



## Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter

*Truth, Love, Life to The Full*

**Spring Week 1- 12/1/24**

### Message from the Headteacher



Happy New Year to you all. I do hope you had a very special Christmas with your loved ones.

Please don't forget to check the school website regularly. You will find the information about your child's curriculum studies for this term on both the class page and in the curriculum section of the website. Click on the different subject areas and this will lead you to all the curriculum plans and progression maps.

This year, please can you make parking away from school as your new year's resolution? Please do not park on Hunt Street at the Infant Department and please do not stop or park on the zig zag lines at the Junior Department – you should not stop on the zig zags to collect or drop off however brief this might be. Please keep our children safe.

God bless,

Mrs Seaborn

### In the Curriculum

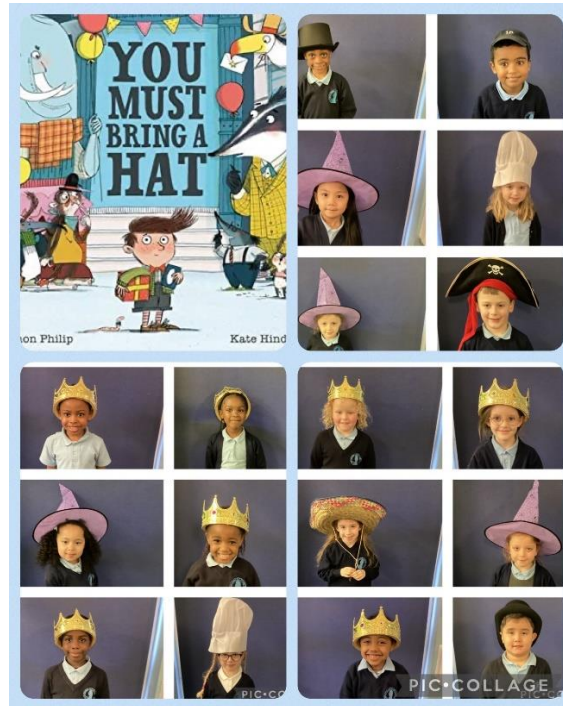
The children in Nursery have been reading the story, 'Goldilocks and The Three Little Bears'. The children in Nursery went on a school trip to Asda on Wednesday to purchase items to make porridge. Today the Nursery children made porridge and tasted it. The porridge wasn't too hot; it wasn't too sweet... it was just right!



Our Music curriculum for this term has started with a bang! Year 4 have started their steel pan lessons. They sounded amazing on their first lesson and we are looking forward to inviting parents to hear them perform later in the Spring Term. In Year 2, we have launched our Paul Hamlyn Manchester Project! We were so excited to create music using GarageBand - using the keyboard with chords and arpeggios; and our own voices and creative sounds with the sampling tool. There was lots of fun and laughter as we listened to each other's creations!



Year 1 are reading 'You Must Bring a Hat' in their English lessons. As part of this learning, they have modelled their favourite hat this week and described what they liked about it. Year 1 will be making their own hats later this term.



### Infant Department- Start of the School Day

This week, many children have arrived late for school at the Infant Department. It is so unsettling for a child to arrive late into their classroom after the lesson has started and it is not the best way for them to start the day. It also means that Mrs Clancy is taken from her normal duties to ensure the children get to their classes safely.

**School start time at the Infant Department is 8.50a.m. The gates open at 8.40a.m.**

If there is any reason why you are unable to get your child in to school on time, moving forward, please contact Mrs Seaborn or speak to a member of the office staff.

### 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."

### Reading Folders

Please do not put water bottles in reading folders. We have had a number of reading books damaged because water bottles have leaked in book bags. If a damaged book is returned to school, we kindly ask for you to pay for the replacement.

### Mystery Reader

Next Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup> January), is the first of our 'Mystery Reader' afternoons. Thank you to the parents and carers who have volunteered to take part in this project. If you would like to volunteer / take part and share a book with your child's class, please speak to the class teacher. We're still looking for volunteers!

