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Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to start by saying a huge THANK YOU to you, your families and your wonderful children – our Carr Stars! This year has been exceptionally busy. We started off the academic year with getting a judgement of GOOD in all areas from Ofsted. We had worked tirelessly for many years to finally get this recognition and we haven't taken our feet off the gas since! Thank you all for being so supportive and encouraging your children with their attendance and learning so that they can have the best possible outcomes.

I also want to thank the whole staff team. I am privileged to work with such a dedicated and hardworking team who constantly put the needs of others before their own. Their commitment and willingness to go above and beyond never wavers. I am proud to lead Team Carr – you are all wonderful. This year, we are saying a fond farewell to Mrs Hall who has been a TA here for 16 years! We wish her all the best for her future adventures and hope that she also has a bit of a rest. We are also saying goodbye and good luck to Mr Maybridge as he will be taking on a TA role in one of our other Trust schools. We will miss them both lots. Miss Pinder is also leaving us again temporarily as she will be starting her Maternity leave during the Summer. We look forward to hearing all about her new baby very soon.

I wanted to write to inform you of some useful information ready for next year. Please find this information below.

On behalf of all the staff, Local Governing Board and South Bank Trust, I wish you and all of our Carr Stars a safe and happy Summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Vicki Kerr
Headteacher



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September Arrangements

Please find below details of any changes or confirmation of arrangements for the new school year 2024-25.

Term Dates - See [Term Dates on school website](#)

Monday 2nd September - Training Day

Tuesday 3rd September - School Open for ALL CHILDREN

Timings of the school day

Doors open at **8:40am**

Morning register at **8:45am**

School finishes at **3:15pm**

We expect all children in Y3 and Y4 to be brought to school / collected from school by an adult or older responsible sibling (not in Y5 or Y6). Children in Y5 and Y6 may walk to / from school on their own. Please inform the class teacher that they are able to do this via the planner and completing the attached permission form.

Uniform

We will be continuing with the same uniform expectations as this year. Therefore, there are uniform expectations for Non-PE days and PE days. Class teachers will inform parents at the start of the term via their Year Group Newsletter as to which days will be PE days for each class.

Please note that there will be strict expectations that children are wearing the correct uniform on both Non-PE days and PE days. Please see the lists below.

Uniform for NON-PE days	Uniform for PE days
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Burgundy jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)• White blouse, shirt or polo t-shirt• Grey or black skirt of regular length, shorts, trousers or culottes• Red checked or striped dress• Plain black shoes or trainers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Burgundy jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)• Plain white t-shirt• Plain black or navy shorts, plain black or navy leggings or tracksuit bottoms (depending on weather or if doing outdoor PE)• Plain black trainers or plimsolls

School meals

Please ensure that you have booked your child a hot dinner on SchoolGrid by 8:55am each day. Teachers will check if children have a meal booked or require one booking each morning. Hot dinners will be paid for, in advance, by SchoolGrid ONLY at a cost of £2.61 a day and £13.05 a week (see office staff for help with SchoolGrid). If hot meals have not been booked, your child will have the option to book one each morning in their classroom. If your child forgets to book one in the classroom during morning registration and needs to be added at lunchtime, they will only be given the option of a jacket potato.

Please ensure that food provided in pack-ups does **NOT CONTAIN NUTS** and seeds. We have children across the school who suffer with severe nut allergies so please help us to keep them safe, this includes chocolate spreads which contain nuts.



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We sell snacks at morning playtime at 'Snack Stop'. Our Y6 leaders will sell these on each playground. These cost 30p each. Alternatively, you may send a healthy snack for your child to eat at playtime.

Carr Den

This is our Before and After School Club childcare provision. We provide wrap around care for families from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm every day during term time. Places can be booked on a short notice, ad hoc basis on ParentPay. Information is available on our [website](#).

If you would like to make further enquiries please contact The Carr Den staff on CarrDen@carrjunior.southbank.academy

What should the children bring to school?

- A book bag or rucksack to carry their planner and reading book every day
- A full, labelled water bottle
- A suitable coat for the weather

No stationary will be needed.

Mobile phones are strictly forbidden in school. If there is a reason your child needs to bring a phone, it should be delivered to the office at the start of the school day, named and collected at the end of the school day. There is also a form which will need to be completed by parents. Any phones which have not been given in at the office, will be confiscated and will only be returned when collected by the parent from the school office.

Homework expectations

Reading - We insist that children **read at home** as **many times as possible** during the week and no less than 3 times. Please sign the planner with pages read and children will show this to the class teacher each morning. They will then move up the class reading chart. If children have not read 3 times at home during the week, the teachers will ask children to spend some of their break times reading.

Times Tables - Your child will have a **TT Rockstars** login. We expect them to play games on this on the 'Sessions' section at least **3 times** each week. If they are unable to go on TT at home, they should attend TT Rockstars club - available almost everyday at lunch time.

Spellings - Your child will have a Spelling Shed login. They can play games on here at home as well as in school. They will also bring home a weekly spelling list. Please practise these at home. Teachers will aim to mark spellings on the same day as the test is given but sometimes this is not possible.

Knowledge Organisers - Your child will bring home a Knowledge Organiser for each Big Idea which will link to their Big Idea. These will be full of facts / appropriate vocabulary that we would like the children to learn and remember. Please look at these with your children and encourage them to learn the facts. You could even test each other at home!



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Things to look forward to!

We have so much to look forward to next year again. As an enhancement to our broad and balanced curriculum offer we also have 'Wellbeing Thursday'. Year groups will get the opportunity to choose 2 options from a range of 5 or 6 activities. These activities include Drama, Cookery, Multi-Sports, Craft, and Games. All classes will also get the opportunity to join a Forest Schools expert once per term in our ever developing Forest Schools area and time with our PE specialist – Mr Davis. We will all be going to see a Panto at Christmas again which I can't wait for.

We are so looking forward to another lovely year!

Yours sincerely,

Vicki Kerr
Headteacher



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