



# Weekly Bulletin

Term 3 Week 4 : Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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Welcome as always to our weekly newsletter.

## Year 6/Key Stage 2 National Curriculum tests:

I need to start with saying a huge well done to the pupils (and staff) in year 6!

As I'm sure you are all aware, for our year 6 children (and across the country) it has been their Key Stage 2 National Curriculum tests or SATs this week. As a staff team we are incredibly proud of the Year 6 children – each and every single one of them has done what we asked them to do – given it their best effort! Over the week they have successfully faced and completed 6 tests and they have done so with a mature and positive attitude.

When we look at the really important life skills from SATS what have we learned about our children? They know when to work hard and know how to respond to 'formal' processes. They can follow instructions, they can cope with the feeling of 'pressure', they can concentrate for long periods. As a group the children have been calm, focussed, determined and mature in their approach. Such a good work ethic will take them far! Skills from our Carlton skill set such as Resilience, Determination, Independence to name a few, forefront and centre. We can't ask any more – their attitudes have been exemplary. A huge well done and congratulations to all of our fantastic Year 6 pupils! Small in number but great in attitude this week!

I'm not going to get into the political discussion at this point on the rights and wrongs of formal testing in primary school – I just know we are proud of our children's efforts and attitudes, and that to us here at Carlton, whilst academic performance and progress will always be rightly important, children are more than numbers or grades.

Thank you too, to the staff team, particularly Miss Craven, Mrs Whitehead, and Mrs Pierce who have made the process run so smoothly – from providing breakfasts, to offering emotional support and for pitching the importance of the build up to the tests and the tests themselves so well – they matter but they are not the be all and end all. As a school we have 'pitched' this process well – never narrowing our curriculum, never over pressuring the children, but encouraging them to 'show what they know'; and perform as well as they can – achieving a personal best!

## Year 2/Key stage 1 National curriculum Tests

Next week Mrs Burton, with the support of Mrs Whaley, Mrs Clifton and other staff will be facilitating the Year 2/Key Stage 1 National curriculum tests. These are age appropriate tests and are less formal than Year 6 testing conditions. e.g. not strictly timed, and can be administered at times chosen by the school/staff. These will not be 'pressured', but are simply a slightly more formal version of our typical termly tests. Leopards class are a great, hardworking bunch that I know they will try their best for Mrs Burton as always.





[Amazing Art: The children of Cheetahs class had an amazing day yesterday with visiting artist James Brunt.](#)



[As Mrs Smith wrote on twitter 'The rain didn't stop our fabulous artists from sharing their talents with inspiring land artist @RFJamesUK . The children loved working alongside him to create our masterpiece and loved showing it to the rest of the school and their parents'.](#)

[What incredible art work and collaboration. Well done cheetahs, and thank you to James Brunt! Well done to Mrs Smith and team for organising such a rich and wonderful experience.](#)





Looking back on last week! To mark the Coronation, in school today (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May) we held our Coronation event. Thanks to the Mellor's catering team for their special lunch and thanks again to Carlton Parish Council for their kind and generous support with providing keepsakes of the Coronation for the children. Here are some more photos for you to enjoy:



Cheetahs



Jaguars



Leopards





Lions



Pumas



Tigers

### Staffing update:

It is with mixed emotions I inform you of a staff change for next year. On one hand, it is with great sadness that I have to tell you that Miss Craven will be leaving the Carlton Team at the end of this academic year. On the counter side we are delighted that Miss Craven is off to start a new adventure abroad , having been successfully appointed to a school in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Having spent 7 happy years teaching in Dubai myself I know she will have both a brilliant life and professional experience. Miss Craven will leave us at the end of July with a nothing but best wishes for her future. More on this at the end of term. We look forward to Miss Craven having a super last chapter at Carlton with the children of Tigers class. Congratulations on your new job Miss Craven!

We are in the process of finalising staff arrangements for next academic year. I will be announcing class structure, class assigned teachers etc just after May half term.

Continued best wishes to Miss Jackson who is still absent from work. Get well soon Miss Jackson. I am delighted with the extra work and brilliant job Miss Gray is going in Jaguars class. Thanks you so much Miss Gray and Mrs Stones.

It has been great having Mr Cooper our caretaker back these past two weeks too!

### Important News & Reminders:

- Midday Supervisors (MSAs) We are looking for a new MSA to join the team. If you would like to find out more about the MSA position please to speak to the admin team or me.
- Mrs Burton is holding a Phonics and Reading workshop for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 at 2.30pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023. See email from earlier in the week for more details.
- Club letters will come out to you next week – we will be offering clubs for the month of June

Please see some important dates below. Have a good weekend. Thank you for your continued interest in and support of our school.

*Regards and best wishes*

*Jon Watson*

*Head teacher*

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### Key dates:

This term is always a busy one with lots of events happening. I have included and listed important dates such as National Curriculum test weeks, but have also included provisional dates for other events, including our Summer Production and Transition days below.

### Summer Term 2023 :

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May National Curriculum KS1 test week  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm Phonics workshop for parents of children in Reception and Year 1  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Last day of half term  
**Half term beginning on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023– school closed**

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Children return to school**  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 Parliament Trip to London TBC  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1-4pm Friends' Summer fayre – with stalls, live entertainment and lots more  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June KS1 Phonics screening week  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June Year 4 Times Table Checking week  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June Urban Strides Street Dance workshop  
28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June Year 6-year 7 Transition days at the Snaith School  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July Pumas and Tigers Performance **TBC**  
Performance for school 2pm – 3pm **TBC**  
Performance for parents 5.30pm – 6.30pm **TBC**  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July Move up Morning 1 – internal transition day  
Year 6 Leaver's Fest  
Reports home to parents  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July Move up Morning 2 - internal transition day  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9.30am – 11am (approx.)  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 Last of school term/year - school closed for the summer break  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July Disaggregated Inset Days – School closed for pupils  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September Staff Training day  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September Children return to school**

*NB. Sports day date still to be arranged*

All dates can be found on our website: [Term Dates – Carlton Primary \(setschools.uk\)](https://www.setschools.uk)