



Weekly Bulletin

Term 2 Week 10 : Friday 12th March 2021

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

I have to start by saying that it feels so good to write this week's newsletter with the knowledge that we once again have a full school! As I said earlier in the week it has been brilliant to welcome all pupils and families back to Carlton Primary following the easing of some aspects of National restrictions. In the wider scheme of things this step also feels like a really good thing for us all, as we start to recover from the worst of this Covid pandemic.

A huge special mention goes to all of the children who, despite some worries and anxiety, as well as a lot of excitement, have coped so well in managing this change, after a period of home learning or small groups being in school. Collectively, the children have been happy, keen and enthusiastic, well behaved, and pleased to be back with their friends. There has once again been a lovely, positive atmosphere and pleasing 'working hum' in our classrooms. I'm really proud of the way our children have coped! Well done to them all.

I would again like to thank you all for your support this week. Pick up and drop offs have run really smoothly, and I am grateful to the vast majority of adults who are following our expectations of wearing a mask on site, using our one-way system, and following usual social distancing measures. It is vital that ALL adults support us with this safety measure.

Celebration Assembly:

Whilst we can't still have assemblies together in school I am going to continue to record our weekly 'celebration' assembly and share it with you. This means teachers can play it in class with the children and you can also view it at home.

Please follow the link below to watch today's assembly and find out who received a special mention.

<https://youtu.be/Dv2EJPg8oGI>

Laptops and devices on loan

We have requested that parents who currently have a laptop on loan return the device to school (including case and charger) at their earliest convenience please. With the children being back in school we want the devices to be used for maximum positive impact. Our plan is to use these within classrooms so ALL children in school benefit from these additional resources.

Thank you to those people have already returned the devices to school.

Through kind donations from the local community we have now got a bank of available resources ready to 'gift/ donate' to families on a permanent basis should people feel this would be of benefit for them moving forward. Once we have gathered the devices on loan back into school I will give you more details on how you can express an interest in such an offer.

Red Nose Day/Comic Relief:

Next Friday (19th March 2021) is comic relief day. It is difficult to judge how best to approach such days. We understand for many people that finances are tighter than ever, but we also know what a worthy cause this is. Therefore, we have decided to pitch things relatively simply, by having a non-uniform day. We respectfully suggest a minimum donation of £1 per child. All monies raised will go directly to Comic Relief. If you child wants to wear any 'red nose' merchandise or clothing etc then they are more than welcome or alternatively just come in non-uniform clothes.

Academy update and new website:

As part of our conversion to an academy we are methodically updating various aspects. You may have seen the new signage at all points of school for example. In the next few weeks we are switching to our new website which is very exciting. I will share the address and information about it as it goes live.

At our Local Governing Board meeting this week I was delighted to reflect to our school Governors that the support and collaboration we have already enjoyed from Selby Educational Trust Over the past few weeks and months that has been excellent. I also know that this is only going to continue to blossom and develop, helping our school on our continual drive for improvement. I also have taken time to reflect that it is two whole years since our last Ofsted inspection an I'm delighted with the progress we have made since that visit. Obviously one of those years had been dominated entirely by Covid 19, but despite that, the staff team, Governors and I are very clear we are in an even stronger place now than we were, and we are continuing to go from strength to strength.

Thanks for your support of our school.
Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Keep safe

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