



Term 2 Week 4 : Friday 29th January 2020

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Welcome to this week's newsletter. As always, I hope this ParentMail finds you and your families well.

Full re-opening of schools

As you are aware, Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced on Wednesday that all pupils will not be returning to schools immediately after February half term – this delays the expected return for all pupils to Monday 8th March at the earliest. We will of course keep you informed when we hear more.

What does that mean?

- Children have 2 more weeks of this half term before a half term break.
- As things stand we then have another two weeks of partial school opening/remote learning.

FYI - We will not be setting homework this February half term as children will need a break from home learning.

As I said on Monday, I acknowledge and empathise that for some families this continuation of lockdown measures is extremely challenging. The positive new news is vaccinations are increasing, and new cases, whilst remaining high, are falling. Let's hope that, with everyone playing their part, we can come out of these necessary restrictions soon.

Other news:

- Behind the scenes our collaboration work with our new academy trust (Selby Educational Trust) is going extremely well. We are working closely with SET colleagues on many important aspects, website redesign, curriculum development and staff professional development to name but a few. As I have said previously, all of our existing Governors remain in place and will meet (remotely) next week for the first time since our official conversion.
- Online/remote learning: The response to our live lessons and work set via the blog has been excellent with most families engaging, attending and responding to these sessions really well.

Special mentions assembly :

Today's special mentions assembly can be found by clicking this link: <u>https://youtu.be/FCyhYe5cTHs</u>

I hope you enjoy watching! Well done to everyone who received a special mention this week!

Important reminders:

A few reminders for pupils attending school

- Punctuality still is important doors open at 8.45 and close at 9.00.
- School uniform needs to be worn

A few reminders for children accessing remote learning/ home online learning:

- Our expectations are the same as if you are in the classroom! E.g. Our School rule. Be Ready! Best efforts by all please!
- Please be punctual for the start of online sessions so we can maximise learning time
- Please make sure you are sitting in a quiet place wherever possible this should be sitting up ready to learn, rather than lounging or lying down
- Children (and adults) should be dressed appropriately
- <u>PLEASE NOTE that there should be no use of texting/chat boxes and direct messaging</u> within the live lessons. Class teachers will make this clear to the pupils – please can you support us with this.

Again, as always, thank you for your support of our school – it is especially appreciated in these challenging times. I pass on sincere thanks to you all for your efforts too, from all of the Carlton Primary School Team.

Have a good weekend everyone. Keep safe.

Kind regards Jon Watson, Headteacher Carlton Primary School Developing Lively, inquiring and creative minds