



**AIM HIGH,  
SHINE BRIGHT!**

**Hello!**

Welcome back to the new school year! We are thrilled to be returning back to more of our 'normal' school routines and seeing the children mixing with each other and playing with children from different year groups has been really special this week. We have had great attendance and the children look so smart! It has also been lovely to launch our first Big Idea of the school year, 'Out of this World'. Today we have been lucky enough to have a planetarium in school which has been enjoyed by each class during the day. Thank you so much for your contributions towards this. I hope that you all have a restful weekend - there are certainly some very tired children (and teachers!) today!



### A welcome from our Local Governing Body

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a bright new year at Carr Junior School! We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and that the children are excited to be back, hopefully to a more 'normal' year.

For governors, the start of a school year is an opportunity to reflect on the previous year and plan for the coming year, to ensure our school continues to provide the best education for our children. We are also welcoming two new governors to our team; Nicola Lowe and Catherine McKenna.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past difficult year. We are extremely lucky at Carr to have such a caring and dedicated staff team as well as support from an engaged group of parents and supporters in the community. Together we will all work to ensure our Carr Stars continue to develop and shine bright.

If you would like to find out more about what Governors do, or get involved yourself, please get in touch via the school office. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the course of the year.

Best wishes, - *Jen Rampling and Kate Smithson Co-Chairs of Governors*

### PE Kit - Expectations for uniform

Please could parents check the days below and ensure children are wearing the correct uniform on these days starting from next week.

Year 3: **PE** - Mondays and **Swimming** - Wednesdays

Year 4: **PE** - Wednesdays and Fridays

Year 5 : **PE** - Thursdays and **Swimming** - Fridays

Year 6 : **PE** - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black trainers or plimsolls
- Burgundy jumper or cardigan
- Plain black or navy shorts, plain black or navy leggings or tracksuit bottoms (depending on weather or if doing outdoor PE)

### Covid-19 Updates

The new guidance is now being adhered to in school. The same rules apply for any children who are displaying any of the 3 main symptoms that they should isolate and take a PCR test. However, the rules for isolating have now changed. Anyone under the age of 18 or adults who have been double vaccinated do not have to isolate unless they are contacted by NHS Track and Trace and are asked to. If someone in the household has Covid, those under 18 or double vaccinated adults do not need to isolate providing they have no symptoms. However, we do strongly advise that all members of the household take a PCR test. We are no longer asking staff or parents to wear face coverings on the playground or in the school building but they may choose to if they wish. Our latest risk assessment will be available on the school website in the next few days which provides more details on our measures in place.

### Curriculum Initiative - Knowledge Organisers

At Carr Junior we are in the process of focusing on the content of our whole curriculum to ensure that there is a much greater emphasis on the 'powerful knowledge' that children need in order to truly understand a concept. A Knowledge Organiser (KO) sets out in detail what we want children to know by heart by the end of the Learning Adventure. We expect the majority of children to be able to recall all of the information on the KO by the end of the unit of work. During their Learning Adventure the children will take part in regular quizzes that help stretch their long-term memory and develop their recall of key information.

This year we will be producing 'Knowledge Organisers' which are the 'go-to' documents outlining the essential knowledge that the teachers will be covering across a unit of work; including dates, famous figures, vocabulary, definitions, and other information. These Knowledge Organisers will be shared with pupils, parents and carers before units of work are taught – with the aim that everyone knows exactly what is being taught, and what the children need to learn.

All Knowledge Organisers will be uploaded onto the Year Group page on the school website and can be accessed to help support with homework. We ask that parents read through these Knowledge Organisers at home with their children and perhaps try to memorise some of the facts together. It is also useful for children to go back to previous Knowledge Organisers and revise these so that the information from previous learning is not forgotten.

### Training Day dates

Please find attached our Term dates for this year. Please note that there has been a change of date for one of the training days. We were asked very late on to change the date and unfortunately our planners had already gone to print. We apologise for this change and appreciate that some families may have made plans for a long weekend. If this affects you, please get in touch so that we are aware.



## Carr Infant and Junior School



### Holiday/Training List 2021/2022

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021</i>
School Open for Year 3 pupils only	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
School Opens for ALL PUPILS	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
School Closes	Friday 22 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
<b>Half-term</b>	
School Opens	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
School Closes	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
<b>Spring Term</b>	
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022</i>
School Opens	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
School Closes	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>Half-term</b>	
School Opens	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<i>Training Day (Carr Junior Only)</i>	<i>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022</i>
School Closes	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
<i>Training Day (Carr Infant Only)</i>	<i>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022</i>
<b>Summer Term</b>	
School Opens	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
May Day Holiday Closed	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
School Closes	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
<b>Half-Term</b>	
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022</i>
School Opens	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
School Closes	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022</i>



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.