



# Term 3 Week 14 : Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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Welcome as always to our weekly newsletter.

This week rehearsals have continued with the Alps and Atlas classes for their Christmas performance – this has been filmed today. Mrs Smith and team have been working so enthusiastically with the children and it has been wonderful to hear the children singing. A primary school wouldn't be a primary school at this time of year without talk or comments of 'missing angels' or 'has anyone seen a sheep?'! We look forward to sharing this with you digitally next week.

## <u>Covid</u>

As you know the government have made the decision to move to 'plan b' this week. Our focus on protective measures re Covid remains high. As I have said many times, we are trying to balance 'normality' in school for the children whilst doing all we can to protect our school and the community. To help put our actions into perspective, one other local school made the decision to close this week and has returned to home learning for all pupils until the Christmas break, because of concerns regarding high numbers of cases.

We are still fortunate that direct case numbers for our school remain very low. Let's keep working together with mask wearing, use of our one way system and good hygiene protocols in place, to keep this the case as far as possible.

### Next week

Next week, the final of the term, is a joyous week in school with Christmas activities taking place. As I outlined last week we have lots of things planned.

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Whole school pantomime trip to Doncaster Theatre
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December Reception and Key Stage 1 (Alps, Atlas and Andes) Christmas party
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December Key Stage 2 (Himalayas, Pyrenees and Rocky) Christmas Party
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of Term
  - o Christmas Jumper Day
  - Carol Service 10am
  - Christmas Lunch

If you have not already done so and you are able to, please could you pay for your child's panto tickets and travel via Parent Pay. Thanks in advance.

For those of you have been with us for a number of years Our 'key stage parties ' will be slightly different this year. We are not asking for any contributions for food. Both the Ks1 and Ks2 party will be lots of fun for the children with games activities.

We have decided that children can still wear party clothes on their party day - please make sure these are still warm and sensible!

#### Church visit.

We look forward to visiting St Mary's with Reverend Becky on Friday. We will be taking a similar approach to our harvest celebration by inviting only parents who walk with us from school to church and back, to attend the service. We will not be opening up the whole church here for a wide congregation. Anyone who would like to attend please do let the school office know so we can control numbers. Thanks for your cooperation with this. We will be asking for adults to wear masks, follow sensible measures - we welcome people to take a lateral flow test before joining us.

#### Snowman Race

A message from Mrs Pierce regarding the upcoming race!

We have had an excellent response to the virtual snowman race 2021 with 166 snowman racing. Thank you to everyone who has taken part, helping us to raises funds for our school. The races will be uploaded onto our fundraising facebook page 'Friends of Carlton Primary School' at 6pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

There will be two heats run with 83 snowman taking part in each heat. Heat one will be all snowmen with a name starting with the letters A-L and heat two will be all snowmen with a name starting with M-Z

We had a number of duplicate snowmen names including 11 Snowys and 7 Frostys (3). Each entry had been given a unique number 1-166 to make it possible to clearly identify the winning entries. I have also attempted to make it possible for you to identify your snowman (duplicates) by adding initials after the snowman's name.

The snowmen coming first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth in both of the heats will be racing again in the final.

We have 3 prizes so the winning snowmen will be those coming first, second and third in the final race. A parentmail will be sent out confirming the winners. Many Thanks

#### Mrs Pierce Friends of Carlton School

#### Twitter.

Thanks to the many parents who have started to follow our school Twitter account. A reminder if you are not a user of Twitter that you can still view all of our photos and posts on the homepage of our website.

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Here's to a great last week of term! Have a lovely weekend - please do make time to pause and enjoy time with loved ones.

*Regards and best wishes* 

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