



Weekly Bulletin

Term 1 Week 6 : Friday 16th October

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Headteacher Newsletter

Welcome, as always, to our weekly newsletter. I hope this finds you and your family safe and well.

This week has been another happy and successful week in school. Thankfully, we have had even more children back in school this week too which is great! The 'feel' in school has been great once again this week – I'm so proud of the children and my staff team for the sterling work they are doing!

The children have been taking part in **assessment** activities in class this week (and, in some cases into next week too) to help us check where the children are in terms of age related expectations. This is nothing to worry about and, as usual, the children have coped really well with these termly tests.

Academy Conversion Update: You should have received a letter /parent Mail yesterday re the official 'consultation' about our proposal to convert to an academy with Selby Educational Trust (SET). If you haven't yet had time to do so, please do take a read and follow the details within the letter of how to give feedback or ask questions if you wish.

Covid 19

Thanks for everyone's effort with timely and accurate information with regards to pupil absence, illness, Covid 19 testing (potential and actual cases). Your communication has been very much appreciated and helps us make sure we are managing things as best we can, and with as little disruption to everyone. Thanks!

This link below is a really helpful and useful link for helping you manage what to do if you have a possible or confirmed Covid 19 cases.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

Staffing news

I have to share some sad news this week. After 18 years of loyal service to our school we are set to say **Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Mackintosh**. Many of you won't know Mrs Mac, as she is often known, because she is so quiet and never likes attention at all! Seriously, anyone who has been connected to our school will know Mrs Mac– she is one of those infectious and enthusiastic characters and is a super team player. In my time here Mrs Mackintosh has been a Teaching Assistant working across Year 5 and Year 6, and a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, covering teachers when they have planning and assessment time, across Year 2 to Year 6.

Whether via first aid, set design and prop making for shows, technical work at Church celebrations and display work around school, Mrs Mackintosh contributes a huge amount to the school and staff team alike. We will miss her personality, humour and energy – it will be a quieter place without her!

Mrs Mackintosh is having some family time and putting herself first for a change! We wish Mrs Mackintosh all the very best for her next chapter and she knows she is always welcome in our school! Good luck, love and best wishes Mrs Mac!

This week I also would like to **welcome Miss Spence to our team of Midday Supervisors** – welcome aboard!

Harvest Celebrations: On Monday 19th October_ we will be sharing Reverend Becky's harvest assembly (recorded video) with the children. Our **Harvest Celebrations** can't be in its usual style this year. Because of Covid19 we are unable to accept donations of food and hold our produce sale. As an alternative we are asking for donations from you (at any point across the week).

Any monies donated will be split between two great causes:

Christmas gifts for the older members of the Carlton community (as per Carlton tradition – this is what we usual spend the harvest produce sale on)

Mary's Meals Charity – we are supporting Reverend Becky and the Church's nominated charity for harvest and will donate to this worthy cause. For more information please watch this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8mgNM8U13M>

Thanks in advance for any donations you can make.

Other information:

Carlton Owls – A reminder that our before and after school club is up and running successfully. Please contact the school office for more details if you would like to access a free taster session or to make a booking!

The children have enjoyed in class **virtual assemblies from Kings Church Selby** this week. It has been great that Mary and her team have still been able to connect with our school and the children. Thank you to the fabulous Kings Church team!

Please **ensure that children do have school jumpers, fleeces or cardigans every day**. As part of our Covid risk assessment and measures we have to have windows open for extra ventilation. Whilst the heating is on, the rooms can be cooler than we would ideally like, so please do help us to make sure the children are warm enough by having a top layer with them every day!

Next week we will be sending full/completed **exercise books home** – we didn't get chance to do this in the summer. The books will be handed out in class and I ask you to leave them in 'quarantine' for 72 hours when you receive them as a precaution.

Thanks always for your engagement, support and interest in our school. Keep safe and have a good week-end everyone. Regards and best wishes

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