

## **Carbeile Junior School**

Spring 2023

Newsletter 3

Friday 20th January 2023

### **Hi everyone,**

I hope you have all had a good week. As always it has been crazy busy here, but always so fun and with so much purpose in all that we do. We had a governor day this week, and they did some lesson visits and some pupil conferencing, where learning attitudes and comments from the children were just delightful.

The iPupils had a visit to TCC this week too. These are children selected for their expertise in science, and we will be aiming to open up iPupil opportunities in a range of subjects: maths, art, French and hopefully many more. We have also had our first Year 5 Bikeability groups going on this week, aiming for a bit of savvy road use when the children are on their bikes. And then I have ended the week by meeting some ace parents who have come up with a fab plan for an Easter extravaganza on Thursday 30th March - more details to follow for this.

Lots of important information in this newsletter, especially about the planned strike action in a couple of weeks.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr. H

### **Strike Action**

I am sure you are aware of the strike action that has taken place by nurses, postal workers and rail workers, following ballots organised by their trade unions. The teaching staff who are members of the NEU union have decided, in line with the ballot result from their union, that strike action is necessary for changes to be made to the education system. This action is not against the school itself, but is part of national industrial action organised by these trade unions about their members' pay and the dispute with the Secretary of State for Education.

Neither the Governing Body nor the Head Teacher is legally allowed to close the school 'in sympathy' with the strike. However, our main concern is the safety of our children. The school may only close if, in the opinion of the Head Teacher, it is not safe to remain open, because so many teachers will be absent that it would not be possible to provide adequate levels of supervision.

There is no requirement on unions to inform the school of which members of staff will take strike action. There is also no obligation on members of unions to obey a strike call. However, Carbeile Junior School teaching staff have indicated in advance that there will be a significant number of teachers taking part in strike action.

Based on this information, I consider that it will not be safe to open on this day. **Therefore, Carbeile will be closed to pupils all day on Wednesday 1 February.** Staff have been instructed not to set cover work on this day, by their trade unions, as part of the industrial action. The children can therefore access Oak Academy resources for their year group by visiting the following site:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-2>

It is extremely important to note that the teachers have not made this decision lightly, we have had multiple discussions about the options available, but ultimately they are all standing up for what they believe in, which I respect, and I hope you understand.

The school will be closed to all children. However, if there is absolutely no way that you can provide care for your child on Wednesday 1st February, then you will need to email me with the reason for this and we will aim to accommodate you as much as we can.

I hope you understand the reasons for this strike, and that you can support our staff in trying to make a change in education.

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### **Pantomime - Goldilocks and the Three Bears**

I have been in talks with the Theatre Royal, Plymouth about getting cheaper tickets to see their 2023 pantomime, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. My family and I were lucky enough to see Sleeping Beauty last week and I would love to offer this opportunity to all of our children. Unfortunately we cannot do this as a school trip as the cost of the coaches would prohibit us going. Therefore, I have managed to secure something a bit different.

I would like to offer out the cheaper rate tickets to the community, so that if you and your children would like to see the pantomime but have always been put off by the price, we can make the most of a school booking to enable our children to experience

live theatre. This means you can buy as many tickets as you want for your family, friends, relatives etc.

I have provisionally booked 500 tickets in the stalls, circle and upper circle, with tickets usually around the £35 mark. The Theatre Royal have very kindly agreed to make the children's tickets £10, and all other adult tickets £20. This reduces a family of four price from around £140 to £60.

If you are interested in this, a letter will be coming out soon for you to book however many tickets you would like, and then to send the money in at the same time so your tickets are booked. Remember, you can book for family and friends, even if they don't go to Carbeile.

I think this is a wonderful opportunity to see an amazing performance at a greatly reduced price.

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### **Road Safety**

Highlighted by the crazy behaviour in trying to get 'Prime' from Spar at the end of the day, there have been some near misses on the road recently. We will be doing some extensive work on road safety in the coming weeks.

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### **Reading**

Linked to the Home Learning section above, please try and prioritise reading for pleasure at home so that your children really enjoy picking up a book and reading. If you can, try and make time to read with your child and actually question them on any vocabulary that they might not have heard before. This will develop their reading fluency, but also their understanding of different vocabulary.

