



Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter

Truth, Love, Life to The Full

Autumn Week 8- 3/11/23

Message from the Headteacher

A warm welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing half term break with your families. We have so much to look forward to this half term and at the end of this newsletter there are lots of new dates for your diary. Please take a look! We're looking forward to seeing you all next week at parents' evening. Enjoy this week's bumper addition of our school's newsletter.

Mrs Seaborn

In the Curriculum

On Wednesday we celebrated a school Mass for All Saint's Day. This was led by the school's GIFT team who read beautifully. Several children in Y6 served on the altar for this beautiful service.

Year 4 took part in a science workshop all about Sound. Sam, the 'Sound Man', came into school and demonstrated how sound travels. The children investigated the pitch and volume of sound. In the afternoon the children made musical instruments. They made xylophones, panpipes, drums, rain makers, recorders and wind chimes. Fun and lots of learning was had by all.



Year 5 have been learning about Brazil in their geography lessons. During this topic they looked at the Rio Carnival. As a half-term project, the children made costumes to celebrate Manchester. The

children had a Manchester Carnival day and had a musical parade around school. Amazing effort from Year 5! Thank you to the parents for your support with this.



You can see more of our learning on Twitter/ X and on our school website. Follow us by using these links [@mount_carmel1](https://twitter.com/mount_carmel1) and <https://www.mountcarmel.manchester.sch.uk/>

Primary Science Quality Mark

Following a year of hard work, we are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark. This national accreditation is awarded to schools to celebrate a commitment to excellent science teaching and learning. Thank you to Miss Hegarty (Science Leader) who has led the project over the past 12 months so effectively providing CPD for staff and opportunities for pupils.



End of the Day Routines at the Junior Department

This is a gentle reminder about the routine for the end of the day at the Junior Department. Please use the one-way system using the main gate and collect your child from their class line. The office is extremely congested and we ask that parents only collect from the office if they are unable to walk down the steps because of a physical disability or because of an access issue e.g. babies in prams. The congestion in the office is leading to safeguarding concerns so please collect your child from their line if you are able to. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Virtues and Values

This term we are growing to be Intentional and Prophetic. 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.

“Intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.”

Parents' Evening

Please make sure you have booked your slot through the School Spider app. If you need assistance to book a slot, please speak to the office. Please note, children are not to be brought to the parents evening. Each appointment is 5 minutes, please do not be offended if a teacher ends the conversation beyond this time as we are trying hard not to inconvenience other parents and families.

Infant Parents' Evening- Tuesday 7th November 3:30- 6pm

Junior Parents' evening- Wednesday 8th November 3:30- 6pm

Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals through the universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. However, if you receive any of the following it is still **important that you register your child for free school meals**. This is so we can claim funding to support your child at school. This is called Pupil Premium and it is used to improve outcomes for children and support their education.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed part of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as your annual gross income is £16,190 or less and you don't get Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-off after you come off Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit that you applied for on, or after, 1 April 2018. As long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax, not including any benefits

Please follow this link to see if you're eligible <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Alternatively, speak to a member of staff at Parent's Evening in the hall who can assist you.

Early Reading Workshop for Parents in Reception and Year 1 (Evening Workshop)

We will be running another early reading and phonics parent workshop on **Thursday 30th November at 5pm** in the school hall at the Infant Department. The workshop will give you some key information about how to support your child with reading and phonics. We will begin by looking at how we teach phonics at Mount Carmel and then we will provide some simple ideas of how to support your child at home on their reading journey. All welcome- please join!

Parental Workshop – 'Supporting your Child's Mental Health'

On Thursday 7th December at 9am in the Infant Hall, we will be running a workshop to help you support your child's mental health. This will be delivered by Manchester Healthy Schools and will last 1 hour.

This workshop will aim to explore;

- Understanding what mental health is and how it plays a part in all of our lives

- Identifying the signs, symptoms, and behavioural changes of a range of mental health conditions
- Explore a range of mental health conditions and triggers that contribute to poor mental health
- Supporting and promoting the recovery of mental health and wellbeing
- Know where to get further support from

All welcome- please join!

Bonfire Safety

This week children have been spoken to about keeping safe this Bonfire night. If you are enjoying fireworks/ bonfire night celebrations this weekend, please keep safe.

