



Carr Junior School

AIM HIGH, SHINE BRIGHT!

W/C 2nd JANUARY 2023 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Hello!

Happy New Year! We hope that you had the most wonderful Christmas. This week it has been a pleasure to welcome our Carr Stars back to school and start their learning in 2023. I was so impressed by how smartly the children presented themselves on Wednesday and they were all so positive about their holidays and about being back at school. Earlier this week, you should have received the newsletters from your child's class teachers and the Knowledge Organisers for the new Big Idea - Portal to the Past. It would be great if you could spend some time looking at these at home and enjoy learning some facts together. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kerr

Health & Safety and Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the safety of a child in school please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Vicki Kerr - Headteacher) or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Daniella Harrison - Pastoral / Family Lead). Thank you.

Improving our School

This week, we have revisited our Writing Action Plan and have put in place further actions and training to help us to improve progress and attainment in writing. From this week we will be delivering our teaching of writing slightly differently and will be focussing on key sentence types which we feel the children need to learn and become confident with in each year group. A group of teachers and TAs also updated their First Aid knowledge this week.

Reminders for Next Week

- Please fill in the Free School Meals form if you think you may qualify for this support or pop in to the school office for information on how school can support you with food donations etc

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This week we'll take a look at Fortnite and the latest battle royale update. The link below will take you through exactly what Fortnite is and how it can be enjoyed safely.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/fortnite-battle-royal-parents-guide-keep-kids-safe-gaming/>

Parents Survey

Once again I would like to thank all parents who took part in our survey and gave their feedback. There were some very kind comments from parents about what makes our school special - these mean an awful lot to us at school.

In terms of the things which we can keep working on and improving, there seems to be one key theme which comes up every year. This is communication. It is a really tricky thing to get this right as some parents prefer more communication and some prefer less so pleasing everyone is an almost impossible task. However, in order to try to improve this we have moved towards sending out most correspondence alongside this newsletter on a Friday so that you do not get bombarded by emails all week. To balance this, we will also be sending out a weekly notices email at the start of the week which will hope to cover any reminders needed for the coming week. We will try, where possible, not to send any other emails in between times. Communication with teachers can be done through contacting the school office via email, phone or popping into the school office and the teacher will get back to parents as soon as they possibly can. Teachers are also usually available, most days on the playground or at the door where your children leave school at the end of the school day.

Wellbeing In Mind Team January update

Accessing social media at night-time can impact on the amount of sleep children have. Children aged between 5 and 16 need between 9 and 11 hours of sleep a night. Lack of sleep can increase the risk of children developing anxiety and low mood which can further have an impact on their learning at school. Children who use social media are also more likely to stumble across harmful content and their usage on social media platforms also increases the risk of children talking to people who they don't know. This can lead to children being groomed online or developing inappropriate relationships that can lead to them viewing adult content, being harassed, sexually exploited or subjected to threatening behaviour. Children may also be exposed to cyber bullying, which like offline bullying also increases the risk of a child developing low mood, anxiety and low self-esteem. It is really important that we are all aware of the risks of children accessing the internet and the impact this can have on their emotional wellbeing, therefore we suggest the following top tips to keep them safe online:

- **Get to know the safety and privacy settings** - Explore the safety and privacy settings on any app, to decide which are right to use for your child. Each app has slightly different ways to set up an account, but most have the option to set an account to private, to not allow friend requests, and to hide the user's location. Explain these settings to your child and the reasons for having them in place.
- **Age ratings and features** - Get to know the age ratings of the apps that your child uses. Many have a minimum age of 13 years old to be able to sign up, but you should check the age rating of individual apps to make sure.
- Don't forget that you know your child best, and you might decide that they need to be a little bit older before it's suitable for them.
- **Review the location settings** - Remind them, and explain why, they shouldn't share location on posts, or public forums and chats, videos or with people they don't know. Review the location settings on their favourite app or game and talk to them about what they're sharing online. **Remember: If children share their location publicly, it could be seen by someone they don't know.**

Childline has lots of information about feeling good on social media that might be useful for your child to look at -

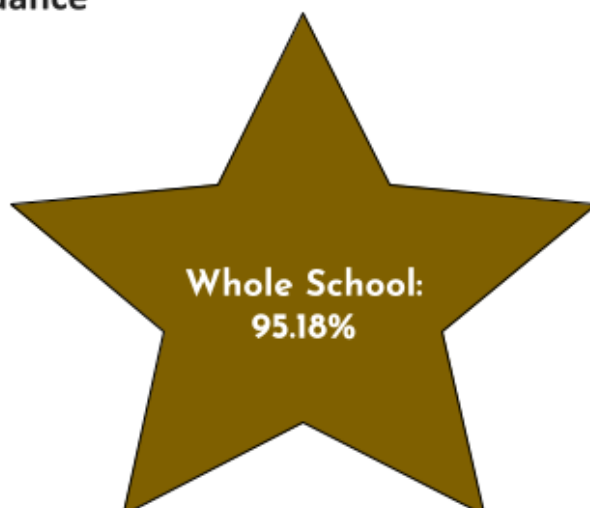
www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/feeling-good-on-social-media/

On a different note, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you again in school this year.

The Well-being in Mind Team.

Attendance

3H - 92.19%
 3P - 95.70%
 4A - 100%
 4KG - 92.26%
 4T - 98.81%
 5H - 95.70%
 5M - 95.56%
 6F - 91.38%
 6J - 96.11%
 6MW - 94.83%



TTRockstars

Here is this weeks top 10!

Leaderboard

Rank	Name	Group	Rock Status	Studio speed 7 days ago
1	Jessica P.	3P	Garage Rocker	12.00
2	Imogen H.	4A	Rock Star	2.91
3	Amber T.	4A	Rock Star	2.22
4	George M.	4K	Rock Legend	2.14
5	William M.	3P	Support Act	4.26
6	Pippa L.	3P	Wannabe	31.58
7	George W.	4A	Rock Legend	2.09
8	Logan R.	4A	Rock Star	2.73
9	Tobi G.	3P	New Artist	-
10	Liam S.	4A	New Artist	-

Rank	Name	Group	Rock Status	Studio speed 7 days ago
1	Jack B.	6MW	Rock Star	3.64
2	Phoebe T.	6J	Rock Legend	1.39
3	Ellis H.	6J	Rock Hero	0.76
4	Harley N.	5H	Rock Star	2.19
5	Jessica F.	5M	Support Act	5.17
6	Ronnie R.	6MW	Rock Hero	0.85
7	Sophie B.	6F	Rock Legend	1.90
8	Rosie H.	6J	Rock Legend	1.97
9	Ruby N.	6F	Rock Legend	1.91