



Term 1 Week 5: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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Welcome as ever to another weekly newsletter, rounding off the end of another successful week here at Carlton Primary School. Thank you for taking the time to read our news and engage with our school.

There has been such a positive atmosphere in school as I have passed through classes each day. I'm really proud of the way term has settled. Attitudes to learning and engagement in lessons has been very high. So many children making great choices with their behaviour too.

# This week:

Drax trips – Thursday Year4 Pine class & Friday Year 5 Silver Birch class As I write this newsletter our Year 5 class are at Drax PowerStation on their visit. Yesterday Our Year 4's has a super day visiting our local PowerStation:





### Mrs Short says:

'Year 4 very much had a 'lively and inquiring' day visiting Drax Power Station this week. First of all, we visited the Skylark Education Centre in Barlow to learn about the fascinating process of how Drax makes electricity: a journey that starts in the USA and Canada with biomass pellet production and ends with the production of 'superheated steam' that drives the turbines and generators at Drax. The children (and adults!) had the most wonderful educational experience and cannot thank Drax enough for allowing us to visit. '



#### Skipathon Update

As you know we recently held our very first sponsored 'skipathon' event in school. Children from year 1 to year 6, teachers, teaching assistants and lunchtime supervisors enjoyed over 3 hours of fun on the playground.

I am delighted to share with you that we have now had even more money come into school and have reached the staggering amount of **over £1700 collected for Friends of Carlton School and Sleep Safe**. Thankyou to everyone who sponsored a child and/or helped gather money from family and friends. Money is still coming in.

What an incredible total - Thankyou everyone !



### This week:

- Phone calls home During the course of this week Teachers have been calling home to give you a quick summary of how well your child has settled into the class. I do hope you have found this useful and informative.
- Reverend Becky and I led our assembly on Wednesday talking about Harvest.
- Thursday was also our school census day this helps determine funding for schools, for example, the number of pupils who were on school role that day, informs funding for school for the next academic year.

### Next week:

# Harvest Celebrations:

As previously shared, our Harvest festival is next Friday at 10.30am St Mary's Church (Church of England), Carlton (leaving school at 10.00am). We are welcoming volunteers to walk with us to church - and these people will be invited to be our small 'audience'. This is not a performance but a in church assembly and celebration event.

If you wish to support us walking to and from church and attend the Harvest celebrations, please do let the admin team know, so we know who to expect and have an idea of numbers. Volunteers should arrive at school at 10:05 for a 10.10 departure. We be walking back from church at approximately 10.45/11.00am to be back at school at 11.15am at the latest.

<u>Harvest Donations</u>: To support this message of thanks and as we celebrate harvest, we would greatly welcome donations of food to school. Items such tins or long-life packet items will be then donated to the Selby food bank. These items can be brought in on Thursday or Friday (Harvest celebration day). Please note, we are not requesting fresh produce or having a food sale in school this year but want to still mark the occasion and contribute positively to those who need our support.

I also want to point out that this donation is optional and welcomed – however we understand and respect that you may not be in a position to be able to contribute. Thanks in advance for any contributions.

### Wellbeing information.

I recently attended a training event when this super local resource was shared. Please do take time to have a look and consider using it with your child(ren) at home if/when appropriate:

# The Go-To - Emotional wellbeing and mental health (thegoto.org.uk)

### Other important news:

In recent assemblies I have had the pleasure of sharing and celebrating some outside of school achievements, including:

- Eliza S Y2 Dance Trophy
- Lily M Y2 Dance trophies
- Florence C Y3 Gymnastics 5x silver trophy
- Lily S Y5 Cricket trophy and medals
- Well done to everyone for their efforts and achievement.

<u>Year 6 parents</u> -it is already that time of year when you need to be selecting the secondary/high school for your child for September 2024. This is obviously an important decision for both you and your child. In order to secure your first choice, all application must be made by <u>31<sup>st</sup> October 2023</u>. Many children have been attending open days over the last few weeks.

