



## Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter

*Truth, Love, Life to The Full*

### Spring Week 2- 19/1/24

#### Message from the Headteacher

We have worked hard over the last 18 months to achieve the Sandwell Wellbeing Charter Mark. We are delighted to announce that this has now been achieved. This award recognises our commitment to improving the mental health and wellbeing of everyone connected with the school. We will continue to work to understand what matters to our children in order that they feel happy and safe in school. The children have had an extra playtime today to celebrate the award. Thank you to Mrs Watson who has led this project so effectively.



Have a great weekend, Mrs Seaborn

#### In the Curriculum

As part of our curriculum offer and commitment to supporting our children's mental health and wellbeing, all children in KS1 and KS2 are taking part in weekly wellbeing workshops. These workshops are being delivered by Fifth Movement. This week in class the children have concentrated on their breathing and have completed some meditation exercises. The children enjoyed their first session with coach Judith this week.



This week, we launched our 'Mystery Reader' project across the school. It was great to see visitors in school reading to our children. If you would like to be involved in the project speak to the class teacher. Remember, there are few things as powerful as regularly reading to a young child. It has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns.



The children in the EYFS have used the cold weather to explore snow and ice. The children have made their own ice mobiles and have had some sledding fun! Take a look at their video using the following link <https://www.mountcarmel.manchester.sch.uk/blog/fun-in-the-snow/87691>



In Science, Y3 have been investigating forces and how a toy car travels on different surfaces. The children in Y3 planned their investigation to make it fair and then carried out their test.



Over the last week, the children in both the Infants and Juniors have been building on their understanding of one of the British Values – democracy. Mr Dalton has led assemblies in both departments and the children have been thinking about examples of democracy in our school. They have learnt about how different our Britain would be without democracy. Why not ask your child what democracy means and why it is so important in society?

### Punctuality

Being on time for school is very important. It helps children to get into good habits for life.



School work starts as soon as a child enters the classroom. If your child is late, they have missed that work. It is unsettling for a child to enter the classroom late. It disrupts the teaching, so it impacts everyone. When late your child also misses the social aspect of greeting their teacher and peers.

Did you know, if your child arrives more than 10 minutes late, they lose their mark for the whole morning? This impacts greatly on your child's attendance figures.

As we are a split-site school we stagger start times and this allows enough time to move between buildings if you're doing a double drop off.

#### Infants

Gates open from 8.40am to 8.50am. Children who are late after 8.50am greatly impact the smooth running of the office, as Mrs Clancy has to leave her room to take children into school.

#### Juniors

Gates open at 8.45am until 9am. Children arriving later than 9am are late and need to be signed in by an adult. This is a legal requirement.

We are concerned at the number of children who arrive late daily. Many of our staff travel a considerable distance and are never late. We kindly ask you to consider these points and try to set off on your journey a few minutes earlier.

#### Caritas Bee There Christmas Campaign

Thank you for your Christmas jumper £1 donations for the 'Bee There Campaign'. We raised £227 for this great charity.

#### Holidays in Term Time

It is not our policy to authorise holidays in term time. The law changed in September 2013. Schools no longer have the freedom to allow parents to take their children out of school. Unauthorised absence from school for the purpose of a holiday could lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued.

#### End of the day routines- Junior Department.

A reminder that after collecting your child from the playground you are not permitted to walk through the junior building for the toilet or the office. Please stay on the one-way route across the playgrounds and up the steps. This is for safeguarding reasons.

#### 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	81.2%	Year 3D	93.3%
Reception S	95.3%	Year 3R	97.7%
Reception J	96.0%	Year 4L	86.3%
Year 1B	97.2%	Year 4S	93.7%
Year 1L	92.9%	Year 5H	99.4%
Year 2C	97.0%	Year 5W	94.2%
Year 2G	94.0%	Year 6B	92.7%

		<b>Year 6C</b>	<b>97.0%</b>
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<b>Dates for the Diary</b>	
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