



Weekly Bulletin

Term 3 Week 8 : Friday 9th June 2023

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Welcome to our weekly newsletter and welcome to final half term of the academic year. I hope you enjoyed the bank holiday weekend and half term week. After a busy and enjoyable first week back, all of a sudden we only have 6 schools weeks left of this school year! Time is passing so very quickly.

This week's newsletter is a bumper edition with lots of important information included.

This Sunday we have our Friends of Carlton Summer Fayre. We are really looking forward to this fabulous day with food, live music, stalls and so much more, it would be great to see as many of you all attending as possible.



A reminder that all money raised is spent on the children of our school, for example, like the way Friends subsidise our panto trip for every child.

We hope to see you all on Sunday afternoon for a lovely community event!

This week:

It has been lovely seeing the children back in school this week. I have to start with talking about how proud I am of our Year 6 pupils. On Tuesday we had a super and successful visit to London and The Houses of Parliament. The children really conducted themselves in a mature and positive manner.





Miss Craven, Mrs Peirce and I led the Year 6 group to London. The journey itself was part of planned experience, with the children experiencing taking the train to and from Selby to King Cross, using the underground and then walking around some of the sites on foot.

We enjoyed visiting Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Horse Guards' Parade, Downing Street, Big Ben, seeing the London eye, Westminster Abbey and then visiting the Houses of Parliament themselves.



We had an amazing opportunity to visit and actually sit in the main body of the House of Commons as the day's work had been adjourned. We also were lucky enough to visit the House of Lords and listen to a live debate between the Lords and Baronesses present. We then enjoyed a Rule of Law workshop with Parliament staff.

Overall it was tiring but hugely successful day for all. I'm sure the Year 6 children will remember their visit to Houses of Parliament and to London in general, for a long time to come. Well done Year 6!



Thank you too, to all of the staff team on the day and behind the scenes who helped make the trip so successful. Thank you too to the Year 6 parents for supporting this event.



Other notable events this week:

- Today we have had our school photographers in school taking our class team photos
- Our Year 5 and 6 children have continued their Thursday swimming lessons at Selby Leisure centre.
- Our school clubs have started this week and are running for the 4 weeks of June

Extending the school day in September 2023 - Parent Survey Results .

As I have previously outlined, all schools have to offer a minimum school week of 32.5 hours in September 2023, meaning in order to meet the requirements from the Department for Education's White Paper we needed to add an additional 15 minutes to our current school day. We chose to conduct a survey to seek your opinion on this matter. Thank you to everyone who took time to complete our survey and give us their feedback and views on how we should implement this necessary change.

After lots of thought and discussion both before and since receiving feedback from the survey, we have decided that from September 2023, we will be altering our school day to the following:

- **Doors open at 8.40 am** (10 minutes earlier than present)
- **School starts and doors close at 8.45 am** (15 minutes earlier than present)
- **School finishes at 3.15pm** (as it currently does)

This gives a total of 32.5 hours per week (5x 6hours 30 mins).

Despite not being everyone's preferred option, the majority of people surveyed were happy with this, and it was the most popular option for adding an additional 15 minutes to the school day.

Please note that as part of this change we will be moving lunch 15 minutes earlier – Lunch will now be 12.00 -1.00pm, leaving the length of the morning the same (3 hours 15 mins).

We have also decided that this additional 15 minutes of time each day will be given to the wider curriculum (non English and Maths subjects) , extending the afternoon session from 2 hours to 2 hours 15 minutes.

In addition to the view of the staff team and parental response to the survey, one of the key deciding factors in making this decision was considering the impact of school pick when other local schools , particularly Holy Family Catholic High school finish at 3.00pm.

Thank you for your engagement with this process. To confirm these changes will start in September 2023.

Please see attached information that shows the full results of the survey.

On Monday in assembly I welcomed the children back to school and we talked about World Environment day. This seemed a perfect day to have a soft launch of our participation in the excellent 'SchoolCycled' project.



