

Carr Lodge News

January 2019

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the spring term at Carr Lodge – although we're not sure Spring is quite in the air yet, given the temperature! We trust you all had a fantastic Christmas and are ready for a new and exciting year in 2019.



“Together, through a cutting edge, creative and inclusive curriculum, we will inspire ambitious, inquisitive and resilient leaders of tomorrow.”

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In order to further embed our academy vision, we have introduced learning behaviour characters to help pupils develop a greater understanding not only of the characteristics of a successful learner, but also to equip them with the transferrable skills required to thrive in the modern world.

We would like to introduce to you:

Resilient Rosie who always commits herself to learning and self-improvement. She has a great ability to organise herself and workout goals and priorities.

Inquisitive Isaac is a planner. He plans what to do and how to go about it. He likes to make informed decisions, but recognises that other people may have other ideas.

Reflective Ronnie is always keen to improve. He invites and reflects on feedback and knows his strengths and limitations as a learner.

The Collaborative Crew love hanging out together and always play a full part in the life of the school. They work together with a strong sense of consideration and fairness towards others.

The Thinking Twins – Motivated Mo and Creative Chrissy are on the same wavelength. They always ask ‘why?’ ‘how?’ And ‘what if?’ They think creatively and try out different ways to tackle a problem.

Pupil Parliament

Since returning in January, our Pupil Parliament have continued their work with Active Travel and are determined to help alleviate the issue we have with parking at Carr Lodge. They have been out-and-about in the local area drawing up a map which shows parents all the places they can park that are within a 5-minute walk to the academy. This will not only help with reducing the amount of cars parking on Grady Drive, but also add a bit of exercise to the morning routine – it’s a win/win for us! They are also in the process of writing a parking pledge which they will be asking parents to sign up to. Before these go out to parents, they are going to meet with the academy’s Local Governing Body to gain their support.

Trip and Events

We have lots of exciting educational visits planned for this term. Year 3 are visiting the ‘York Dig’ as part of their topic, Vikings. Year 4 will be visiting the ‘Out of Africa’ exhibition at Hull museum to deepen their understanding of this fascinating continent. It will be ‘Hail Ceaser’ for year 5 as they visit Doncaster Museum for their topic, Romans. Year 6 will also be in Doncaster with their visit to ‘Crucial Crew’ where they will learn all about being out in the real world with interactive workshops about keeping safe, the criminal justice system, accessing public transport and many others. This is a great experience for them and really aids their transition to High School.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome 5 new members of staff to our team. Miss Ayris joins us a class teacher and will be teaching with Mrs Lownes in Year 1 and with Miss Belnavis in Reception. Mrs Lewis (Year 2), Mr Bateman (Year 1) and Mr Mackintosh (Year 2) have joined our fantastic team of Teaching Assistants. They have made a great start to their Carr Lodge life and I’m sure you will all get to know them much better over the coming weeks and months.

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Meals

We had a really good uptake on our Italian themed day on January 17th, which is lovely to see. On the back of a spectacular Christmas Dinner and extremely positive feedback about meals in term 1, we have seen the number of pupils who have a school dinner increase this term. If you would like your child to move on to school dinners, what better time than January when the days are cold and a warm dinner is perfect to nourish the soul? On Tuesday 5th February, we will be holding another theme day for Chinese New Year. This will be open to all pupils, so watch out for more information soon.

Attendance

Our target for attendance this year is 97%. Attendance so far this year is 96.1%. This is an improvement from 95.5% for the same period last year, which is great to see. Attendance is essential for pupils to get the very best out of their education and we look forward to seeing this figure continue to rise towards our target as the year progresses. Many thanks for your support with this crucial aspect of school life.

Reading Meeting for Parents

Following on from the Success of our Maths Parents Meetings last term, we will be holding a similar event for parents on Monday 4th February (Foundation and Key Stage 1) and Thursday 7th February (key Stage 2). This time the focus will be on our approach to Reading and how you can support your child to read at home. The session will start with a talk from our Reading Lead, followed by key information and strategies from your child's class teacher in the classroom. The sessions will last no longer than an hour and both sessions start at 3:30pm.

Infant Free School Meals Entitlement

If your child/ren are in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and 2) they are entitled to receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal. This means if your child is having a school meal then you do not need to pay for it. Even though your child is entitled to Universal Infant school meals, parents who are on certain benefits are still required to register on the free school meal website [here](#) to ensure your details are included in the information used to calculate the Pupil Premium Funding which schools receive as part of annual funding. This funding is additional funding we can use to support our pupils.

Uniform

We are all very proud of our smart pupils and how they represent the academy. I am sure you will agree that our uniform contributes to the pride our pupils take in attending Carr Lodge Academy. The logo on the jumper is of particular importance as it represents the link each pupil has and the sense of belonging to the academy.

Our uniform is as follows:

Nursery to Year 5

- Dark green sweatshirt or cardigan with Carr Lodge Logo
- White polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Charcoal grey trousers, shorts or skirt
- Summer checked gingham dress in Green
- Black school shoes

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Year 6

Green blazer with academy logo

White shirt

Academy tie (green with grey stripe)

Charcoal grey trousers, shorts or skirt

Black school shoes

All items with the academy logo on can be bought from Cliffs in Doncaster town centre or online at the [Tesco Uniform Shop](#)



Dates for your diary

Half Term 3 - 7th January to 15th February		
Date	Event	Additional Information
7th January 2019	Academy opens	-
4th February	Reading Workshops (Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1)	3:30pm – 4:30pm. These are a continuation of the Maths workshops we ran last term. Come along and find out our approach to reading and pick up some tips as to how you can support your child at home.
5th February	Chinese Theme Meal for Chinese New Year	All welcome to join us for a Chinese meal to celebrate Chinese New Year
7th February	Reading Workshops (Key Stage 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm. These are a continuation of the Maths workshops we ran last term. Come along and find out our approach to reading and pick up some tips as to how you can support your child at home.
11th February	PTA Cinema Event	The Carr Lodge PTA will be holding a cinema event in the school hall. A letter will be sent with timings and how to purchase a ticket.
12th February	Year 3 trip to York Dig	Educational visit to support 'Vikings' topic
5th February	E-Safety Day	Pupils will be learning how they can keep themselves safe online.
12th February	Year 3 visit to Jorvik Viking Centre	-

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15th February	Last day of term	-
Half Term 4 - 25th February to 12th April		
Date	Event	Additional Information
25th February	Academy closed to pupils for INSET	-
26th February	Academy opens	-
27 th February	Year 5 Trip to Doncaster Museum	Educational visit to support the Romans topic
6 th March	Year 4 Trip 'Out of Africa'	Hull Museum
7 th March	World Book Day	Dress up as your favourite book character and join us for a day of reading fun!
14 th March	Year 6 trip to 'Crucial Crew'	-
12th April	Last day of term	-

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