



Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter

Truth, Love, Life to The Full

Spring Week 3- 26/1/24

Message from the Headteacher

I am writing to you about my concerns regarding parking outside school at the start and at the end of the day. This year, the situation at our Infant Department has improved and I thank parents for their support with this. However, the parking situation at the Junior Department concerns me greatly. This week, staff have spoken with parents and carers who have stopped their car to drop off on the zig zag lines or in the middle of the road outside the Junior Department. Unfortunately, I feel this is becoming common place despite our pleas. I have received complaints from parents who are concerned about the situation and safety for all children. This behaviour is unsafe and this week I witnessed a near miss as a child got out of the car in the middle of the road. Please park up further down the road and walk your child to school. Please be aware that if you have a blue badge, you are still not permitted to park or drop off on the zig zag lines. Thanks to the parents and carers who keep our children safe and follow these rules.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Seaborn

In the Curriculum

Sean Perkins, a local author, came to visit our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children to share his new book 'Oscar and Ben-The Birthday Party'. Sean read this interactive story and the children joined in too, Sean finished the session with a song about the story.



Hania Tkaczuk from The Ogden Trust visited us on Tuesday to present our lead science ambassadors with their lab coats. They discussed their first tasks and we can't wait to get started. Watch this space ...



This week, Nursery have been looking for clues. They wanted to find out who has been in our Nursery overnight? Who made a BIG mess? After examining the evidence and studying CCTV the children found out it was ...Goldilocks! Super detective work Nursery.



Year 5 took part in an exciting science workshop on Thursday. The children have explored mechanisms including gears, pulleys, levers whilst thinking about forces! Super scientists.



National Story Telling Week



Next week is National Storytelling Week. To mark this event, we will be storytelling in school. Can you volunteer for some storytelling in school? On Wednesday, we will hold our mystery reader event. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help- we need readers to help make this a success.

NSPCC Number Day



On Friday 2nd February, we are celebrating NSPCC Number Day. The children can come to school dressed in their own clothes with a number theme if possible. During the day, there will be creative and fun activities and an inter-school competition with Times Tables Rock Stars - NSPCC Rocks! We would be grateful for a small donation to support the work of the NSPCC.

Parent Workshop- Keeping your child safe on the Internet- Friday 9th February 9am

Keeping your child safe online can be tricky! On Friday 9th February, Mr Stewart (our computing lead) will be hosting a parent workshop. This workshop will give advice and guidance about the latest apps and games that children are playing online and how you can keep your child safe. The workshop will start at 9am at the infant department and parents from both departments are very welcome. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee and some handy hints about internet safety.

Virtues and Values

This term we are growing to be 'Compassionate and Loving'. We will be promoting these values in school through our collective worship and in discussions with the children. Each week a child in each class will be chosen for a special certificate for using these values and will have afternoon tea with Mrs Seaborn.

“**Compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate, and **loving** by their actions and forgiving words.”

Attendance

Every day counts! After discussions with the children- next half term there will be 3 x £10 Amazon vouchers in a prize draw for KS2 children with 100% attendance.

Nursery	94.7%	Year 3D	97.7%
Reception S	95.3%	Year 3R	92.3%
Reception J	92.7%	Year 4L	95.0%
Year 1B	96.9%	Year 4S	92.7%
Year 1L	95.0%	Year 5H	97.1%
Year 2C	99.0%	Year 5W	93.5%
Year 2G	95.3%	Year 6B	95.0%
		Year 6C	98.3%

Dates for the Diary	
2/2/24	NSPCC Number Day- Children can wear their own clothes (wear a number or maths theme)
5/2/24-7/2/24	Year 6 Residential – Robinwood
5/2/24-11/2/24	Children’s Mental Health Week- ‘My Voice Matters’ Children will be able to dress in their own clothes on Friday 9 th February.
7/2/24	Safer Internet Day
9/2/24	Internet Safety Workshop for parents 9am Infant Department
13/2/24	Big Bedtime Read 5pm (More information to follow)
14/2/24	Ash Wednesday Mass- Reception to Y6 will attend Mass to
15/2/24	Year 4S- Lent Collective Worship 2:45pm (Year 4S Parents welcome- Junior Hall)
15/2/24	School closes for half term
27/2/24	SEND Parent Drop in with Mrs Watson (am)
7/3/24	World Book Day (More information to follow)
19/3/24	Junior Parents’ Evening
20/3/24	Infant Parents’ Evening
27/3/24	Stations of the Cross Liturgy for Y6 parents 2:45pm (Junior Hall)
28/3/24	Easter Play (Year 2) – Year 2 Parents welcome 9 am (Infant Hall)
28/3/24	School closes for Easter at 1:30pm