



# Term 1 Week 7 : Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

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This week's newsletter reaches you as we conclude the first half term of the academic year. Thank you for your support throughout these first 7 weeks of term/year. Overall things in school have run really smoothly and successfully, with lots to be very proud about.

I have been delighted with the overall attitudes and behaviour around school throughout this first period, particularly this week. I look forward to this continuing after the October half term break and for the rest of the year. I would like to say a particular well done and thank you to Himalayas class for their teamwork and focus this week.

The highlight of this half term has been us being together again, whether in assemblies or playtimes and lunchtimes. The staff team and I feel that the children are doing so well and despite what continues to go on in the world around us, we have found a 'new normal;'. It great to have Year 6 pupils supporting Reception, the library is back open again and we are enjoying time mixing in and outside of school.

Despite a lot of absence over the last few weeks with these awful heavy colds and sickness bugs, as well as Covid issues, we have managed to make it to half term without too much disruption. Thank you to everyone who has taken a PCR tests to help clarify illnesses and to keep everyone as safe as we can. For those who are currently managing Covid within their family and friendship groups, we send our best wishes for full and speedy recoveries.

A huge thank you to my staff team for their hard work, consistency, positivity and all-round effort as always this half term

## Pupil Voice – School Council and Pupil Parliament

In assemblies I have been talking to the children about Democracy (one of the key British Values) and how we support and honour UNICEF's Right Respecting Article Number 12 - All children have the right to a voice

One Example of pupil voice in Carlton PS is our school council – this is a democratically elected representation of our school. Over the past week children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been voting for their school council representatives. And the following ambassadors have been elected:

- Year 6 Joseph B and Maia B
- Year 5 Tommy S and Victoria B
- Year 4 Harvey D and Oliver J
- Year 3 Kycie J and Alice A

Year 2 reps will be elected after Christmas, early in 2022

In addition, to these key positions, we have also for elected the first time 2 additional extremely special roles – combining Year 6 and staff votes together, we have elected our very first 2 Pupil Parliament representative for Selby Education Trust.

Our SET Pupil Parliament representatives are **Amy A and Louis K** (both from Y6). These two pupils are fantastic role model and great ambassadors for Carlton Primary School.

Congratulation to all of our new post holders! I'm really proud of you all

Louis and Amy met with their counterparts Riley and Amelia-Grace form Selby CP School on Thursday morning with SET CEO Mr Clennan and I. Their first task will be to roll out and explain a pupil voice survey to year 4,5and 6 (with younger year group occurring later in the year).



Mrs Smith and Mrs Pemberton will be running school council and I will be joining them at points.

#### Scarecrow Festival:

Thank you to everyone who took part in last Sunday Carlton Village Scarecrow Festival event. We hope you liked our Willy Wonka and Charlie and The Chocolate Factory inspired contributions. This was another great example of what a lovely community our school is part of.



## Friends Halloween pumpkin competition 🛞

Congrats to the winners of the pumpkin naming fundraiser. Rosalee (y2 Andes) came first , winning the amazing pumpkin and goodies. (see photo below). Erin and Lakisha-Rose came 2nd and 3rd respectively. They each won a lovely chocolate ghost and a witch.. 🖗 😰 Thanks to everyone for contributing and to the fabulous Friends for organising.



#### Other news:

- <u>Painting in classrooms</u>: Year 2 (Andes) and Year 3 (Himalayas) classrooms are being painted over the Half term break, as part of our continual rolling programme of improvement to our school site.
- <u>Friends of Carlton</u>: Thank you for supporting our Nonuniform day today. All monies raised are going straight to Friends who will in turn use it to fund activities for the children.
- 'Conkertition' Carlton Conker Competition.) Today we are holding our finals of our traditional competition, that moving forward will be known as the 'conkertition'. Miss Jackson suggested this me to after Oscar in her Y1 /Alps class came up with this brilliant name ! Superb naming Oscar! This is a lovely way have some seasonal fun! Winners to be announced next time!

### Reminders:

- We break up for half term today. The Children return to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021
- Polite uniform reminder. Over the last few weeks some children have started to be stretching the acceptable boundaries of school uniform, e.g. wearing jumpers with big logos and varying colours, especially for PE. Please may I remind everyone so abide by our school uniform policy. <u>Uniform Carlton Primary (selby.ac.uk)</u>
  We will be following up and challenging non-uniform if/when needed. Thanks for your support with this.

- <u>Midday Supervisors</u>. If anyone is interested or knows someone else who is interested, in becoming a relief or midday supervisor (MSA) at our school please contact the school office by phone or email we would like to hear from you
- Please continue to consistently use our <u>one way system</u> at drop off and pick ups times

Happy Halloween! Have a great half term. Thank for your support this half term. We will see you all back on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. Keep safe everyone.

Regards and best wishes Jon Watson Head teacher Developing lively, inquiring and creative minds