It is proven that children who are subjected to lots of 'words' at home are much more successful readers and writers, whether that is by just being spoken to, or by being read to, or simply reading themselves. So give your children the best possible reading experience at home by letting them read to you at least three times a week, and then questioning them about their book at the same time. Thank you for your support in this.

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### **Cornwall Air Ambulance**

It has been announced that the Cornwall Air Ambulance is doing a fund raiser on Friday 10th February. They would love it if all schools across Cornwall took part by dressing in red and donating money to the charity to keep this amazing facility going. Who knows, any of us might need their service one day - let's help them raise some cash! So, on Friday 10th February children can come in mufti (as much red as possible) for a donation to charity. Thank you.

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### **Home Learning**

As you know, your children work extremely hard in the 7 and a half hours that they are in school each day. It is exactly for this reason that we do not set excessive amounts of home learning. However, if you are able to support and encourage the children to read at least three times every week (every day if possible) and to complete at least 10 minutes on Times Tables Rock Stars every week, that would be amazing. We do not ever punish children for not completing home learning, though we do remind them to do their best to complete it, and we do reward children with bonus Golden Time if they do complete the reading and the times tables.

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### **Safer Internet Day**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Tuesday 7th February** we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day 2023. Over the week, the children will be focusing on online safety in their Computing lessons and a special assembly to focus on the issues of staying safe online.

Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on children and young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school/our group/our club, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created

some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: [saferinternet.org.uk/ SID-parents](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents).

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher, a member of the SLT or our Designated Safeguarding Person/Lead.

Kind regards,

**Mr Davey**



### **Most Awesome Person of the Week Trophy**

Our worthy recipient of the 'Most Awesome Person of the Week' trophy this week is Joe Davey in Year 6. There was a bit of an unpleasant incident last week linked to the dreaded 'Prime' drink which involved some of our Year 6 boys. Joe was very brave, and acted with a huge amount of integrity to stick up for the person being hassled, and made the others leave him alone. What a wonderful human!

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### **Eco Tip of the Week**

#### **Recycling**

Try to recycle at home. Use the coloured bags to sort plastic, cardboard, glass and paper. It might seem like a job you don't need but if everyone does their little bit, we can make a big change together. That's what we talk to the children about in school - a positive impact when we collaborate!

You can get your recycling bags by ordering online here:

[https://secure.cornwall.gov.uk/form/auto/waste\\_recyc equip\\_req](https://secure.cornwall.gov.uk/form/auto/waste_recyc equip_req)

Or you might still be able to get them at the library.

The next collection for recycling is next Wednesday and every two weeks after that!  
Happy Recycling!

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**Cornwall Council**  
**DRAFT 2022/23 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools**

Information Classification: CONFIDENTIAL



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School holidays

Bank holidays	
Christmas Day	25 December 2022
Boxing Day	26 December 2022
Bank Holiday (in lieu of 25 Dec)	27 December 2022
New Years Day	01 January 2023
Bank Holiday (in lieu of 1 Jan)	02 January 2023
Good Friday	07 April 2023
Easter Monday	10 April 2023
May Bank Holiday	01 May 2023
Spring Bank Holiday	29 May 2023
Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2023

**AUTUMN TERM (70 days)**  
 5 September - 16 December 2022  
 (HALF TERM 24-28 October 2022)

**SPRING TERM (59 days)**  
 3 January - 31 March 2023  
 (HALF TERM 13-17 February 2023)

**SUMMER TERM (66 days)**  
 17 April - 25 July 2023  
 (HALF TERM 29 May - 2 June 2023)

INSET Days

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 (HALF TERM 23-27 October 2023)

**SPRING TERM (56 days)**  
 3 January - 28 March 2024  
 (HALF TERM 12-16 February 2024)

**SUMMER TERM (67 days)**  
 15 April - 24 July 2024  
 (HALF TERM 27-31 May 2024)

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**Dates for your diary:**

Date	Event
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Science iPupils trip to TCC
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Children back to school
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Clive Pigg storyteller in school all day
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Paul Stevens, Year 6 Drama Workshop

<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 4 Celebration Assembly (1.45pm)
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Year 3 Celebration Assembly (1.45pm)
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 6 Celebration Assembly (2.15pm)
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 5 Celebration Assembly (1.45pm)
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Last day of spring term
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holiday
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	INSET Day, children not in school
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First day of summer term, children back to school
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	BANK HOLIDAY
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	BANK HOLIDAY
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs week