

Dear Parents & Carers

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Message from Mrs Majcher

Welcome back everyone to another great year at Carrington Junior, and a very warm welcome to all our new families. I hope you have all had a very restful holiday and are looking forward to this year. This promises to be a very exciting year as we celebrate our diamond anniversary. We have given out specially designed badges to commemorate the occasion which can be worn all year. We will celebrate our anniversary in lots of different ways during the year, I hope you can support us.

School Priorities

Our main priorities this year are improving reading and maths. In maths we are moving to a different way of teaching maths, called Maths Mastery. We have bought into a new scheme "Power of Maths" which uses this approach. Please look out for the parental meetings which will explain more.

We have worked hard on amending our curriculum making it even more exciting. As it is our Diamond Jubilee we will be covering this during the year too. If you would like any further information please let me know.

Mr Nathan

Mr Nathan had a very intense start to his summer holiday with the birth of his daughter, Nya, who was not expected until the end of August. Welcome baby Nya! Both mother and baby are doing very well (and so is Mr Nathan once he got over the shock)! We look forward to Mr Nathan's return from paternity leave on Monday 16th September.

More Baby News

We are very pleased to announce that Miss Harte is expecting a baby in March next year. We wish her and her fiancé all the very best.

Helmets Please

A gentle reminder that any child riding a bike to school must wear a helmet for their safety.

Our New Library

The summer holidays are anything but for any school and we are no exception. The school was a hive of activity virtually all the time. The new library took some planning and preparation but now is complete. I must say even I was taken aback as to how beautiful it looks. For the first time (since I arrived) the library truly looks like a library and not just a space with dull books in it. The books have been carefully selected and arranged by Marilyn Brocklehurst, a librarian. They are amazing! The bookshelves are modern and plentiful and have been carefully crafted by Jack Van Gorder of Finmade Furniture. The preparation of the room was beautifully painted by our very own Mr Pearce who dedicated a substantial amount of his time to give the room a quality finish. The final result is just amazing. Do pop in and have a look – you will be very impressed.

We have had training to use the new Junior Librarian system and so it is all systems go. Thank you too for all your kind contributions to make this library possible for the children. It was worth it!

Volunteer Contributions

Just a gentle reminder regarding Volunteer funds. Additional financial support would enable us to put in place lots of things that would make your children have a better time at school. Any support you are able to make is most welcome, but I suggest a payment of £5 per child, per term. Payments would be set up through our cashless system for the amount you are able to contribute, to be paid near the start of each term. As always, thank you for your support. Thank you to all the Year 3 parents/carers who have already contributed.

Year 5 Classrooms

Mr Pearce has also painted the above rooms. The focus walls are green, which is the year 5 colour. We now have half the classrooms repainted only half to go!

New chairs and trays

The children were very excited about their new coloured chairs and trays. All classes look so much better as a result. All the old furniture was upcycled and collected by local charities.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

Aldi will be giving stickers out from 6 September to 3 November whenever £30 is spent in store. For every 300 stickers collected we will receive a school sports kit and the chance to win a cash prize of £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school. We have a bag in reception for the stickers. So if you shop at Aldi please send the stickers to school. I believe there is a new Aldi opening in Wycombe at the end of the month – perhaps it's time for a sneak preview!

Photos of Tomatoes and Pumpkins

Hope you have been very successful at growing the above this summer. Please send in your photos as we could win a prize for the school.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 10 th September	11+ Practice Papers	Morning
Thursday 12 th September	11+ Tests	Morning
Monday 16 th September	Launchpad and early morning maths starts (by invitation only)	After school and morning
Wednesday 18 th September	Meet the Teachers afternoon	3.30 – 4.15 pm
Wednesday 25 th September	Individual Photos	Morning
Friday 4 th October	Sponsored event	To be advised
Saturday 5 th October	Diamond Anniversary Disco for parents/carers	Evening – to be advised
Tuesday 15 th October	Parent Consultation Evening	4pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 16 th October	Parent Consultation Evening	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 18 th October	11+ results	3.15 pm
Thursday 24 th October	PTA Disco	To be advised
Friday 25 th October	Harvest Assembly by Year 5	2.45 pm
Monday 28 th October	Half term week	
Monday 4 th November	Back to school	8.40 am
Wednesday 6 th November	Drop & Stop	9.00 - 11.00 am
Tuesday 26 th November	Book Look	3.30 – 4.00 pm
Wednesday 27 th November	Book Look	8.15 – 8.40 am
Thursday 5 th December	Launchpad & early morning maths ends for the term	
Wednesday 11 th December	Y3 Nativity Performance	To be confirmed
Thursday 12 th December	Y3 Nativity Evening Performance	6.00 pm
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch	12 00 noon
Tuesday 17 th December	Carol Concert	To be advised
Thursday 19 th December	School closes at 1pm	

Car park Renovation

The car park has been completed and looks great. It now has the footpath clearly marked and the entrance to the field crosshatched never to be parked on. Please continue to keep our children safe by not parking in our car park.

Autumn Term Uniform

Polo shirts are summer term uniform only. Now we are back to shirts and ties. Thank you.

Drinks

Just to clarify, water only can be brought in for the children to have at their desk, preferably in a clear water tight container. For lunchtime, any drink, with the exception of fizzy drinks (including fizzy water) and energy drinks, are permitted in school.

CJS Wishlist

Following feedback from the Parent Forum meeting, I will be including a wish list whenever relevant on my newsletters. If you can help let me know. For this term we would love any plants/bulbs for our pots and troughs, eg violas, pansies, and any empty wicker picnic baskets.

Best Wishes

Mrs Majcher and Staff