



Weekly Bulletin

Term 3 Week 4 : Friday 20th May 2022

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Welcome, as always, to our weekly newsletter. This week has been another successful and positive week in school.

Year 2 National Curriculum tests: A noteworthy mention to Mrs Burton's wonderful Andes class (Year 2) in this week's newsletter, who have been 'showing what they know' in their Key Stage 1 National Curriculum Tests. The children have worked hard and tried their very best in these compulsory tests. Mrs Burton and Mrs Stones have 'pitched' this really well so the children are not fazed by the process. We are really proud of their efforts and attitudes! Well done Year 2.

Volcanic experts! This week I have also had the privilege to visit Miss Edenbrow's Himalayas class (Year 3) to enjoy their geography lessons. I have been so impressed with the children's knowledge, vocabulary and understanding of their 'Volcanoes' topic. It has also been super to see the enthusiasm, enjoyment and effort demonstrated. Very well done Year 3!



Artists at work! This week in our staff training session our teaching team all had further Art training. Like last week's printing, our ceramics/clay session was excellent. This high quality staff training will help further enhance the rich art curriculum we have in place, helping staff to improve their confidence, skills and knowledge which in turn will benefit the opportunities input and curriculum offer the children will receive.

It was great to welcome Mixie the Monster from York mix Radio into school on Wednesday. Miss Craven took part in the 'test the teacher' competition'



Important reminders:

- Our 'Open Classroom' event on Wednesday 25th May. We are facilitating an opportunity for you to look at your children's work with your children. This will run from pick up time 3.15pm until 4.30pm. This is not a parent's evening but very much a chance for you to look at your children's work with your child, and for them to explain and talk to you about their learning. If you are not able to attend this event, please know completed books will be sent home at the end of the school year.

- As you know, **school is closed next Friday 27th May**. We have a Selby Educational Trust training day. The children break up at the end of day on Thursday 26th May for half term and return after the half term (and Jubilee bank holidays) on Monday 6th June.

Potential New Houses and Local Developments in Carlton

As I'm sure you are all aware, all local residents received a flyer this week re another potential new housing development at 'Station Road'. This potential development, which is at consultation point, would obviously bring additional families into the village. As some of you may have seen on facebook there has been lots of comments about the impact of new housing on facilities in the village.

Whilst fully understanding concerns re traffic, change of feel, and other important factors, I want to be clear that as a school, Carlton Primary would welcome additional pupils – this would make us even more financially viable and secure.

Current status: As I have previously stated our 'current pupil capacity' is 196 – 28 per year group. This week we have 153 pupils on roll and as things stand will have 156 on roll in September 2022. A typical year group currently has 20-24 pupils. We have about 30 spaces/capacity as things stand for September 2022. Clearly if in time, we were to get closer to 196, with various development in the potential pipeline, then further discussion would be had at Local Authority and Trust Level about what would happen.

FYI I am informed that NYCC work on 1 primary aged pupil per 4 new houses.

We will continue to be a 6 classes school in September 2022 for the 7 year groups – this means we will again have some mixed age classes, as we have had throughout my 7 years at the school. Ideally for September 2023 I want us to be a 7 class school – one class per year group. This would be of huge positive impact for us in terms of our curriculum planning and mapping. Securing some additional pupils would really help us in this regard.

Dates: A reminder of some key dates for the term ahead.

May 2022

Wednesday 25th Open Classroom for parents to look at their children's work with their children 3.30-4.45pm

Thursday 26th Last day of half term

Friday 27th INSET DAY - SET Trust wide training day

Half term beginning on Friday 27th May 2022 – school closed

June 2022

Monday 6th Children return to school

Monday 6th KS1 Phonics screening week

Monday 13th Year 4 Times Table Checking week

Sunday 19th Friends Summer Fayre 1pm to 4pm

Wednesday 22nd Sport's Day **TBC**

Wednesday 29th Reserve Sport's Day (**TBC** if required)

July 2022

Wednesday 13th Pyrenees and Rocky Class Performance **TBC**
Performance for school 2pm – 3pm
Performance for parents 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Friday 15th Move up Morning 1 – internal transition day
Year 6 Leaver's Fest
Reports home to parents

Monday 18th Move up Morning 2 - internal transition day

Friday 22nd Leaver's Assembly 9.30am – 11am (approx.)

Friday 22nd School closes for summer holidays 3.15pm

Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th Disaggregated Inset Days – School closed for pupils

Children return to school on Tuesday 6th September 2022

Have a great weekend everyone!

Regards and best wishes

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