

Weekly Bulletin

Term 2 Week 8 : Friday 24th February 2023

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Hello and welcome to the first newsletter of this half term. Despite it still being cool, the brighter mornings and longer days have certainly been pleasant this week, as we have enjoyed welcoming the children back again to school after the February half term break.

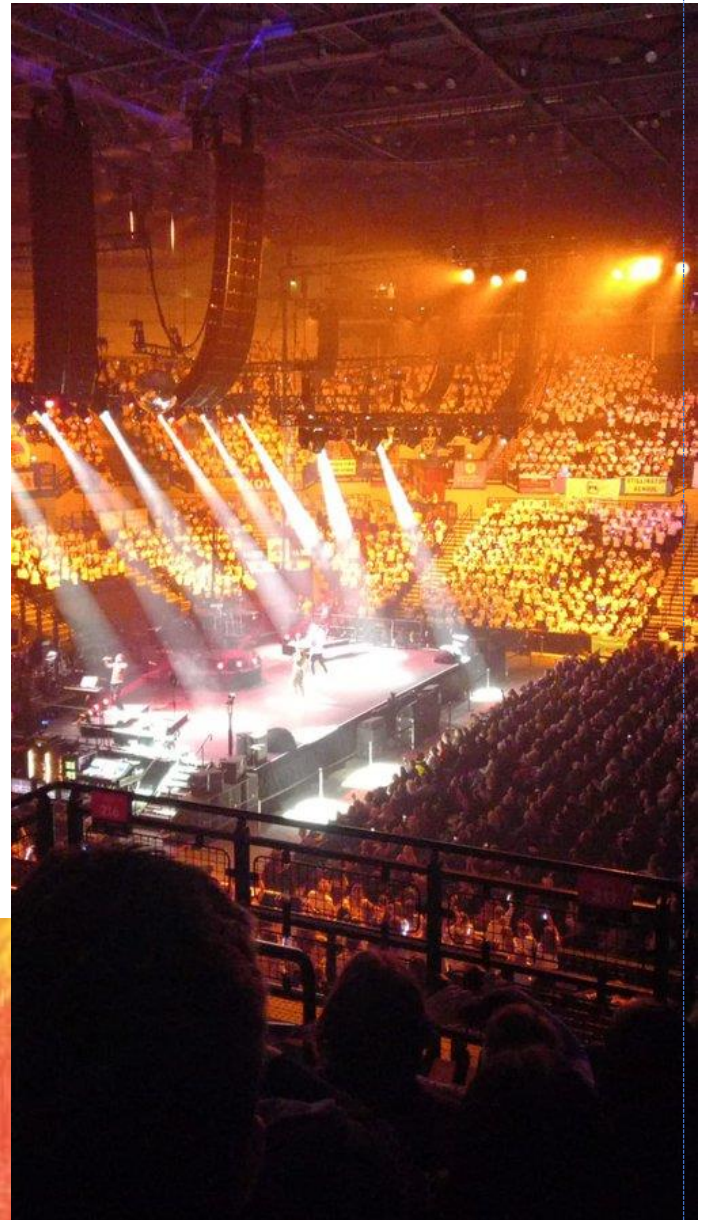
As always, we hope this newsletter reaches you and your family well.

Young Voices 2023

We finished last half term with a spectacular event - Young Voices 2023 at Sheffield arena. The 29 pupils from Carlton, Mrs Sierotko, Mrs Smith, Miss Craven and Miss Gray, along with our friends from our partner school Selby CP, had a fabulous time.

We are very proud of the children - their behaviour, engagement, participation and singing were all equally pleasing. Feedback from parents who attended the event has been hugely positive too.

All of the children who attended said they had a great time and I'm sure they will remember performing at the arena to a 6000plus audience as part of the 3000 strong choir, for a very long time. A brilliant day! We will be running the event again next year as this has become a firm favourite on our calendar - such a rich experience for the children of our school.



[Today Pumas class held a cake and bake sale – more info to follow next week on this.](#)

Pupil Numbers:

We have welcomed two new pupils (one new family) to school this week. We now have 157 pupils on roll here at Carlton - and this is likely to rise again over the remainder of this school year, with other families booked in to look around this week and next too.

September 2023: Our reception numbers are looking extremely positive at this early stage for September. It is very exciting knowing we will be a 7-class / a one form entry primary school - next year. As I have mentioned before, as our small cohort of year 6 children leave this year, and we gain a larger groups of reception pupils we will have at least 10 more pupils next year. Exciting times.

Mr Clennan (CEO), Mrs Thompson (School Business Manager) and I have been working extremely hard on the development of the school premises and will continue to do so as we plan for growth.

Car Park Gate Closure – health and safety

I have made the decision that moving forward the **school car park gate will be closed and locked for health and safety reasons between 8.40-9.00am (drop off) and 3.05-3.20pm(pick up).** At these times no unauthorised vehicles will be allowed to enter or leave the car park.