What is SchoolCycled? SchoolCycled is an initiative by MYgroup, designed to educate the next generation about recycling, ecosystems and sustainability. We need the younger generation to become environmentalists, activists & scientists with the ability to create solutions to our pollution issues.

'SchoolCycled is aimed to educate and reward children for recycling plastic bottle tops which are traded in for Earth Tokens. These can be exchanged for recycled products, made at our Hull site, such as furniture and play equipment. MYgroup provide the schools with free lessons plans and educational tools to encourage the children to recycle and take part in litter picking'.

Find out more a: [SchoolCycled - MYgroup \(mygroup ltd.com\)](http://SchoolCycled - MYgroup (mygroup ltd.com))

So we would love you to all start collecting any bottle tops (milk, soft drinks, cordial, shampoo etc etc) and bring them into school. The more we collect the more goodies school receives and the better it is for the environment!

Before the holidays:

Many congratulations to James and Doliarnah (both Y6) for their roles as King and Queen Carlton Village Fete on Saturday 27th May.



Next week: Street Dance workshop with Urban Strides

Urban Strides are in school to lead Street Dance workshops on Monday. I first saw Urban Strides at Young Voices in 2020. They are such great dancers and performers. I am really pleased that we have booked time to come into Carlton Primary and lead street dance workshops for all pupils of our school.

Next week – Assessments

Next week there are important assessment activities taking place. Before May half term Year 6 and then Year 2 did their National Curriculum tests. Next week our Year 4 pupils from both Pumas and Lions have to participate in the 'Times Table checking' exercise. Similarly, our year 1 pupils and some of our Year 2 pupils are undertaking their Phonics screening check.

For more information about these important Primary Assessment activities please visit the link (in red) below. The link has information that explains what the phonics screening check is, how it is used and how parents and carers can support their child with phonics learning at home.

[National curriculum assessments: information for parents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/national-curriculum-assessments-information-for-parents)

Important News & Reminders:

- Fizzy drinks. A reminder that children should be bringing water to school each and every day in a bottle. Under no circumstances should the children be bringing fizzy drinks. We also politely request that children do not bring in fizzy drink bottles (e.g. prime) that contain water – this makes it difficult to know what is in the bottle. Thanks for your support with this.
- Changing Me – PSHE (Jigsaw lessons). As per our policy, curriculum plans and following our Parent information meeting earlier in the year, a reminder that in this final half term we are teaching the 'Changing me' unit from our Jigsaw programme. This unit involves age appropriate teaching about changes to the body.
- 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.
- Website and twitter reminder: Check out our website and twitter feeds for photos and examples of what is happening in each class in school.

<https://carltonprimary.setschools.uk/>

https://twitter.com/CarltonPS_SET

Have a good weekend! I really hope to see you all at the summer fayre on Sunday afternoon.

Regards and best wishes

Jon Watson

Head teacher

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Important dates:

Please see some important dates for the rest of the summer term below, for your reference.

Summer Term 2023 :

Sunday 11 th June 1-4pm	Friends' Summer fayre – with stalls, live entertainment and lots more
Monday 12 th June	KS1 Phonics screening week
Monday 12 th June	Year 4 Times Table Checking week
Monday 12 th June	Urban Strides Street Dance workshop
Friday 23 rd June	Sports day - Reception and KS1 morning and KS2 afternoon – items to be confirmed
28 th , 29 th & 30 th June	Year 6-year 7 Transition days at the Snaith School
Friday 7 th July	Reserve Sports day
Wednesday 12 th July	Pumas and Tigers Performance Performance for school 2pm – 3pm Performance for parents 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 14 th July	Move up Morning 1 – internal transition day Year 6 Leaver's Fest Reports home to parents
Monday 17 th July	Move up Morning 2 - internal transition day
Friday 21 st July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9.30am – 11am (approx.)
Friday 21 st July 2023	Last of school term/year - school closed for the summer break
Monday 24 th & 25 th July	Disaggregated Inset Days – School closed for pupils
Monday 4 th September	Staff Training day
Tuesday 5th September	Children return to school

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