

# Carsic Primary School

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all had a good summer break and that your children are ready for the start of the school year. They have certainly come back looking very smart in their new uniforms!

## New Faces

We have four new teachers join us this year. Ms De Frates in Year 5, Miss Chipperfield in Year 3, Miss Bruccoleri in Year 2 and Mr Pacheco in Year 4. I'm sure that along with ourselves you'll make them very welcome.

Mrs R Yates will be continuing working with the school for two days a week as our SENCO (Special needs Coordinator), Mrs Farrow is taking on a more Pastoral / Behavioural support role within the school and our two teachers due to go on maternity Mrs S Yates and Ms K Sanders will be supporting in Years 5 and 4 until they begin their maternity leave.

## Swine Flu

Please see separate letter with reference to what is currently happening and the latest advice. The school will continue to be vigilant and will send home pupils who are exhibiting symptoms of swine flu.

## Dinners / Packed Lunches

It was noted from the questionnaires sent out last term that a concern from parents was the amount of time that children had to eat their dinners. We will be trying some new strategies this half term to see if we can improve on this.

Like last year, children on packed lunches will be encouraged to take home the "remains" of their packed lunches, so parents can see what they have (or haven't!) eaten. I ought to add that the dinner ladies do a good job at encouraging your children to eat all their food!

We would also very much appreciate it if you could label the **OUTSIDE** of your child's lunch box which will (hopefully) stop children picking up the wrong lunch box for their dinner! If you are not able to do this (as some lunch boxes can be awkward!) school will be able to help out by putting a sticky label with your child's name on for you!

If you are entitled to **Free School Meals** we would appreciate it if you apply for them even if you choose not to take them up. This enables the school to access extra funding which can be spent on the children. More details to follow.

## Dates

We have tried to book provisional dates as early as possible to help parents who need to book time off work to attend events. Nearer the time we will send out "reminder letters!"

### 2009

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| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September                              | Year4 trip to Holocaust Centre        |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September                              | Year 2 trip to Bestwood               |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October                                | Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church  |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October                                   | Parents Evening                       |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October                                  | Parents Evening                       |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                                   | INSET                                 |
| <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October Half Term</b> |                                       |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November                                 | Year 6 trip Wollaton Park Nottingham  |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                                 | Trip to Pantomime (Aladdin)           |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                                | Christmas Concert – KS1               |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                                  | Christmas Concert KS2                 |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December                               | Party Day                             |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                                | Carol Concert – St Mary's Church      |
| <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>                            | <b>First day of Christmas Holiday</b> |

### 2010

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| <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>   | <b>Return to School</b>      |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February   | Parents Evening              |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February  | Parents Evening              |
| <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February – Half term</b>                |                              |
| <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays</b> |                              |
| <b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Half term</b>          |                              |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July   | KS2 Sports Day               |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July  | KS1 Sports Day               |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July   | Year 6 Leavers Performance   |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July   | Year 2 "Leavers" Performance |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July  | First day of Summer Holiday  |

There are still three INSET dates to be agreed - we will let you know when these are asap but some do depend upon when outside providers are available.

## SAT's dates

**We ask that you do not take holidays during 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May 2010 as this is SATs Week. This is particularly important for our Year 6 children!!**

Yours sincerely

Rob Mellor  
Headteacher