

Headteacher Newsletter – Term 1, week 5, Friday 9th October 2020

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. Thankfully we have had another successful, full week in school again this week, with the vast majority of pupils and staff attending. I need to say that the atmosphere in school has been excellent this week and last. There is a wonderful sense of calm, productivity and engagement in each and every class. I am delighted how well our newest school community members have settled in – Eagle class are doing a great job! The most pleasing picture is that this is repeated in each and every classroom. I have enjoyed seeing (briefly and socially distanced) loads of super teaching and learning, from super story maps reciting from many classes (Talk For Writing) to science investigations (e.g. Peregrine class and their earthquake resistance structures!). Overall there are many great things happening around school!

A huge thank you again for your ongoing support, your collective understanding and engagement. For example, you are notifying us about absences, potential testing, etc. and following the one-way measures brilliantly. All of these things are really appreciated.

Hellos and goodbyes. We have sadly said goodbye to a lovely family recently as they move away from the area and return to York. We wish them well for their next chapter. We have also recently welcomed some new families to school too – and another next week. Welcome to the Carlton Community and our school!

Staffing news – A message from Miss Watling.



I have an exciting update to share with you. Our lovely Miss Watling has a message to share with you:

Hello everyone! I just wanted to let you all know that baby Watling has been born safe and well. We have called him Reggie. He weighed 7lbs 5 and has little pointy ears like a pixie! Reggie doesn't like to sleep but he absolutely loves to cuddle! I can't wait until it's safe to bring him in to meet you all.

I hope you're enjoying being back at school and your new classes and being your brilliant best.

Here is a picture of Reggie for now.

Lots of love from Miss Watling

Congratulations from all of the team and school community to Miss Watling and her family. Welcome to the World Reggie!

Academy Conversion Update:

Next week you will be receiving an important letter from me about the official consultation about our proposal to convert to an academy.

School Name Change Survey Outcomes

Linked to the above, as you know I do genuinely seek feedback and viewpoints from other people. There was a little concern that we might end up with a suggested name that people are not happy with (I'm sure we all remember Boaty McBoat Face news story a while back) but in this case the majority have spoken and we have a sensible outcome! Please see the survey outcomes below:

Table 1 – Raw Data/survey outcomes

	Name options	Staff	Governors	Parents	KS 2 Pupils	Total number of votes
1	Carlton in Snaith Community Primary School (as we are now – no change)	4	0	6	11	21
2	Carlton in Snaith Community Primary Academy	1	0	2	16	19
3	Carlton Primary School	8	1	81	23	113
4	Carlton Community Primary School	4	7	16	3	30
5	Carlton Primary Academy	6	0	15	36	57
6	Carlton Community Primary Academy	0	1	4	4	9
7	Something else	1	0	4	n/a	5

Table 2: Results with **weighting** for size of cohort and level of strategic input:

	Name options	Staff x2	Governors x3	Parents x2	KS 2 Pupils x1	Total number of votes
1	Carlton in Snaith Community Primary School (as we are now – no change)	8	0	12	11	31
2	Carlton in Snaith Community Primary Academy	2	0	4	16	22
3	Carlton Primary School	16	3	162	23	204
4	Carlton Community Primary School	9	21	2	3	35
5	Carlton Primary Academy	12	0	30	36	78
6	Carlton Community Primary Academy	0	3	8	4	15
7	Something else	2	0	8	n/a	10

What does this mean? Following the survey I facilitated, my proposal is that after official consultation, and after due diligence and process, we convert to an academy and our school name will change from 'Carlton in Snaith Community Primary School' to '**Carlton Primary School**'. Both Tables above clearly show that 'Carlton Primary School' was the unanimous choice.

I want to stress that there will be no uniform change! We will have to update our logo in due course and further down the line all new uniform will have the new logo on – but there will be no refusal of the old logo! At present, we will continue to accept the correct coloured uniform without any logo too.

Special mentions: Each Friday afternoon I am visiting classrooms to share a few special mentions with the children in class – this temporarily replaces our fortnightly Celebration Assembly. However, I wanted to share a few with you too.

- A special mention to one of our dads who have helped me out by pruning a tree that was getting very close to head height! I appreciate your practical support!
- Another special mention goes to Neave R (Peregrine class). Neave and her older sister had a cake sale outside of school and raised an amazing £128.77 for MACMILLAN Cancer Support. Well done Neave and co!

Other information:

- Harvest: I have made the inevitable and practical decision that this year, because of Covid Restrictions, we will not be having our regular annual **Conker Competition** in school. We also will not be visiting the local church for our **Harvest Celebration** and having our usual harvest produce sale. However, Reverend Becky will be supporting us with an in school Harvest Assembly (virtual) and we have a Kings Church Selby recorded assembly to share with the children next week too.
- Next week you will be receiving a letter and log in details for **My Maths** – an online maths homework site, that we will be using in conjunction with Times Tables Rock Stars.
- Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the Marvellous Me app. If you are having any problems accessing the app or need a new invite sending, please contact the school office.

Keep safe and have a good weekend everyone. Thank you for your continued interest in and support of our school.

Keep Safe. Regards and best wishes

Jon Watson

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