

Weekly Bulletin

Term 1 Week 9: Friday 5th November 2021

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Welcome back to our weekly newsletter – it has been a great first week back in school after the October half term break. As always, I hope this newsletter reaches and your family well.

Thankfully a lot more of the children seem to have shaken off the horrible colds and illnesses that were around before the break. It has been great seeing and feeling the positive working buzz around school this week.

This week I have enjoyed showing some potential new families around school – these are families who are moving into the village and local area soon, as well as those families with children who hopefully will be joining us in reception in September 2022. The thing I most enjoy about these experiences is simply seeing our children being a walking talking advert for our school – their behaviour to learning, good manners, enthusiasm and engagement always shine. It always makes me very proud of our school!

Don't forget if you have a child who is due to start school in Reception in September 2022 (or know someone else who does) please get in touch with us to arrange a visit. We would be delighted to show you around our lovely school.



November: special days

There are lots of special dates being talked about in school at the moment. – Yesterday was Diwali, today is Bonfire Night (which Year 2 Andes have been learning lots about!), and we have Remembrance Day coming next week (Thursday 11th November). Children in Need is then also not far (Friday 19th November).

Covid response

As you will have read in the letter we circulated from colleagues from North Yorkshire County Council and Public health England earlier this week, there are still obviously concerns and worries about Covid.

Currently we have very few cases affecting our school directly or indirectly.

As always, we want to strike an appropriate balance of wellbeing for children with safety for us all – we want things to be as normal as possible whilst always trying to ensure safety is prioritised.

- We are continuing to use our one-way system, ensuring good ventilation and hand washing routines.
- As the result of the letter and update, we have temporarily halted whole school assembles we are now having Key Stage assemblies instead 3 classes together (rather than 6) to
 avoid the hall being to 'busy' at any one point.
- We will continue to take on board advice, observe guidance and make dynamic risk assessments to the situation.
- We are still limiting adult visitors to site but are not currently asking parents to wear face masks.
- We are still planning Christmas events and our school trip to the Pantomime and hope these events can go ahead safely.

Local Governing Board (LGB)

Our LGB is a team of fantastic volunteers, who along with the Selby Educational Trust (SET) and myself, steer and lead the strategic direction of school. The LGB also support and challenge me and our school.

As part of the makeup of the governing board there are two parent governor positions, one of which is now vacant. You will be receiving/have received information today about the parent governors role and forthcoming election. Please do get in touch if you are interested in this position.

On behalf of the whole school community and staff team, and particularly from myself I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to Mr Devlin and Dr Beranek for their generous gift of time, and for their input, challenge and genuine support of our school. We thank you for all you have contributed in your time as governors of Carlton Primary School.

Other news:

- <u>Painting in classrooms</u>: Year 2 (Andes) and Year 3 (Himalayas) classrooms were successfully redecorated over the half term break as part of our continual rolling programme of improvement to our school site.
- 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

'Conkertition' - Carlton Conker Competition

Before the Half term break we held our annual traditional conker competition.

Well done to all of the finalist and all who took part.

Year group Winners

- Emily Reception
- Walter-James Year 1
- Benjamin Year 2
- Oliver Year 3
- Eva Year 4
- Lucas Year 5
- Belle Year6

A special well done to our finalists – sibling rivalry! Our Runner Up was Belle Year 6 and our overall Conkertition winner was Oliver Y3







Have a great weekend. Thanks as ever for your interest and support of our school.

Regards and best wishes

Jon Watson

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