## Applying for Reception places for September 2023 (Final Weekend)

Nursery parents, just a reminder that you need to apply for your child's September 2024 Reception place by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January! If you have not completed the forms you must do it this weekend. To access the online portal page, visit [www.manchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/admissions) and select 'apply for a primary school place'. Then select 'get a reception place for September 2024'. If you have already applied, you do not need to do anything!

## Smart Watches

Smart watches that can record videos, voice and take photos are not permitted in school. If a child brings one in, they will be confiscated and the watch will need to be collected from the office. This is a safeguarding matter. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

## 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	93.8%	Year 3D	98.3%
Reception S	96.3%	Year 3R	100%
Reception J	98.3%	Year 4L	95.0%
Year 1B	98.3%	Year 4S	97.5%
Year 1L	92.3%	Year 5H	94.4%
Year 2C	95.8%	Year 5W	97.6%
Year 2G	98.3%	Year 6B	99.2%
		Year 6C	95.0%

## Incredible Years Parenting Programme at the Sure Start office Near Harpurhey Baths

CAPS are offering a free parenting course aimed at parents whose children are between age 2- 4 years of age. Below is the flyer. If you would like to take part in this great course, please contact the APS team on 0161 203 3262.

**In Foundation Stage, we can see the impact this has on children; they are more likely to be toilet trained, more able to sit still and concentrate. They tend to settle into school better. Overall, they are more ready for learning.**  
- Teacher from a Manchester primary school

**I'm interested - what happens next?**  
Whoever told you about the course will arrange a time to visit you at home with one of the group leaders to give you more information about the course and answer any questions you have.  
If you both feel that the course could be helpful for you and your family they will complete an application form with you.

**His schooling is amazing now...it's been like heaven for our family!**  
- Mum of a four year old

**Contact details**  
North CAPS Team 0161 203 3262  
Central CAPS Team 0161 227 9960  
South CAPS Team 0161 902 3400

Where:  
When:  
Who:

**Children and Parents' Service**

HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD TO LISTEN?  
HOW CAN I MANAGE MY CHILD'S TEMPER TANTRUMS?  
HOW CAN I ACHIEVE A CALM BED TIME?  
HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD TO DO WELL AT SCHOOL?

**Incredible Years Parent Programme**

For more information about the Incredible Years programme visit:  
<http://www.incredibleyears.com>

My son is like a different boy, he now sees me as a parent. I have put in some clear boundaries and he understands them. I now feel in control again and I actually like waking up in the morning.

- Mum of a four year old

### What will I get out of this group?

#### The course aims to:

- Build upon your skills for dealing with difficult behaviours
- Help your child to be ready for school
- Increase your confidence in yourself as a parent
- Further develop your relationship with your child
- Help your child to develop social and emotional skills, e.g. sharing, taking turns, listening, staying calm.

### What will happen at the group?

Sessions consist of looking at video clips of real-life parent-child interactions. These clips highlight ideas, such as how to get the most of playing with your child and how to handle difficult behaviours.

These topics will be discussed as a group and you will get the chance to talk about your own experiences. There will be the chance to practise skills in the group before you give them a go at home on your own.

The course has helped me become a better dad for my daughter, and I also feel better in myself.

- Dad of a three year old

The group will also provide an excellent opportunity to meet other parents who are having similar experiences and to share ideas with each other.

### Who? Where? When?

Each group will be made up of 10-12 parents with two group leaders.

Each group session is two hours long and will run for 14 weeks (in term time only). Groups are run at various Children's Centres across the city.

### Who is the course for?

Being a parent is the hardest job in the world. Lots of parents struggle with their child's behaviour at some time. This course will help you to develop the skills needed to be the best parent you can be.

### What is this group about?

During the group sessions, we will talk about what it means to be a parent, and discuss ways of further developing your relationship with your child.

Through group discussions, we will think together about common problems and how to manage them. You'll have the chance to talk through the high and low points of trying to put them into practice!

The programme has helped me to be calmer and taught me strategies to manage my son's behaviour.

- Mum of a two year old and a six month old

### What about childcare?

A crèche for preschool children is provided. It is run by experienced staff who will provide activities for the children while you attend the group. Both the crèche and the group are completely free of charge.



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 <sup>th</sup> 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