



Term 2 Week 6 : Friday 11th February 2022

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Welcome to our weekly newsletter

This week:

- We have a good week's attendance with a significantly low amount of Covid related absences this week which is pleasing to see. Let's hope it stays this way for all connected to Carlton Primary School.
- Teachers held zoom parent/teacher consultations (or phone calls). Thank you for everyone's efforts with these. I hope you found them useful and informative. Let's hope the next round (post Easter Holidays) will be in person!
- This week has also been 'mental health week' in schools. Here at Carlton we are committed to supporting mental health. As part of my regular conversation and assembly themes about being kind (including to ourselves) I have been speaking to the children about 'Friendships' and 'Happiness'. I would like to encourage you to see the timetable attached to this newsletter of ways in which we can practise being 'friendly' this is taken from Action for Happiness.

Staffing Update

Midday Supervisors – This week we have welcomed Mrs Taylor to the MSA team. Sadly, we also say goodbye today to Mrs Spence. We wish her well for her new role. Thanks for all of your positive contributions Mrs Spence!

A Special mention for kindness

As always, we celebrate lots of achievements in school and enjoy giving verbal praise, Marvellous me badges out via the app, and special mentions certificates in assembly. I also wanted to give a special mention in the newsletter today to 2 kind young people who have had their beautiful long hair cut for the Little Princess Trust charity. A huge well done to Loren and Maddie-May for being so kind and generous! Well done girls.

Internet Safety day

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 was on 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. As part of this, we have had assemblies this week talking to the children about how to keep safe whilst on the internet. With the younger 3 classes we focussed mainly on ensuring they ask before going on devices and apps and to always talk to an adult if something pops up that they are unsure of.

With the older children we talked about what it means to be respectful to others online; the types of messages that are appropriate to send to others and what to do if anything online happens which makes you feel uncomfortable. If you want any further information or advice on what you can do at home to help to stay online, here is a link <u>Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre</u>

Important Dates:

- Next Friday (18th February) is a non-uniform day and last day of this half term. We politely request a donation of a £1 per child for Friends of Carlton -all monies raised will be spent on the children !
- World Book day falls on Thursday 3rd March this year and we are holding our <u>World Book</u> <u>Day celebration on Friday 4th March</u> (the first Friday after half term – 3 weeks today!). We are asking children to <u>dress up as character</u> from a book they love – this can be a simple or complex costume and home made ones are perfect! The vast majority of activities for World Book day/week will take place in classes. However, on the Friday we are planning to hold our World Book Day Character Parade. Because of Covid lockdown last year we didn't have this special day in school and the children are so eager for this to occur once again. More details to follow but parents will be invited to view the outdoor WBD Character Parade just after drop off at approx. 9.00 that day. If you are able to join us, weather permitting, that would be fabulous.
- <u>Clubs.</u> Choir, reading for pleasure and Doncaster rovers continue next week. In addition Reverend Becky is planning for 'God squad' club to resume with this next block, taking place each Monday in March. Please see letter/parent mail for more details of how to sign up.

Reminders:

- A reminder that all visitors to school site, including older siblings, need to behave in a safe, positive and appropriate fashion.
- No dogs are allowed on school grounds. Please also be considerate and careful at the school gate.
- Only staff, Blue Badge holders and other authorised vehicles should use the school car park for drop off and pick ups

Thank you for your support with these important aspects.

Have a great weekend everyone! Regards and best wishes Jon Watson Head teacher

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