



Weekly Bulletin

Term 2 Week 11 : Friday 19th March 2021

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Welcome to our weekly newsletter. As always I hope this reaches you and your family in good health and spirits.

Despite the capricious weather, there is definitely a genuine spring feeling, with lighter mornings and longer evenings helping.

Covid: we are really pleased to report that our Covid measures have been well supported in school. Staff have now been taking twice weekly Lateral Flow tests for 7 weeks. On site the school community have been very supportive in the main of our social distancing measures – Thank you!

We are experiencing hearsay reports and occasions when children are mentioning behaviours outside of school that don't conform to the national restrictions in place. Please can I urge all of our community to keep doing the right things and follow all appropriate restrictions. This will help keep your child and family safe, and help our school staff stay safe and well, allowing school to remain open.

Red Nose day: Thank you for your support of our non-uniform day and fund-raising event. We did want to mark the occasion and feel that we have done so in an easy but positive spirited way. I will let you know how much we collectively raised today for Comic Relief early next week.

Celebration Assembly: Please feel free to watch today's Celebration assembly by clicking the link below. Congratulations to all who received a special mention this week. I hope you like the jokes – I find the more cheesy the better!

<https://youtu.be/Qx-zhHRSovE>

Pupil Numbers update: Over the last few weeks we have had lots of enquiries about children joining our school, both for September 2021 (Reception) and in year transfers for now and the next few months. We look forward to welcoming more new families to our community. Our most recent additions have already settled in really well and are already part of the Carlton family.

Early indications from North Yorkshire Admissions team is that we have a good number of pupils in line to join us in September in Reception class. I have already been planning and discussing with other colleagues the class structures for next academic year. It is highly likely that our new intake will be a single age Reception class.

The governors and I have also given our written response to Selby District Council to the proposals for further developments in the village, like I know many of you have too. For your information, our school capacity is set as 196 (7 x28). We currently at 151 which is typical of the average number of children over many years. Ultimately this means we have

the capacity for another 'full class', giving us potentially 7 classes rather than the current 6, e.g. one class for each year group rather than 6 classes for the 7 years group.

Easter plans: Because of the strange term we have had, we are keeping Easter 'celebrations' down to a minimum this year. We are obviously not able to have our traditional 'Easter Parade' so won't be asking people to make bonnets or hats this year. We are also not having our egg competition this year either.

PE kits – Please can I remind everyone that we have high expectations for all boys and girls with regards to PE kits. For health and safety purposes I need to remind everyone that anyone (girl or boy) with long hair needs to have their hair tied back on PE days. Any earrings need to be removed or if not covered with tape or a plaster, Staff will be vigilant with this so please to support us.

On Loan devices: Another plea to those families who still need to return on loan devices back to school. Please do return your laptop to the school office if you haven't already done so. These devices will be utilised in school for ALL pupils to benefit from.

Thanks to the generosity of the local community and via Carolyn Lund's organisational skills and efforts we have a number of laptops ready to be handed out and permanently gifted to families who need them most. If you are in need of a laptop please do let us know and liaise with Mrs Burchill and Mrs Staveley in the School office (phone or email) and we will respond quickly to this. We will do what we can to meet your demand/request.

Swimming: We have been given the 'green light' to resume swimming lessons. As learning to swim is part of the National Curriculum we are going to prioritise our current Year 6 and current 5 pupils in the summer term. More information to follow but I am hopeful that straight after Easter all Year 5 and 6 pupils will be having swimming lessons.

School Improvements: Over the Easter break we are having some building work done. This is preparation for major renovations; every pupil toilet is getting refurbished in the summer which we are delighted about. Preparatory work for this project begins over the Easter break. There may be some disruption on Friday afternoon to some classrooms as we begin moving things ready for work to start on Saturday 27/3/21

Easter Holidays: A reminder that school break up next Friday (26th March) and children return on Tuesday 13th April. We will be contacting parents who are entitled to Free School Meals next week to explaining the arrangements for vouchers for this period.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Keep safe

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