



Carrington Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Mays News Update

As the lockdown continues we are all beginning to speculate as to how a return to 'normality' will look like. However, the 'normality' we all knew will now be quite different for some time at least. The most common question I am being asked is 'when will schools go back?' and I can honestly say I really don't know. The one thing I have learnt throughout this national, or indeed global, crisis is not to waste time speculating, planning or worrying but to listen to the experts and then act accordingly.

In the meantime, the staff at Carrington Junior continue to work hard for your children. The positive responses they have received from you continue to spur them on to think of more and more great ideas for home learning for you. There is a great range of learning to get on with and I know you look forward to the next update all the time.

In terms of staffing, things change too. Mr Nathan has decided to relocate to Chester and so will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. During his brief stay at Carrington, Mr Nathan has been an inspiration to all of you with his great sense of humour and ability to reach even the 'hardest to reach' child. We wish him and his dear family all the best for their exciting future. We are delighted to announce that Miss Cornish, who has been working with us since the autumn term, will be joining us on a permanent full-time basis. She has fitted into the school seamlessly and is very popular with the children. I know she will be an asset to the school.

Miss Hart is a full-time mummy to beautiful Alfie Patrick who arrived a week or so early, thankfully before the pandemic took a serious grip on the country. Both mother and baby are doing brilliantly.

We have VE day on Friday, 8th May to look forward to. Again, this will be quite different, however I hope you get outside and sing 'We'll meet again' in your gardens to commemorate that incredible generation that gave us our freedom today. There is a page on our home learning hub with VE day linked activities which will be live this weekend.

Well done for everything you are doing at home. It has been brilliant to see a few photos of what you have been up to. It would be great to share some photos of your work in our next update.

I would like to extend a wonderful well done to Year 4, who have achieved over a million points on Mathletics with all their hard work. This is a first for our school – no year group has ever achieved so much before. Well done also to Year 3 who aren't far behind with nearly 800,000 points. Keep up the good work. Year 5 and Year 6, consider this a challenge to do even better!



Not wishing to brag but here is a picture of my tomato plant. The envy of the staff I must say! It now has a row of yellow flowers waiting to burst open. I have replanted it once already as it nearly climbed out of its pot by itself. As I sit in the dining room typing, it is keeping a careful eye on me from close to the window sill (I have had to place it on a stand as it won't fit on the window sill any more) awaiting its lukewarm drink.



Then of course there is Girlie, my most beautiful long-haired grey pedigree, currently enjoying the great outdoors. Here is a recent picture of her too. She is a little surprised that we are all at home; we are invading her space but on the other hand she is having lots of extra strokes, brushes and treats. I have never in my long career had the opportunity to enjoy my garden at this time of year so much, hear the birds sing, count the blossom on my trees and enjoy the peace and quiet. (I have really missed seeing our cherry trees in bloom this year).

So finally, I hope you too are managing to find time for the very simplest things in life which are making you smile. I attach a list of websites which may be of use to you at this time.

And, to those of you who have suffered the loss of a loved one through this terrible virus, I offer you my deepest condolences. That is why we need to continue to do what is right – stay at home to save lives. I'm sure we will see you all again fairly soon in some capacity!

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mrs A Majcher". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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