



Weekly Bulletin

Term 1 Week 5 : Friday 8th October 2021

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Welcome to this week's newsletter. Well, after the rain earlier in the week the sun and milder weather have been really pleasant these past few days. I hope you get chance to enjoy some of this lovely weather over the weekend.

I would like to give special praise to 2 particular classes today. Generally, in school attitudes to learning, enthusiasm and productivity are excellent. I am very pleased with the start of term by all children. However, sometimes I like to say a special well done to groups of children – so a huge well done to our new reception intake who have settled into life at Carlton really well. What a super start - well done Alps class!

The second class I would like to give a special mention too is Andes class. When I reviewed our Good to be Gold record earlier in the week I was delighted to see that they were the most positively consistent class in school so far this term! Well done Andes class.

Good to be Gold – a reminder of what we do!

As part of our whole school system for praising and celebrating good behaviour we have a Good to Be Gold whole school reward system. The tree is in the school hall and referred to in assembly – it is our visual way representing our behaviour reward system.

Each week each class can earn 'gold' leaves. Leaves are awarded for each class as follows:

- 90% of class or more in Gold all week = 2 Leaves
- 80% of class (up to 90%) Gold all week = 1 Leaf

If all 6 classes get 2 Gold leaves then I give a bonus 5 leaves to the whole school.

Additional points can also be gained for individuals or groups who receive a Red Book entry in special mentions assembly. Each Red Book entry comes with a 'Red Apple' (and counts as one leaf for the target!).

When we reach our school target of 50 Leaves we have a whole school reward. The more people who stay gold then the more points are scored, and the sooner we have the next whole school celebration. This promotes team work throughout school and praises good behaviour"

School numbers:

We have had two new families/three new children join school this week. A warm welcome to Carlton to the children and families!

For your information, with our new additions this week, we now have 149 children on roll across the 6 classes/7year groups. This is around the average number of pupils we have had on roll for the last 5 years. As you know we currently have 2 mixed ages classes - Rocky class (all of year 6 and some of year 5s) and Pyrenees class (all of Year 4 and some of year 5). It is our plan, as further additional families move into the new estate and other housing, to hopefully be a single form entry primary school, that is one class per year. I am hopeful that within the next 2 years we will reach this point.

Harvest festival

As previously indicated we have our harvest festival next Tuesday 12 October 2021). The children have been learning harvest songs with their class teacher and Mrs Sierotko.

We would greatly welcome donations of tinned items or long-life packet items, and any produce donated to school will be then donated to the Selby food bank. These items can be brought in on Monday or Tuesday itself (or even later in the week). Please note, for Covid reasons we are not having a fresh produce sale in school this year but want to still mark the occasion and contribute positively to those who need our support.

We are able to have a small 'audience' at the harvest festival at 2.00pm on Tuesday. After much thought and discussion we are welcoming volunteers to walk with us to church - and these people will be invited to be our audience. In St Mary's Church people will be encouraged to wear a face mask and use hand sanitiser on arrival.

If you wish to support us walking to and from church and attend the Harvest festival, please do let the admin team know, preferably by email, so we know who to expect and have a gentle control on numbers. Volunteers should arrive at school at 1.30pm and we will be walking back from church at approximately 2.45pm to be back at school at 3.00pm.

Other information:

- **Wood:** If any body has a wood burner, or knows someone is planning a fire as part of a bonfire night celebration and requires wood, please get in touch with the school admin team - we have a few items of furniture that may be suitable!
- **Outdoor play equipment.** Unfortunately, our outdoor play equipment (trim trail) at the edge of the KS2 playground has been deemed not fit for school purpose. We still believe it has some life left in it for personal / lighter use than in school. We are wondering if anyone wants to claim it. In order to do so that person would have to come and safely remove the items at their own time/ expense. Again, If you are interested in this please contact the school Office to discuss or speak to me on the school gate etc.

Reminders:

- Reminder to have coats and jumpers (labelled) in school every day. The weather is very changeable at the moment and we want the children to be outside whenever possible for breaks and lunchtime play.
- Next Sunday (17th) is the village scarecrow festival. We are getting involved as usual - we hope lots of you do too, both in terms of making your own scarecrow and of course taking part in the scarecrow hunt.
- Use of Twitter. A reminder to follow us on Twitter @Carlton PS_SET
https://twitter.com/CarltonPS_SET

Carlton Conker Competition.

Children will be starting our conker competition in school soon.

Your child will be bringing home a conker. We would appreciate it if you could string the conker so your child can participate please!

Carlton Conker rules

- You must not bake or soak your conker
- Player 1 starts hitting first
- They keep hitting until they miss
- If the strings get tangled the first player to shout 'Strings' continues to hit
- If the conker comes off the string that person is out
- If the string and conker end up on the floor we do not play 'stamps'. The player will just pick up the conker and continue playing.
- At the end of each round, if there is no winner the class teacher will examine both conkers and see which has the most damage. The person with the least damage will progress to the next round.
- If there is the same amount of damage then each person will see how many 'knocks' they can achieve in 1 minute. Whoever gets the most will proceed to the next round
- The year group champions will be given a new conker for the championship tournament which will be strung for them in school

The Finals will be played between year group winners and in school before the half term holidays.

Thanks for taking the time to read this week's newsletter. Have a super weekend.

Regards and best wishes

Jon Watson

Head teacher

Developing lively, inquiring and creative minds

Additional Dates from Rev Becky

just a reminder of what's coming up in the next few weeks. Please do join us at any point if you are able.

Family Scarecrow Fun

Join us on Sunday 17th October from 9.30am to help make scarecrows for the village scarecrow trail. If you have any newspaper or old stockings, or props you would like to donate please bring to church this Sunday 10th or drop at Drax vicarage. (Theme is Lion, Witch and Wardrobe)

School services

Tuesday 12th 2pm Carlton Primary School Visit to Carlton Church for Harvest Service

Wed 13th junior school visit from Camblesforth School, and Rev'd Becky to visit afterwards for Harvest assembly

Friday 15th Read School Junior School Visit at 10am and Senior School Service at 2pm

Traditional worship

11am at St Mary's Carlton on 17th and 24rd October at Carlton and 31st October at Drax.

4pm Holy Communion at Drax Church on Sunday 24th October

Time to Remember

A short, peaceful service with time to reflect on the lives of loved ones lost in the last few years. No religious affiliation is required to join us and there are currently no restrictions on numbers if families from this parish wish to attend as a group. (Carlton, Camblesforth, Drax, West Bank, Long Drax, Newland)

The service will take place on Sunday 7th November 4pm at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Drax.

If anyone would like further details or wish to book places in advance, please contact let me know. Similar services may be offered in other local churches following the tradition of All Souls Sunday.

Advanced notice:

We are finalising details for **Remembrance Sunday** on November 14th 

Christingle Service

December 5th at Carlton Church and on Monday the 6th at Drax Church with Read school.

If you would like to help at either one do get in touch.

Camblesforth School will also be visiting us to explore the Christingle story on Tuesday the 7th December.

Ongoing outreach

Please pray for all the volunteers involved in these activities which help us show God's love in a practical way:

Tuesday after school club at Carlton Primary School

Thursdays Little Monkeys continues at Carlton church

Friday Stepping Stones from Friday 15th will return to Camblesforth School for the winter term.

Monday Mingle: Nov 7th and Dec 6th 11-1pm at Drax Social Club