



Carr Junior School

AIM HIGH, SHINE BRIGHT!

W/C 21ST OCTOBER 2024 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from our Principal

Hello and happy holidays! It has been such a fun and jam-packed final week of a very long half term! Thank you to all those who attended our Halloween Disco. The children's costumes were fangtastic - we clearly have some parents with a talent for scary face paint! It was lovely to see so many children taking part and having a great time with their friends. A special thank you to our disco queen, Miss Harrison, and DJ Gray, who made it such fun for the children.

Our Y5s were heading out earlier this week to take part in a walk around the city with Yo-Yo. They had to show such resilience when we had to turn them around and head home due to a police incident on our route to get there. Sorry Y5 but well done for helping the staff to keep you safe.

Today, we have ended our half term by watching our Poetry Slam video. This was the culmination of the hard work done in our Poetry Slam week and them performing their poems. It was absolutely brilliant! Finally, thank you to all those parents who have attended our Fragile Earth showcase at the end of today. The children are so proud of their work and it is lovely for them to have the opportunity to share that work with the people they love most. As the year goes on, we will try to put on as many of these events as possible.

In this week's newsletter you will find information about:

- Pen licences - new this week
- Staffing update - new this week
- Poppies
- School Council
- Tesco coins
- PE Kit timetable
- Reminders about coats, water in water bottles and contacting the school office

Finally, I would just like to say a big thank you to parents for working with us to support your children with their uniform and attendance. I have been so impressed by how smart the children continue to look each day. Thank you for ensuring your children are wearing the correct uniform. Our attendance has steadily risen across the term which is pleasing to see. We are still a way off our target of 96% but we are committed to working towards this as the year progresses.

I wish you all a very happy half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 4th November.

Mrs Kerr

Tweet of the Week!



Carr Junior School @CarrJuniorYork · Oct 22

Our Sparks children had a great time at the Pumpkin Patch yesterday where they picked and carved their own pumpkins. Don't they look fantastic? #creative #community



Carr Junior School @CarrJuniorYork · 19h

A really spooktacular disco at @CarrJuniorYork this evening! 🎃🕸
#carrstars #happy



Staffing Update

Today we say Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Winston for a little while as she will be starting her maternity cover role as Head of School at Woodthorpe Primary School after half term. At our disco last night we dedicated the NSYNC song 'Bye bye bye' to her which she loved! I just wanted to let parents know that in Mrs Winston's absence, for the time being, I will be taking over her teaching responsibilities in Sparks and 6MW.

Poppies!

We will continue to sell poppies for Remembrance Day at morning break times after half term. The poppies are the plastic keyrings so we have a suggested donation of £1 for these. Thank you.

Health & Safety and Safeguarding

- If you would like to contact our Pastoral / Family Lead, Miss Daniella Harrison, please select Option 3 to be directed to the correct office.
- Please take care and be considerate of residents when parking cars at drop off and pick up times. Thank you.

School and Home working together!

- Please be aware when contacting the school office at the end of the school day that it is extremely busy. This means that we aren't always able to answer phone calls immediately as we are seeing children out, sorting after school clubs / provisions and dealing with parent queries. If parents / carers need a message passing to their children, please endeavour to contact us by 3pm so that we have time to get the message to classes. We understand that there will be exceptions and emergencies where this can't be done but please could we try this in most cases. Thank you.
- Please make sure children are bringing a coat to school. The children will need their coats to be able to play outside as it continues to get colder and wetter. Thanks.
- We ask that children only bring water in the water bottles they keep in their classrooms. They are allowed to bring juice to have with a packed lunch but not to have in their classrooms.

Thank you in advance for your support. I believe that families and schools that work together, succeed together, and so I am looking forward to the year ahead.

Attend to Achieve!

Attendance at school is crucial to success. Attending school, on time, is the most important action children take in order to make excellent progress and achieve their full potential.

Attendance matters and every day counts. Our school target for attendance is 96%. If you need to report an absence or need support with your child's attendance, please contact our school office. We have an Attendance Officer (Miss Annetts) in our admin team and a Pastoral Lead (Miss Harrison) who can support you with your concerns alongside the class teachers.

PE Timetable for the Week!

Timetable for week 1

Monday 4th November	Tuesday 5th November	Wednesday 6th November	Thursday 7th November	Friday 8th November
Y3 Swimming	3H extra PE session	Y6 PE	Sparks Class PE	Y4 PE
Y4 PE	5M extra PE session		Y3 PE	Y5 PE
Y5 PE	6J extra PE session			
	Y6 PE			
	Lunch time mile for all years			

Pen Licences!

One of our School Improvement Priorities this year is Writing. As part of this, we are really focussed on improving the accuracy of our letter formation and our general presentation of all writing in our books. Children who have made progress on this during the first half of the Autumn term, have started to come and share their work with me so that they can potentially earn their pen licence. We already have 19 Y6 pupils who I have managed to see who have successfully earned their pen licences this year. A huge well done to them and there are lots more children who are so keen to show me their writing after half term. I love their enthusiasm!

School Council!

