



CARLTON VC C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 2nd September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is the start of the new school year and I wanted to welcome you back warmly to our school. The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time for everyone with the promise of new children, new parents/carers and new routines.

I do hope you have all had time to rest over the lovely long summer holiday, as we are about to get very busy!

As always, I also want to remind you that my door is always open if you have anything you would like to discuss. Please do make an appointment or catch me at the school gate and I will make an appointment for you. Alternatively, you can email admin@carltonvcprimary.co.uk and ask for an appointment. The office will pass this on to me.

Values

The new school year provides us with a new set of values in 'Nurture'. We will start the school's year looking at the value of 'Respect'. Respect is an essential value for living in our community and one of Carlton's key values. The bible states that we should follow the golden rule expressed in 'Luke 6 v31' which is

'Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

I think this simple rule of treating everyone as you would wish to be treated shows great respect for both ourselves and others.

Changes

I wanted to make sure that you are all aware of the changes that will be in place and to give you a breakdown of what will happen over the new few weeks to help the first few days go smoothly:

Breakfast and After School Club

Over the summer we have moved the Breakfast Club into the old ICT suite. To gain access to this you will need to go through the small gate by the office. However, due to the furniture company letting us down and the new furniture not being delivered, for the first week, we will hold the Breakfast Club and After School Club in the Hall. Therefore, you will need to bring your children to Breakfast Club via the school office. Afterschool Club will also be collected via the school office. From Monday 9th September the new room should be up and running – but I will let you know if there are any further problems.

Newsletters

I will be sending a newsletter out on the first school day of each month, I will add this to the School Dojo Page and send it via Parentmail. I will add a list of dates to watch out for that month.

Staff News

Over the holidays there has been a few changes made to some classrooms with regards to staffing. Mrs Coppenhall will now work across two classrooms. She will work all day on a Monday in Squirrel's Classroom and all day on a Tuesday in Woodpecker's Classroom.

Mrs Williams will work Tuesday to Friday in Squirrel's Classroom.

Mrs Frost will work on a Tuesday all day taking music lessons and covering Owl's class in the afternoon.

Mrs Collier is now a fully qualified teacher and joins us in Woodpecker's full time.

Miss Walker has now had her baby – a beautiful baby girl called Elodie and she weighed in at 7lb 2oz.

Mrs Noah will work on a Thursday covering Forest School all day and will offer a Forest School after school club on the same day.

Upcoming Important Dates

Please could you make sure you check the [website calendar](#) weekly as whenever I receive dates this is the first place that I update. The school holiday and teacher training days are on the calendar right up until September 2025. If I have to make changes to any dates, I will do so via the website first and then put into a newsletter. Reminders for events will be posted on School Dojo.

First Day Back - Wednesday 4th September 2024 – All school age children (Nursery children will start back on Wednesday 11th September see below.

Breakfast club will open at 8am.

The main gates will open at 8:45am by myself, I will remain on the playground to help with any queries until 9am when I will close the gates. Any children that arrive after 9am will need to go through the office.

Squirrels - Reception Children and parents should go through the gates to the Squirrels outdoor area where they will be greeted by Mrs Williams, Mrs Gibbons and Mrs Birch.

Hedgehogs – children will be greeted on the playground by Mrs Simmonds and Mrs Muldowney.

Woodpeckers – children will be greeted on the playground by Miss Taylor

Owls – children will make their way to the Owls Classroom (Miss Ireland will be available on the playground for any queries).

Wednesday 11th September 2024 – Nursery Children

School will open for Nursery children on Wednesday 11th September 2024. On the mornings that your child is in nursery, you should bring your child to the Squirrels outside play area where you will be greeted by Mrs Williams.

If your child is new to nursery, you may wish to stay with your child for all or part of the first session.

Wednesday 18th September – 25th September 2024

There will be a book fair for a week being held in the Hall after school, from 3:30pm to 4:15pm where you can come and browse children books to buy. Payment for this will be online through a QR code provided by the book fair company.

Attendance

The Government have changed the attendance rules for schools and I will be sending out a leaflet to explain this in a couple of days. Please can I remind parents and carers again, that any medical and dental appointments, during term time, will still need to be **supported by documentation** as per the Attendance Policy. You may send confirmation to the office in person or via email.

Uniform

The uniform requirements are on our website and we ask you to make sure that all children come to school in the appropriate uniform and shoes. In addition to the uniform your children will need a book bag, hat and a water bottle. Please ensure all items are labelled clearly with your child's name.

PE

Key stage 1 children and Early years are required to bring their PE kit into school and they will change into their PE kits in the classroom.

Key stage 2 children will need to come into school in their PE kits ready for their PE lessons. Their PE days are as follows:

Woodpeckers – Mondays and Fridays

Owls – Wednesdays and Fridays.

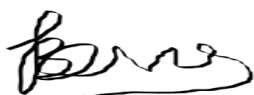
Car Park

We will re-start using the traffic cones across the entrance to the car park on Wednesday 4th September. This helped considerably with the children's safety. We also ask you to park considerately to avoid any accidents. Thank you all for your patience and co-operation in keeping all our children safe.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is still up and running and children will have swimming lessons throughout September – weather permitting. Therefore, please can you make sure your child has a swimming kit available for them to use daily. Unfortunately, earrings cannot be worn in the pool so children will need to be able to remove them or not wear them to school on the days they are swimming. I will let you know if after school swimming will be available as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Bevis', with a horizontal line underneath.

Jo Bevis

Headteacher