



Weekly Bulletin

Term 2 Week 4 : Friday 27th January 2023

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Welcome as ever to this week's newsletter.

Industrial Action by NEU

I have written to you all earlier today (via parentmail) with regards to our response for the planned industrial action/ strike by the National Education Union on Wednesday 1st February 2023. Like many schools locally and nationally we will be seriously affected by this action.

*I'm now in the position to be able to make a final decision for our school. I want to give you as much notice as possible that **Carlton Primary School will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 1st February 2023**. This closure is because of the number of teachers from CPS who are on strike and therefore I have no option but to close the school.*

As I outlined last week, these 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.

I'm sorry for the disruption to you and to your child's education and I understand that this situation may be frustrating for you. I also acknowledge that this is a serious matter and that is a very complex and difficult decision for professionals to make, especially for my teaching team who care so deeply for the children. I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

I will communicate next week about arrangements for families who are entitled to free school meals.

Kind regards

Jon Watson

Headteacher

Other news:

Good to be Gold. In assembly on Monday I was delighted to share with the children that we have reached our target of 50 gold points. This triggers our next good to be gold celebration and we will be holding this soon. This is part of our positive behaviour policy and routines and is a huge hit with the children.

A reminder that each Monday I send a 'good to be gold' Marvellous me to each and every pupil who demonstrated good behaviour choices the previous week and had no sanctions.

CPD visit: Mrs Burton and I and other members of Selby Educational Trust team had a fantastic day yesterday when we visited Three Bridges Primary School in London. This rich, professional development visit was a superb opportunity for discussion, reflection and strategic development.



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Rock Kidz: A reminder that Rock Kids will be in school Next week, on Friday 3rd February.



As mentioned last week, 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!

On Tuesday afternoon next week our Year 5 pupils have all been invited to visit Brayton Academy for a PE afternoon. If you have not already done so, please complete and return the consent slip, which has previously been sent out to parents. Children will also need to and wear their PE kit on this day.

Important Date : I will be writing to you all soon to invite you to attend a Parent Consultation for our Relationships and Sex education (RSE) and Personal Health Social Education policy. This will be held on Wednesday 1st March at 5.00pm. We have previously held a similar event, but as we are updating our policy we want to run this process again. My letter will give you more information about the policy – we are not changing our intention or values, but simply the vehicle we use to teach this important curriculum area.

Communications Update: From Monday 30th January 2023 we will no longer be using Parentmail as our platform to communicate with parents as it does not connect with our student information management system. You should have received an email with details for the Scholarpack app which we will be using instead. This email will come from Scholarpack. Please follow the instructions to set up your account.

World Book day Last week I also shared another important date for your diary World Book day: Thursday 2nd March! We will be holding a character dress up day.

Diversity focus theme: 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.

We will also be arranging some stay and read sessions that week when we will invite parents and family members into school to read with the children. More details to follow.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Regards and best wishes

Jon Watson

Head teacher

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