We are super proud of all of our School Council representatives from last year. They will soon be handing over their roles to some new members of the team. After half term, each class will be electing a new member. Please talk to your child about this. If your child would like to be considered for the role, they must prepare a speech to read out to their class explaining why they believe they would be a good School Council representative. Their class will then use their democratic right to cast their vote and elect the person with the most votes. Please support them to practise at home so they feel as prepared as possible. Good luck everyone!

Tesco Coins!

We are very lucky to have been selected onto the Tesco Stronger Starts token scheme to help raise money for our lower yard to be upgraded! From the start of October until mid-January 2025, you will be able to pop your blue tokens when shopping with Tesco into our pot! Just look for Carr Junior School in the following Tesco locations...

York 2110 Gillygate

York 3480 York Extra (Clifton Moor)

York 4790 Norton

York 5024 Strensall

York 5314 Huntington Road

York 6677 Goodramgate

We would absolutely be overjoyed with your support with this! Thank you

Attendance

3A - 95.83%
 3H - 93.75%
 4CG - 100%
 4K - 94.58%
 5H - 89.92%
 5M - 94.74%
 6F - 95.37%
 6J - 94.44%
 6MW - 100%



Dates for your diaries!

I have started to add Christmas events to the list below - please keep an eye on these as I will update with more details or events as we get into the next half term.

Date/s	Event	Year groups
Friday 25th October	School closed - Training Day	All
Monday 4th November 8.40am	School Opens	All
Wednesday 13th November 3.20pm - 5.45pm	Autumn Term Open Evening - in school hall	All
Tuesday 19th November	Author visit to school	All
Thursday 21st November	Y6 Height and weight screening	Y6 only
Saturday 23rd November 10am-10.30am	Carr Choir singing in town at Christmas Market	Choir
Friday 29th November	Non-uniform day in exchange for tombola prizes for Christmas Fair	All
Tuesday 3rd - Wednesday 5th December	5M Bikeability	5M
Friday 6th December 3.20pm	Christmas Fair	All
Tuesday 10th - Wednesday 11th December	5H Bikeability	5H
Friday 13th December	Whole School Panto Visit	All
Thursday 19th December 3.15pm	School closes for Christmas holidays	All
Friday 20th December	School closed - Training Day	All
Monday 6th January 8.40am	School Opens	All



AT ENERGISE LEISURE CENTRE (YORK HIGH SCHOOL)

CORNLANDS ROAD, ACOMB, YORK, YO24 3DX

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ONGOING DURING SCHOOL TERM TIMES
(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR (PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))



Group 1	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Ages 4 – 6
Group 2	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Ages 7 – 8
Group 3	7:30pm – 8:30pm	Ages 9 – 12

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis **EVERY WEDNESDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive an engraved merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, American shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£30) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities with the course held indoors in the large sports hall.

TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT 'YORK' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP NUMBER TO:

07846 770 250

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)



NHS

Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys
NHS Foundation Trust

Who are we?

The Wellbeing in Mind Team (WIMT) is your local Mental Health Support Team. We provide mental health and wellbeing support in educational settings through three pillars:

1

Whole School Approach

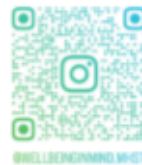
We work collaboratively with your setting to develop their whole school approach to mental wellbeing. There is no 'one size fits all' and WIMT will be responsive to your school's needs.

2

Advice

We provide timely advice to school staff, and liaise with external services, to help pupils, students and staff to get the right support for their wellbeing.

Find out more



WIMT@TEES-ESK-WEAR.NHS.UK

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Direct work

We provide an early intervention service, delivering time limited evidence-based interventions to support people with mental wellbeing issues. These could take place through 1:1, small group or parent-led support sessions.



Speak to the WIMT team in school



teew.wimtyork@nhs.net

OCTOBER HALF TERM



York RLFC Foundation are running free turn up and play sessions across York this October half-term. Suitable for children aged 5-11.

Mon 28th Oct

- Orchard Park, Huntington, YO31 9EH 10-12noon
- Clifton Green Primary, YO30 6JA 1:30 - 3:30pm

Tues 29th Oct

- Northfields Park, Strensall, YO32 5XW 10-12 noon
- Homestead Park, Clifton, YO30 6WP 1:30 - 3:30pm

Wed 30th Oct

- Northfields Park, Strensall, YO32 5XW 10-12 noon
- Our Lady's Church Hall, Cornlands Road, YO24 3DX. 10:30 - 12:30pm (indoor session).
- Homestead Park, Clifton, YO30 6WP. 1:30 - 3:30pm

Thurs 31st Oct

- New Earswick Green, YO32 4BY (near the shops) 10-12
- Orchard Park, Huntington, YO31 9EH. 1:30 - 3:30pm



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The Holy Redeemer Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday 7th December 12 - 4pm

Visit Santa's Grotto & The Elves' Workshop
Decorate & Dedicate a Tree
Community Carols
Christmas Craft Fair
Festive Café & Mulled Wine
Christmas Light Switch-on at 4pm

Pre-Booked Craft Tables only £5
Contact Mat on 07380 954043 or email office@holyredeemeryork.com

Sunday 8th December
View the Christmas Trees in Church from 11-3pm
Christmas Wreath Workshop 1-3pm - Bookable in advance £30 pp

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