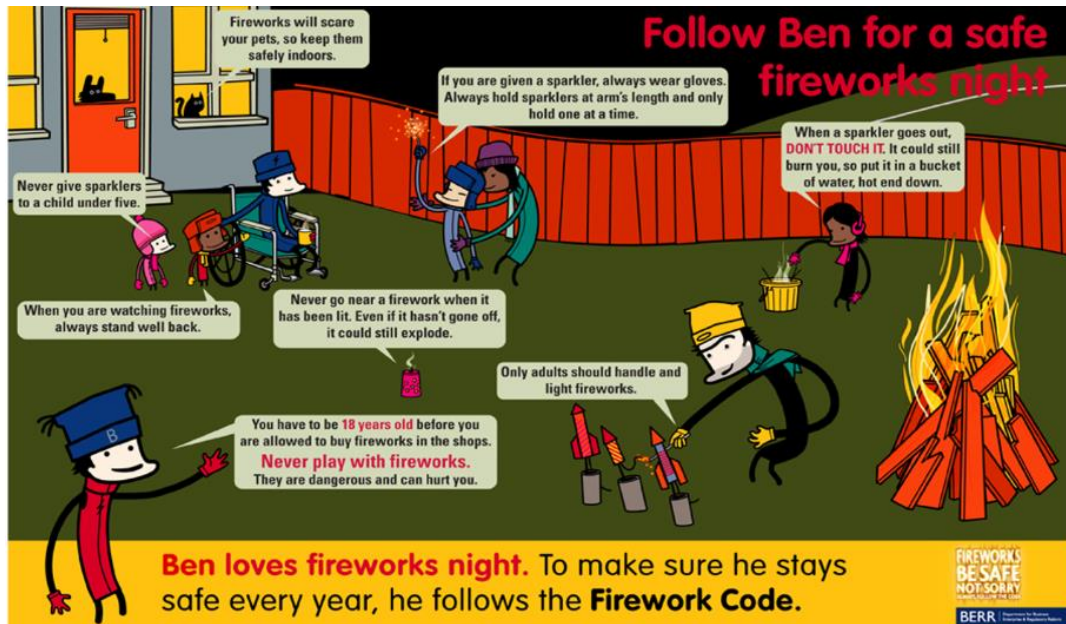


Photo Consent

We sent out photo consent forms before half term. The purpose of these forms is to check who can be photographed and recorded on video for the school website and Emmaus website alongside the school X account, school Instagram account, displays in the school and on the weekly newsletter. Please fill in and return. Please make sure you put your child's name on the form.

Parish Christmas Fair

The parish Christmas fair will be held on Saturday 18th November in the Parish Hall of St John Bosco on Charlestown Road and all our families are invited. The parish are looking for donations of chocolates, toiletries, gifts sets and bottles of wine or beer for the tombola stalls. If you can donate, please bring in by the 14th November. Please support our Parish if you can.

Attendance for the Week

Every day counts! We will be holding a KS2 raffle each half term for children who achieve 100% attendance during that half term. The prize for this half term is cinema gift vouchers.

Nursery	88.3%	Year 3D	94.7%
Reception S	95.7%	Year 3R	95.3%
Reception J	93.7%	Year 4L	93.7%
Year 1B	91.4%	Year 4S	93.3%
Year 1L	90.7%	Year 5H	99%
Year 2C	97.9%	Year 5W	95.5%
Year 2G	95.3%	Year 6B	92.7
		Year 6C	96

Dates for the Dairy

7/11/23	<u>Infant Department Parents Evening</u> 3:30- 6:00pm
8/11/23	<u>Individual Pupil photographs taken by Kittle: Please make sure your child is in full uniform.</u> <u>Junior Department Parents' Evening</u> 3:30- 6:00pm
13/11/23	<u>Anti-Bullying Week</u> Anti-Bullying activities will be taking place all week
13/11/23	<u>Reception and Year 6 Children Height and Weight Screening (NHS)</u>
17/11/23	<u>Rock Star Maths Day</u> Come dressed as a rock star as we enjoy a special maths theme day. (Jeans, t-shirt and funky hairstyle)
22/11/23	<u>Nasal Flu Immunisations</u>
23/11/23	<u>EYFS Open Evening 5pm Infant Hall</u> This evening is for parents who are interested in applying for Reception and Nursery places for September 2024
30/11/23	<u>Evening Parent Phonics Workshop 5pm (Change of Original Date)</u> This is an important early reading workshop suitable for both Reception and Year 1 parents. This workshop will provide you with information about our phonics scheme and give you advice on how to support your child in learning to read
1/12/23	<u>Advent Assembly</u> Year 1 will lead the Infant Department in a special advent assembly. Year 1 parents are welcome to join this celebration. 9am Infant Hall
4/12/23	<u>Junior Pantomime</u> Years 3-6 to visit Middleton Arena to see the Pantomime 'Jack & the Beanstalk.'
7/12/23	<u>Parental Workshop – 'Supporting your Child's Mental Health'</u> 9am Infant Hall- All Welcome
8/12/23	<u>Big Sleep Out</u> <u>GIFT team will be invited to take part in the Big Sleep Out- more information will follow.</u>
12/12/23	<u>SEND Parent Drop in @Junior Department 9am- 12pm</u> If you would like to meet with Mrs Watson please call the office for an appointment. Parents from Nursery- Year 6 welcome
13/12/23	<u>Infant Pantomime</u> Reception- Y2 'Sleeping Beauty' will be performed by a Theatre Group coming in to school
14/12/23	<u>Christmas Music Afternoon</u> KS2 parents please join us for an afternoon of Christmas music. Mince pies and hot drinks provided.
19/12/23	<u>EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity Performance.</u> EYFS Parents welcome 2:30pm Infant Hall
22/12/23	<u>Year 2 Nativity Performance</u> Y2 Parents Welcome. 9am Infant Hall.