

Weekly Bulletin

Term 2 Week 3 : Friday 20th January 2023

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[Welcome as ever to this week's newsletter.](#)

This week: There has been lots of great learning happening around school this week as ever. I have enjoyed seeing some great writing, dancing, painting and discussions taking place. I have also felt a strong sense of pride when I have shown visitors around school, with children in all classes displaying excellent attitudes to learning.

Thank you to Reverend Becky for being in school this week leading assembly on Monday – we talked about Baptism.



Sadly this week we had to postpone our planned visit from Urban Strides (street dance specialists) because of illness within their team. We will hopefully have a new date for this event really soon. Sorry for any disappointment caused.

Rock Kidz: On a more positive note I am delighted to share that we have booked the amazing Rock Kids to be in school on Friday 3rd February. I will be showing children the short video below in Monday's assembly.

[Rock Kidz On Tour - Primary Workshops That Rock!](http://rockkidzonline.com)
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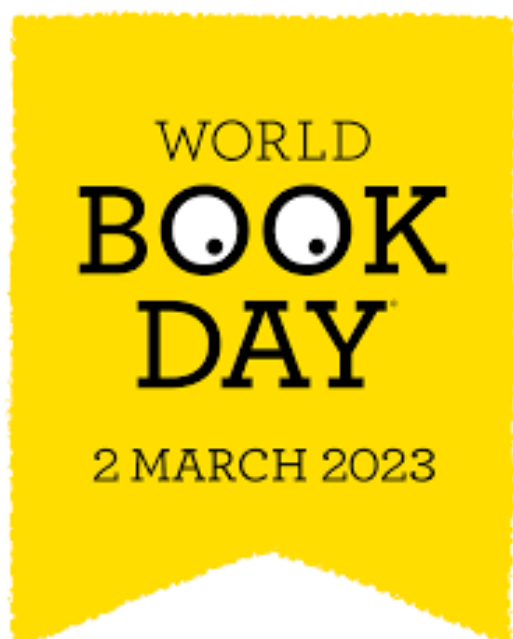


We will be inviting children to come in non-uniform that day (with suggestion £1 contribution to the cost of the event) - where children can come dressed as rock stars! This can be as simple or elaborate as you/the children like e.g. simple jeans and t shirt/non-uniform or more creative!

The focus of the Rock Kidz visit day is 'Self Esteem Health and Wellbeing' – the children will all participate in a workshop and then a whole school assembly with this as our chosen theme. The day will be packed full of songs, positive messages and enjoyment. I'm sure it will be absolutely brilliant for the children and comes highly recommended!

Staff absence – we have had a number of staff absences over the last few weeks. We send well wishes and love to all of our team members not in school currently.

Other news:



World Book day: Another exciting date for the diary is Thursday 2nd March! We will be holding a character dress up day. More details to follow.

A World Book day message from Mrs Burton:

As we live in a village in North Yorkshire, our children don't always come into contact with as many different types of people as children who live in bigger cities. One way we can help to expose our children to the rich diversity there is in our country is through books. This year we would like to use World Book Day to celebrate the diverse world we live in. Books allow children to learn about different cultures, race, ethnicity, gender, education, disability, identity, nationality, religion, sexuality, neuro diversity, social backgrounds and beliefs. It allows them to see both differences as well as similarities.

If you have a favourite book or just a book you have come across at home that you would like to share or buy for school for us to enjoy along this theme, feel free to bring them in. Costumes can of course come from any book character you would like

Parent Survey Thank to you everyone who took a few minutes to complete our school survey last week or this week. I will share the results summary of this survey in next week's newsletter.

If you have not completed a survey and would like to, you can do this in a range of ways:

- collect a survey from the school office (start or end of the day) or from myself (Mr. Watson) on the gate at drop off
- print one for yourself (copy attached to earlier parent mail about survey)
- simply let us know you would like one and we can send one home with your child – email us at carltonprimary@setschools.uk or call on 01405 860736

Then simply return the completed survey to school via the office, or your child.

Monday 23rd 4.00pm is the deadline for this survey to be completed.

Safeguarding and on line safety :

Please have a look at our website . our website we have a number of useful links and resources you may wish to view and share with your children. Please do take a look:

[Safeguarding – Carlton Primary \(selby.ac.uk\)](https://www.selby.ac.uk)

Another useful source of information is the NYSCP website:

[NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk)

Teaching Unions Strike Action: You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place in our region on the following days:

- **1st February,**
- **28th February,**
- **15th and 16th March.**

I'm writing to you all to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on these dates and there may be a partial closure of the school. The strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions, and not because of any issues at our school.

As many of our school staff are NEU members there is a strong chance that we may be affected by this action. At present, we are unable to offer final details on the provision we will be able to offer on these days but would hope to make you fully aware of this at least one week prior to each scheduled strike day.

However, I do recommend that you start to consider alternative childcare arrangements for these dates. I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

School leaders across our Trust are reviewing the latest DfE guidance on responding to strikes and are liaising with HR advisers, union representatives and our staff team to keep up to date with the situation.

In line with Department for Education guidance, the decision to open, restrict attendance, or close the setting will be based upon our ability to ensure that staffing within school is of a sufficient level to ensure pupils are not exposed to risks to their health and safety.

The Department for Education guidance also tells us that:

'If the numbers of staff on strike means a school must temporarily prioritise places they should, where possible, give priority to vulnerable children and young people and children of critical workers.'

With this in mind, national guidance on 'critical worker' status can be found within Annex B of the following document

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1114577/Emergency_planning_and_response_for_education_childcare_and_children_s_social_care_settings.pdf

We regret that we are unable to give any further firm details of provision to be offered on these dates but the nature of industrial action such as strikes does bring with it an element of unpredictability. Further details will follow as soon as possible.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Regards and best wishes

Jon Watson

Head teacher

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