



**AIM HIGH,  
SHINE BRIGHT!**



3A Logan R  
3H Joseph J  
3P Kailum M  
4C Martha I  
4G William W  
4K Riley J  
5H AJ Q  
5M Ruby N  
5T Cain W  
6F Josh B  
6J Ellie L & Amy R  
6MW Ruby B



FRANKIE D 3A  
ERIN T 3P  
MOLLY E 4C  
ASTON S 4G  
AMELIA W 4G  
MYLA M 4G  
ISLA C 4K  
SOPHIE B 5H  
RACHEL S 5H  
ROSIE H 5H  
JESSICA S 5H  
ISAAC B 5H  
BONNIE-SHAI C 5M  
PAIGE C 5M  
AMBER C 5M  
EMILY C 5M  
MILLIE C 5M  
MILO S 5M  
RUBY N 5M  
EMMA S 5M  
AMELIA F 5M X2  
DARCEY C 5M  
ABIGAIL F 5T  
CERY S A 5T  
ANNIE S 5T  
SCARLETT W 6F  
MAISIE B 6J  
BROOKE C 6J  
ALANA G 6MW  
ERIN T 6MW  
TIANA M 6MW  
JESS B 6MW  
SOPHIE W 6MW  
JAYDEN J 6MW

## Hello!

Thank you so much to everyone who came to support us at the Christmas Fair on Friday. It was so nice to have people in school again. We are so grateful to Friends of Carr for organising everything and making it such a success. You are all Carr stars!

## Health and Safety

- Unfortunately, Covid is rearing its head again. We have done really well at school so far with numbers of positive cases staying very low and steady and usually coming from within the community (from older siblings or parents) rather than within school. However, the government guidance is now changing in light of the new variant so we have reintroduced the wearing of face coverings from today. This means that staff and all visitors to school will be expected to wear face coverings whilst inside the building in communal spaces. Parents and staff do not need to wear face coverings outside at the moment.
- We are aware that the government may be making more announcements over the next few days about what schools are allowed to do. Mrs Flatters and I will be in regular communication with each other to make decisions over our plans for the next few weeks including the joint Open Day on Wednesday this week.

## Parent Survey response

Thank you again to all the parents who filled in our survey earlier this year. Enclosed with this newsletter are the results of the survey and our response to your comments. Your feedback really does help us to improve things in school.

## Morrison's Good to Grow

The Morrison's Good to Grow has finished now. We have received 2,286 tokens that we have used to buy lots of fruit and vegetable seeds plus some insect attracting flowers. Mrs Cuthbert will be helping the children to grow giant pumpkins and veg for the canteen next year. Thank you for collecting the tokens for us!

## Panto Trip

We will be visiting York Theatre Royal on Tuesday 7th December to see Cinderella. Details of the show can be found via the following link - <https://www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk/show/cinderella/>

We will be leaving school between 8.45am and 9am to walk to the theatre and the show will start at 10.30am. Ideally, we will set off with the youngest children first so please could all children arrive by 8.40am to allow us to leave school as early as possible. There will be arrangements in place to transport some of the children via taxi according to their needs. We will be getting back to school via coach and should be back by 1.30pm.

Once back at school, we will be eating in the classrooms so each child will need a packed lunch on this day. If you would like to book a school packed lunch for your child, please book this via ParentPay by Wednesday 1st December. Please could all pupils bring a named water bottle for the walk and whilst at the theatre. You may wish to provide a snack for your child to eat before the show starts or send 25p for your child to purchase something from our Snack Stop to eat there. At the theatre, school will be providing a tasty treat for the children to eat during the interval.

As we will be walking to the theatre, please could parents ensure children are wearing comfortable shoes like trainers and that they are wearing a suitable coat for the weather. It would be lovely if the children were wearing a Christmas jumper or Christmas accessories with their school trousers / skirts.

As this is a local visit and within school hours, we do not need permission from parents for the visit.

## Forest School

During this year, each class is having the opportunity to spend some time outdoors in our Forest Schools area. Each session is linked to the Learning Adventure that the year group is working on at the time. For the sessions, children will need to be prepared for the cold weather with a warm coat, hat and gloves and wear appropriate shoes/trainers/wellies which they do not mind getting muddy. Please find the dates below for when your child's class will be taking part.

Monday 29th November

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Thank you for your patience whilst we are thinking about our arrangements over the festive period. It is still a bit of an unknown at the moment with Covid numbers being so unstable. We know that some schools are planning performances to an audience whilst others are planning to record and share afterwards. Therefore, we are making tentative plans which are detailed below but please keep in mind that the arrangements may need to change depending on Covid numbers within school and amongst staff.