Over the years I have made regular polite requests for all vehicles (other than staff and disabled badge holders) to not use the car park. However, despite requests, this remains a problem and I feel that there is a potential of someone being hurt. Therefore, I am changing our routines as a preventive measure. I do not want any child or adult to be hurt.

Any unauthorised parking in the car park before these times will have to wait for the full time period before the gates will be re-opened.

A polite reminder that only staff, blue badge holders and other authorised vehicles will be allowed to park in the school car park.

Parking Locally: If you don't walk to school:

- Please park sensibly and safely around the local area, with consideration to others
- Please also consider turning car engines off (which is good for environment and for your wallet and purse).



Upcoming information for next week:

This week I have already written to you about three key dates next week:

Summary:

- **Tuesday 28th February – National Education Union (NEU) planned strike day** - expected full closure of school
- **Wednesday 1st March at 5.00pm - Parent Information event for our Relationships and Sex education (RSE) and Personal Health Social Education policy.**
- **Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day Character dress up day**

Tuesday 28th February – National Education Union (NEU) planned strike day .

If the strike goes ahead, depending on talks between the NEU and the Government, then I am expecting that there will be full closure of school again on Tuesday. Please see my communication earlier in the week for background information.

RSE & PSHE Wednesday 1st March at 5.00pm - Parent Information event . This event will give us the opportunity to explain the requirements of the National Curriculum. Mrs Burton and I want to share information about the key sections of our policy, which parts are compulsory, and which aspects are optional for parents, and most importantly 'jigsaw' – our curriculum package materials, that we use to deliver this important content .

It is important to note that we are not changing the curriculum content that we have agreed to deliver in the past - but as we have changed our supporting teaching materials this academic year, to Jigsaw, we thought it would be a perfect opportunity to share this with you.

If you want to attend the session with Mrs Burton and me remember to let me or the office staff know in advance so we can secure your place at the event.

World book day (and related events). As you know, next Thursday 2nd March is World Book day. We will be holding a character dress up day to celebrate.

Children can choose to be any character they wish from any book they want – this can be as simple or elaborate as you wish. You do not have to buy a costume - Homemade are often the best! This is always such a great day for the children.

As we have done in the past, **we will be holding a 'World Book Day Character parade' in school time. The Carlton Friends will be hosting refreshments (teas, coffees and biscuits) from 2.15 pm on The Thursday 2nd March onwards.** The children will then join us and pass through the hall showing off their costumes (after 2.30pm). We will then announce the '3 best dressed' characters (and award prizes).

It will be great to have as many of you who can attend join us!

World Book Day Raffle:

Mrs Pierce has been working her magic and has once again organised wonderful prizes for our World Book day raffle.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 27th February - £1 per entry. Please send any money for tickets in a named envelope to your child's teacher from Monday. In return for every £1 received we will enter your child's name into a prize draw.

Prize includes 2 special author-signed books, 3 book themed games and some sweets.

The winner will be drawn at the end of the afternoon on World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March 2023.



Other Events:

Stay and read sessions : We are inviting parents and family members into school to read with the children.

- Wednesday March 1st at 2.45-3.15pm
- Friday 3rd 9.00am-9.30am

Everybody welcome - You can come to either/both sessions.

Usborne Book Fare: Wednesday March 1st at 3.15pm in school hall – an opportunity to purchase books

News: See what is happening each week in class!

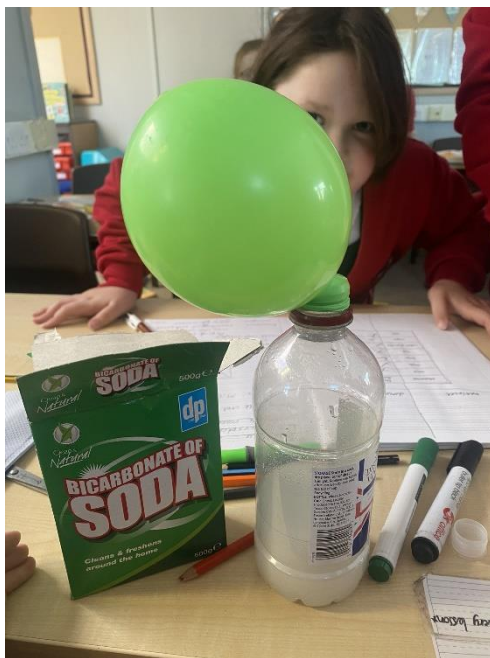
I know some of you are not on twitter, but please do take a look directly on twitter or via our website (which has the twitter page embedded) to see examples of work and learning. Well worth a look!

Website link: [Carlton Primary \(selby.ac.uk\)](http://Carlton Primary (selby.ac.uk))

Twitter link: (4) Carlton Primary School (@CarltonPS_SET) / Twitter

Some highlights from twitter can be seen below:

Art: Amazing Dragon Paintings by Cheetahs/Reception



Science: Pumas class had a great science investigation looking at irreversible changes.

DT: Tigers class we spent the morning creating our own pneumatic monsters! The children used their knowledge to create a monster that had a component that moved using compressed air.



Have a great weekend!

Regards and best wishes

Jon Watson

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