



Weekly Bulletin

Term1 Week 15: Friday 18th December 2020

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A Merry Christmas from Carlton in Snaith Community Primary School

Welcome to the last newsletter of the term and of 2020. What a strange and challenging term it has been in many many ways for us as a school, our community and the country as a whole. However, through collective efforts, genuine collaboration and determination overall, we have managed to have a pleasing term!

Thank to you all for your continued interest and support of our school. Thank you too for your patience, support, kindness and understanding as we have navigated our way through this pandemic.

Carlton Primary School is an official member of Selby Educational Trust

I start this newsletter, the last of 2020, with some wonderful news. This week we have had confirmation from the Department of Education, (DfE) the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC), and North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) that our conversion to an academy has been given the final go ahead. This means that on the **1st January 2021 we officially become 'Carlton Primary School' and join Selby Educational Trust (SET)** as planned.

The Governors and I feel this is a really exciting and positive step for our school. Support from SET will help us continue to improve and blossom even further. We are proud of our school and are incredibly optimistic about the direction of travel and this partnership working. Here's to a great new chapter for all connected to **Carlton Primary School** and a great 2021!

There will be no sudden changes – we will just be continuing our usual approach, with a drive and focus to continually develop and improve our school. Our school ethos, character and atmosphere will remain the same. As you know uniform will not change but in time the old badge will be phased out on our signs, school documents and on new uniform purchased. Also, in the first weeks of January our website and email addresses will change – I will inform you all about this on the other side of the holidays.

Our governors board have all been re-elected as a SET committee, so will all continue their valued work with me, strategic leading the school.

Covid contact at Christmas

If your child is ill with Covid over the first week of the holidays and their symptoms start on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December we need to know so we can inform other parents. As the phone line will not be monitored all Covid related contact needs to be via: Covid@carlton-in-snaith.n-yorks.sch.uk

Thank you for your support with this important matter. Please see my parent mail sent on Thursday (and again attached to this newsletter) for additional information.

This week:

- As I write this, I can smell the Christmas lunch being prepared. Thank you to Mrs Graham and team for their effort in the kitchen all term but also on this special Christmas lunch day. The children look super in their festive outfits and Christmas related attire.
- Although Santa didn't visit this year, he still managed to get some Christmas presents delivered to school for each child, with a little help from his Friends! These lovely little gifts have been distributed in school!
- In class we have enjoyed 2 virtual assemblies; one from Rev Becky and one from Mary at Kings Church Selby
- As we could not go to the pantomime this year, the pantomime came to us. All of the children have enjoyed a virtual panto, with drinks and sweets. Thank you to Friends of Carlton, particularly Mrs Pierce and Mrs Pemberton for their support of this.
- Christmas Food Vouchers have been distributed this week to families who qualify and I would like to thank the wonderful 'Selby hands of hope' for providing some extra Christmas treats for some children this week

Next term and beyond: Return to school: Please note that the children are due to return to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021** – we look forward to seeing everyone back safe and well after an enjoyable holiday.

Personal reflection: Despite the challenges we have all faced in the widest sense, I am really proud of our school and the way we have responded. As always, I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to some very important people, without whom our school wouldn't be what it is.

- Thank you to the brilliant Governing board for their dedication and commitment to school, purely on a voluntary basis. The work they do behind the scenes and in supporting the leadership of school and strategic management is first class – they have been unwavering in their support of school!
- I also of course have to say a huge thank you to the hardworking, enthusiastic and talented staff team I have around me. Their efforts, care and passion help make our school a special place. The way they have coped with illness, new risk assessments, procedures and constant change has been first class

- The ever supportive 'Friends' group who work tirelessly to raise money for the children also deserve a huge thank you and special mention. This last two weeks alone they have found creative ways to continue their work, and with your amazing support and engagement have raised over £400 - all of which is spent on the children of our school. It's great to have such good Friends!



- Finally thank you too, for your continued support of our school – it is always appreciated I look forward to continuing to build on this term's successes as we move into the New Year! Let's hope 2021 is a brighter one for us all!

The children of our school are amazing and I remain very happy, proud and excited to be the Head Teacher. I genuinely feel that. Despite the challenges, we are in a really positive place. 'Teaching and Learning' and the Staff team as whole are in the strongest overall position since I joined the team back in September 2015. I am confident that with the support of SET we are heading into an even more successful and positive time.

Christmas wishes:

Season's greetings and happiness to you and your loved ones. May your home be filled with love and laughter this Christmas. **On behalf of everyone at Carlton in Snaith Community Primary School, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas.** We hope you have a **very safe**, happy, peaceful and relaxing holiday. See you in 2021!



Keep safe everyone!

Kind regards

Jon Watson

Headteacher

Red Kites—Autumn term



During our earthquake's topic in Geography the children had a go at building earthquake-proof structures. They were given uncooked spaghetti and marshmallows and had to work together to create a structure that would not fall over when the table was shaking. The children soon discovered the strategies that wouldn't work and those that would. You can see a couple of different ideas here.



Our DT topic this half term was pulleys, levers and linkages. The children researched and designed their very own cranes before bringing in materials from home to build them. They worked in groups to create their designs using counter weights to balance them and pulley systems for carrying loads.



We have all been working hard on the new Talk4Writing in Literacy this term. Here are some pictures of the imitation part of the writing process where we learn a piece of text through actions and performance.