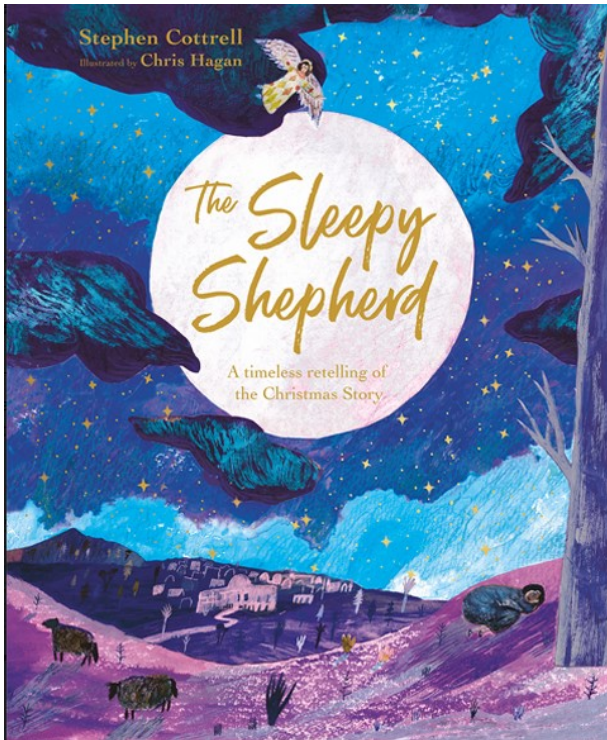
Date	Year Groups	Details
Monday 6/12	Y4	Christmas Dinner
	Y5	Christmas Party (Please bring a change of clothes and a paper/ plastic plate and cup)
Tuesday 7/12	All	Panto time! We will be taking the whole school to the Panto - Cinderella - at York Theatre Royal. A letter will be out shortly about this with more details. We are trying to keep the cost as low as possible (even free if we can) but we may ask for a contribution between £2-£5.
Wednesday 8/12	All	FOCS Christmas Stall
	Y3	Christmas Dinner
	Y6	Christmas Party (Please bring a change of clothes and a paper/ plastic plate and cup)
Thursday 9/12	All	FOCS Christmas Stall
	Y5	Christmas Dinner
Friday 10/12	Y6	Christmas Dinner
	Y4	Christmas Party (Please bring a change of clothes and a paper/ plastic plate and cup)
Monday 13/12	Y3/4	Christmas Performance <b>for Y3 Parents 11am-12pm</b>
	Y3	Christmas Party (Please bring a change of clothes and a paper/ plastic plate and cup)
	Y5/6	Christmas Performance <b>for Y5 Parents 2pm-3pm</b>
Tuesday 14/12	Y5/6	Christmas Performance <b>for Y6 Parents 11am-12pm</b>
	Y3/4	Christmas Performance <b>for Y4 Parents 2pm-3pm</b>

Parental feedback or concerns	School response
There is too little or too much communication from school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a difficult one for us to get right as some parents prefer more communication and some prefer less. However, we send a weekly newsletter. This newsletter includes as much information as possible so that parents do not feel bombarded by constant emails. It is vital that parents read this in order to keep upto date with what is going on in school. We know that it is not read by all parents currently as we often get asked questions which have been answered in previous newsletters.</li> <li>• As a school, we do not use the Dojo system which is used by the Infant school. Instead, we send the weekly newsletters, post reminders and photos of children enjoying activities on Twitter @CarrJuniorYork, text alerts and emails to and from school are the best way to communicate.</li> <li>• Class teachers are available at the end of each school day or they can be reached via a phone call to the office or an email to the school email address. These emails are always forwarded on to the relevant member of staff. We do not give out teacher's email addresses to support staff wellbeing.</li> <li>• This survey is sent out on an annual basis and further surveys were completed during the pandemic. We will always publish our results and response to parents by email and on the school website.</li> </ul>
Some parents felt that the school meals and menu were limited.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From Autumn 2, we changed the menu so that there would be more options, moving from a 2 week to a 3 week menu cycle.</li> <li>• We have ensured that there are a variety of vegetables served across each week.</li> <li>• This year, we included a sandwich 'grab bag' option to give more variety and cater for those children who prefer to eat a lighter lunch.</li> <li>• We regularly ask the children which are their favourite lunches and if there is anything they would like to see on our menu.</li> <li>• We have extended lunchtime by 5 minutes so that the children do not feel rushed when eating their lunch.</li> </ul>
Behaviour system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are aware that not all parents have a solid understanding of our behaviour system. We would like to rectify this by sending out a one page explanation so that you are aware of our expectations, reward systems and how we deal with poor behaviour choices.</li> </ul>
Parents are not sure what the expectations for homework are or that we do not give enough.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every class sets weekly homework. This homework expectation is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>= Practice spellings, these come home in the planner each week.</li> <li>= All children are set Sessions on TT Rockstars. These are games focusing on the timestables children need to practice and link to what they are focusing on in class.</li> <li>= All children should be reading at least 3 times a week (ideally every day). Each class has a reading chart which children move up everytime they have read at home. Those children who read more than 3 times a week get entered into a reading raffle at the end of each half term.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We monitor engagement with homework and we are aware many pupils do not complete the expectations mentioned above.</li> <li>• We deliberately do not usually set more homework than the above, as the homework expectation is what we would like everyone to focus on. Children doing their homework would make an impact on their progress.</li> </ul>
Some parents did not know when their child would be attending Forest schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is now included on the weekly newsletter.</li> </ul>
Some parents were unsure of the progress their children are making at school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each term there will be an opportunity to speak with your child's teacher during a Parents Evening.</li> <li>• Each term, parents will receive written reports (Termly Reports at the end of the Autumn and Spring terms, Full End of Year report at the end of the Summer term) which detail how their children are doing in the core subjects, the effort and attitudes to learning across all subject areas, attendance and behaviour information.</li> <li>• Teachers made phone calls home early in the Autumn term if they had concerns about how the children had settled into their new class.</li> </ul>

