encourage your child to talk about how it feels to "give". Maybe help them help someone near you. Don't forget to share your adventures.

Speaking of "giving", if any of you lovely parents are happy to give us some of your time, please let the office know. We always need volunteers to help out, and I promise, doing good, feels good.

### Snow Procedures

For future information, we would like to draw your attention to the procedures should inclement weather (e.g. heavy snow) force us to close the school during the winter months. All school closures are notified by the Headteacher on Bucks Country Council website [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) on the A-Z for School Closures page. Please check this site for up-to-date information. We will also endeavour to email/send an App/text to all parents informing them of school closures and also put a message on our website.

### Polite Parking

Thank you to all those parents/carers who are parking considerately and taking our childrens' safety seriously.

### Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Secondary School – National Offer Day	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y5 Hazard Alley	All day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	All day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	6S Assembly	2.45 pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Drop and Stop	9-11 am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	5S Assembly	2.45 pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Forum	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	3S Assembly	2.45 pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Look	3.30-4.00 pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Look	8.15-8.40 am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Assembly	2.45 pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	PTA Disco	TBA
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of Spring Term	1.00 pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Children Return to School	8.40 am
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 4 Swimming	Morning

## World book day

We will be celebrating world book day next week on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. We will all be looking at books linked to recycling in our classes and taking part in buddy reading with children from Carrington Infants School.

Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, or with a hat made of 'recycled' materials.

To continue our theme of recycling, we are going to be having a book swap across the school. Please can children bring in a book they would like to swap from home; They are welcome to bring more than one if they wish! (We will have some spares for any children who forget on the day.)

### Walking to school

Well done for all those pupils who are walking to school, or parking a bit further away then completing their journeys on foot to 'ride and stride'. We are continuing to make the most of every opportunity to keep healthy at school.

Congratulations to the following classes who have done exceptionally well at keeping active:

4C – 99%

6C – 96%

4S – 95%

Next month the walk to school badges have a film theme. Later on this year we will be announcing an exciting new event to help pupils keep fit and healthy.