



Weekly Bulletin

Term1 Week 12: Friday 27th November 2020

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Welcome to this week's newsletter.

As always I hope this finds you and your family safe and happy.

Obviously in the wider news we now all know more details about post 'lockdown' restrictions as we move in the revamped 'tier system' from the 2nd December. Regardless of this change, please know that I have decided that, in school, we will keep asking staff and parents to wear facemasks at drop off and pick up for the remainder of this term. Thank you for your fantastic support of this safety measure so far. Our focus remains on doing all we can to keep everyone safe.

Reflections on this week:

- We have had another successful week in school. I have loved seeing the Year 1 Harrier class working on their understanding of tens and ones in Maths across the week. Miss Jackson, Mrs Whaley and the Harrier class have settled into a lovely working pattern with a calm, productive and fun atmosphere. Well done Harrier class!
- Staffing News: we say thanks, goodbye and good luck to Miss Chugg who leaves school today as Teaching Assistant. We wish her all the very best for her new role.
- Premises: This week there has been really good progress made with our 'Reflection garden' in the 'heart of the school'. The AstroTurf has been laid and boards have arrived for the 'chalk board lady' to come and work her magic soon. Photos to follow when this exciting project, kindly supported by Friends of Carlton, Frying Nemo, and The Parish Council, is completed. We have also had a section of new fencing fitted along the main road section next to Holy Family Catholic High School, continuing our general maintenance, improvement and safeguarding .
- Phonics review – yesterday Mrs Burton working virtually with Miss Bingham from the English Hub, had a super day watching videos and evaluating the great phonics teaching happening in school. We are really pleased with the way the Read Write Ink scheme and approach to phonics is being embedded in school.
- Similarly, the Talk4Write approach is working really well around school. I love seeing how engaged the children are with this approach we have adopted this year. I particularly enjoyed hearing Eagle's classes recital of the Rama and Sita story this afternoon! They knew so many words and understood so much! Well done Eagles!

Other news:

- New Starters September 2021 – It is hard to believe it is already that time of year when families are making decisions about which school their child may attend next year in reception. We are holding Covid secure sessions for potential new families to visit school in December and early January. The first one of these is next week on Thursday (3rd). If you know of anyone this applies to please do ask them to get in touch to book an appointment if they haven't already done so.
- As we approach the last three weeks of term I would like to bring a few things to your attention:
 - Christmas Cards can brought in to school if you wish from Monday 30th November 2020. A reminder that any cards that are brought in will be placed in a box for 72 hours before being distributed. Please remember that we will. Please remember to put initials or full names on envelopes for children from other classes.
 - The Majority of our planned Christmas activities will take place in the last week of term. Despite the Covid restrictions, we will be doing all we can to make this special time of year enjoyable for the children in school. The friends of Carlton have already organised for a virtual pantomime for us to enjoy - our usual trip to Cast in Doncaster will be resumed when we are able. We are having our Christmas lunch as usual – within our bubbles.

Please read the lovely update from kestrel class below and a kind offer and invite for reverend Becky too.

Have a safe and happy weekend. Keep safe!

Jon Watson

Head teacher

Developing lively, inquiring and creative minds

A message from Rev Becky: Advent Walk

As a mum I know how hard it is to get outside in winter as the nights get longer, and it's really not the same this year for the children with Christmas arrangements up in the air. So we've arranged this Advent Walk in the village. In December one house will put up a number in their window and the idea is to go and find it. The house might have a surprise for the children, but no guarantees! The children try and work out the theme the house has displayed and tick it off on the sheet. The houses are grouped into 'walks' so it's possible to

do a few at once if you only get chance to go out once a week. I think in Tier 2 we can meet in groups up to 6 to walk round outside too.

If you don't live in Carlton then by Christmas Eve/holidays, most of the numbers will be up and you can enjoy a walk round to see them all at once! Or on Thursday 17th Carlton Towers will be lighting up, and a few of the local businesses. We will also be in touch again soon about services coming up at church for the family to enjoy.

It's completely free and we hope simply a nice thing to do on a dark evening, to bring a bit of 'joy' in these difficult times.

The children have a copy of the map tucked into a book that has been donated by church, it's a fun rhyming story about the nativity and there is a interactive version here too <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/?referrer=nativityrhyme> . We hope you enjoy thinking about the first Christmas, way back when, even before Covid!

Rev Becky

These Books that Reverend Becky refers to will be handed out on Monday.

An Update form Kestrel class

Kestrel Class have really enjoyed our English units this term. Our topic is called "Things that go bump in the night" so we have looked at a range of texts from "The Tunnel" by Anthony Browne to a spooky Halloween poem called "Who's Counting?". Now we have just started looking at our final text of the term "Burglar Bill". The children are enjoying getting into character as burglars, thinking about how they might act, move and what they might say and do. We are using Talk 4 Writing in English across school, so for each new text we think of actions, create a story map and then learn it by heart. Ask your child to perform what they have learned, you'll be amazed!