**Parent Survey Data (88 responses in total)**

Question	Answers		
	Disagree / Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Agree / Strongly Agree
My child is happy at school? (88 responses)	1 - 1%	5 - 6%	82 - 93%
Question	Answers		
	Disagree / Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Agree / Strongly Agree
My child feels safe? (88 responses)	1 - 1%	3 - 3%	84 - 96%
Question	Answers		
	Disagree / Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Agree / Strongly Agree
My child is making good progress? (88 responses)	3 - 3%	15 - 17%	70 - 80%
Question	Answers		
	Disagree / Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Agree / Strongly Agree
My child is well looked after? (88 responses)	2 - 2%	5 - 6%	81 - 92%
Question	Answers		
	Disagree / Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Agree / Strongly Agree
My child is taught well (88 responses)	2 - 2%	8 - 9%	78 - 89%
Question	Answers		
	Disagree / Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Agree / Strongly Agree
My child gets appropriate homework for their age (88 responses)	6 - 7%	14 - 16%	58 - 66%

Question	Disagree / Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Agree / Strongly Agree
School makes sure that children are well behaved (88 responses)	6 - 7%	18 - 20%	64 - 73%
Question	Answers		
	Disagree / Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Agree / Strongly Agree
School deals effectively with bullying (88 responses)	5 - 6%	49 - 56%	34 - 37%
Question	Answers		
	Disagree / Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Agree / Strongly Agree
School is well led and managed (88 responses)	3 - 3%	11 - 13%	74 - 84%
Question	Answers		
	Disagree / Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Agree / Strongly Agree
School responds well to any concerns I raise (88 responses)	4 - 5%	19 - 22%	65 - 74%
Question	Answers		
	Disagree / Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Agree / Strongly Agree
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress (88 responses)	16 - 18%	23 - 26%	49 - 56%
Question	Answers		
	No	Yes	
Would you recommend our school to another parent (88 responses)	6 - 7%	82 - 93%	



## Book Signing at York Minster

Saturday 4 December 10.45am

Stephen Cottrell, the Archbishop of York, will be in the children's Christmas Activity tent in York Minster's South Piazza to give a reading from his children's book, *The Sleepy Shepherd*. There will also be the opportunity to buy a copy of the book and have it signed by the Archbishop.

*The Sleepy Shepherd* is an enchanting Christmas tale for children aged 5-7 that tells the story of Silas, who as a boy is so dozy that he completely misses the visit of the angels and the chance to greet the Christ-child in Bethlehem. But one crucial night, years later, he makes an important decision – to be a real shepherd to a man whose friends have all fallen asleep.

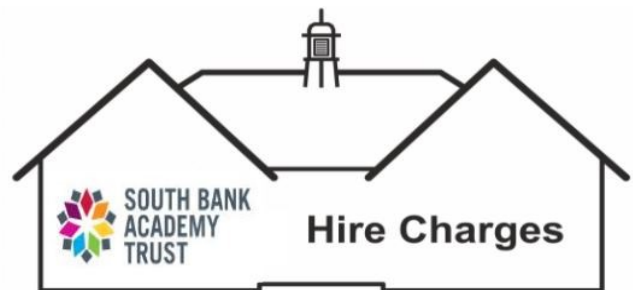


We are now taking bookings for the hire of our School Hall!

Do you provide a regular weekly group/class/activity and need a space to hold your group?

Do you need a one off space for hire?

We are available to all and offer great hire rates!



£29 for the first hour and £17 per additional hour thereafter.

Available for use on an evening from 5pm on weekdays throughout the year and 8am to 5pm during school holidays and weekends.

Please contact us on 01904 798996 or email us at [admin@carrjunior.southbank.academy](mailto:admin@carrjunior.southbank.academy) to discuss your requirements and availability.