

NEWSLETTER

Attendance

This is our biggest priority this year as children who have poor attendance (below 95%) do not do as well at school as children with good attendance. Currently this year our attendance stands at 96.4% which is nearly 2% better than this time last year. We would like to thank you for your continued support in this matter and we hope we can continue to have good attendance throughout the school for the rest of the year.

School Doors Open.

Just a reminder that our school doors open at 8.40am and will close at 8.50am. If you arrive at school after this time, please bring your child to the reception area and a member of staff will take your child to their class. The school doors re-open at 3.15pm for you to come and collect your child. On a Wednesday our doors will open at 8.30 for you to come and read with your child in the dining hall.

Lates

This term we will be holding late gates. This is due to the large increase of pupils being brought late into school. If your child is late you will be asked to fill in and sign a form with a valid reason as to why your child is not on time. Missing the start of a school day can be disruptive, the child may miss instructions and other essential information. If your child arrives after 8.50am this will be marked as an unauthorised absence. A significant amount of unauthorised absence could result in further action being taken, for example the issuing of a penalty notice. If your child is late they will not be eligible for attendance awards.



Mobile phone numbers.

Please ensure that the office have correct mobile phone numbers. It is really important that we are able to contact you in case of any problems.

Child Sickness.

Can we remind you that you must ring school on **0115 9100887** first thing in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school, otherwise your child will be marked with an unauthorised attendance mark.



Free School Meals.



The Government have introduced “Universal Free School Meals”, which means that every child under the age of 7 is entitled to have a school meal.

However many families who are entitled to claim for Free School Meals from Notts County Council are failing to do so.

You may be one of them!

Not only will your child get free school meals they will also receive free milk. If your child doesn't enjoy school meals, still apply as it may also entitle you to a reduced rate for some of the after school clubs and school trips.

If you earn less than £16,190 you may be entitled.

If you think you are entitled please come to the office and we can give you an application form to complete and send off with the necessary copies of your benefit, (we can copy these for you if that would help). Also you may bring your completed forms to the school office where we can e-mail them through to the Free School Meals team and normally within 24 hours your application will be processed.

Only the office staff will know that your child has Free School Meals, so you need not feel that the children will be embarrassed in any way.

Breakfast Club.



Our Breakfast Club starts at 8am and costs £2.00 a day. For this your child will get a drink, their breakfast and then they are able to take part in supervised activities until 8.40 when they will then go into their classes.

After School Clubs

This term new clubs starting will include Gymnastic Games and a new Change4Life Club including healthy cooking. There will also be an Art Club for year 1 children.

We will be introducing a brand new after school club to Carlton Central called **Bricks 4 Kids** a hands on Lego club where children build machines, buildings, vehicles and other structures out of LEGO bricks, there will be special assembly on Monday 15th December 2014 9.00am to introduce this club, which will begin on Monday January 12th for five weeks at a cost of £5.00 **per session** with a limited number of 20 children.

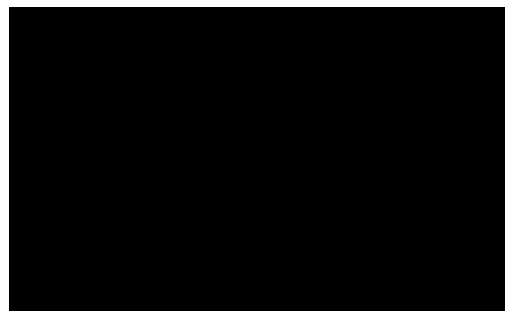
PE

In P.E this term the children will be learning new skills including co-ordination, balance and agility in Multi-skills sessions delivered by our professional coach, Nico, from the YMCA. These sessions help to provide the children with the basic skills needed to enable them to enjoy healthy participation in all forms of sport and exercise. They also provide valuable training for the staff who regularly observe Nico. We encourage the children to participate in intra school competitions within the class where we learn the importance of discipline and working as a team as well as winning and losing whilst applying the skills they are learning. During this half term some of the children will be taking part in various inter- schools Festivals at Carlton Academy. On 18th November 2014 the Dance Club will be performing at the Evolution Dance Festival at Carlton Academy and they are currently working very hard with Miss Binch our Dance teacher.

P.E. Kits REMINDER.

ALL children need to have a P.E Kit in school at all times. This needs to be a white short sleeved tee-shirt, navy or black shorts and plimsolls or trainers. As this lesson is part of the National Curriculum, the children have approx two hours of P.E. during the school week. This is why we ask that a P.E kit is brought into school on a Monday morning and taken home to be washed over the weekend and returned again the next Monday.

Children should not wear earrings for P.E. It is your responsibility to remove them before your child comes to school on P.E days.



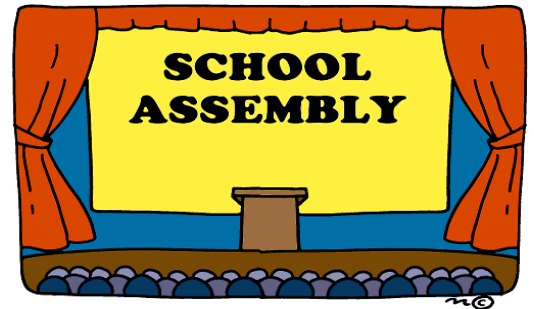


Family Portrait Night Tuesday 11th November 5.30pm – 8.30pm

We will be hosting a family portrait night. This is an excellent opportunity for you and your family to have a fun photo just in time for Christmas. A list will be in reception to sign up for time slots. Our Friends of the School will be organising refreshments.

Assemblies.

All parents/carers are welcome to attend any of our assemblies on a Monday and Friday morning at 9am and Wednesday at 2.50pm. Just drop your child off into class and you can make a drink in our reception area while you wait.



Tubs4Tablets

This autumn **Flora and Stork**, in partnership with **Tesco**, are running an amazing scheme called **Tubs4Tablets** which aims to help our school bring cutting edge technology into the classroom.

The scheme gives Primary and Middle schools in Great Britain the opportunity to collect tokens from special tubs of **Flora and Stork**, available in **Tesco** stores **from early October** and exchange them for **FREE touch screen tablets!**



School Updates.

To keep updated on what's happening in school don't forget to visit the school website: www.carltoncentralinfants.com and you can follow us on Twitter @ccis2013