<u>New starters:</u> It is also that time of year when we already have to start thinking about our own **Reception intake for September 2024**. This intake is for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Applications must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024, so we have made several available dates when prospective parents can visit our school – please see attached flyer and diary dates later in this newsletter.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to get in touch to book a visit. If you already have a child in school and another due to start next year, you are still welcome to visit school of course!

### Reminders re Ongoing support and projects:

A Reminder we need your plastic bottle tops! Please support our participation in the excellent <u>'SchoolCycled'</u> project. This is an ongoing project and we will be collecting bottle tops constantly over the year ahead. We would love you to all

# SchoolCycled

**keep collecting any bottle tops** (milk, soft drinks, cordial, shampoo, toothpaste etc) and bring them into school. The more we collect the more goodies school received and the better it is for the environment! Please also ask friends, family members and or neighbours to support us with this! The more the better!

# The Conkertition - Carlton Conker Competition.

Children will be starting our conker competition in school soon. Your child will be bringing home a conker next week. We would appreciate it if you could string the conker so your child can participate please! Please see and follow the rules below!

# Carlton Conker rules

- You must not bake or soak your conker
- Player 1 starts hitting first
- They keep hitting until they miss
- If the strings get tangled the first player to shout 'Strings' continues to hit
- If the conker comes off the string that person is out
- If the string and conker end up on the floor we do not play 'stamps'. The player will just pick up the conker and continue playing.
- At the end of each round, if there is no winner the class teacher will examine both conkers and see which has the most damage. The person with the least damage will progress to the next round.
- If there is the same amount of damage then each person will see how many 'knocks' they can achieve in 1 minute. Whoever gets the most will proceed to the next round
- The year group champions will be given a new conker for the championship tournament which will be strung for them in school

The Finals will be played between year group winners and in school before the half term holidays

# Good to be Gold – a reminder of what we do!

As part of our whole school system for praising and celebrating good behaviour we have a Good to Be Gold whole school reward system. The tree is in the school hall and referred to in assembly – it is our visual way of representing our behaviour reward system.

Each week each class can earn 'gold' points – these are awarded for each class as follows:

- 90% of class or more in Gold all week = 2 points
- 80% of class (up to 90%) Gold all week = I point

If all 7 classes get 2 Gold points then I give a bonus 5points to the whole school.

Additional points can also be gained for individuals or groups who are receive a Red Book entry in special mentions assembly. Each Red Book counts as one point for the target! When we reach our school target of 50 points we have a whole school reward. The more people who stay gold then the more points are scored, and the sooner we have the next whole school celebration. This promotes team work throughout school and praises good behaviour.

Every Monday I send a Marvellous me home for every child who has remained 'gold' for their behaviour the previous week – e.g. followed the school rules successfully and had no sanctions.

<u>Website and twitter/X reminder:</u> We continue to use Twitter or 'X' to share information about learning in school. This is another simple and effective way of communicating with you all. Our class teachers will be sharing some photos, key learning or snap shots of life in their classrooms on a regular basis. <u>https://carltonprimary.setschools.uk/</u>

https://twitter.com/CarltonPS\_SET

The twitter feed is also embedded to the home page of our school website, so can be viewed on the web for those who don't use Twitter. The account is a super way of keeping our website up to date on a weekly basis

**Diary Dates:** at the end of this newsletter there is list if important diary dates for the term ahead. Please do take a look.

Thanks for taking the time to read this week's newsletter and for your support of our school.

*Regards and best wishes* 

Jon Watson

Head teacher

Developing lively, inquiring and creative minds

### **Staffing Vacancies and opportunities:**



We are looking for people to join our Midday Supervisor Team!

Here at Carlton Primary School we are a lovely place to be and we have spaces on our friendly MSA team, working either every day (Monday – Friday 12-1PM) or part time.

If you are looking to either dip a toe back into the world of work or just looking to be part of a bustling team you could be our perfect match! For an application please contact Becky Staveley on <u>carltonprimary@setschools.uk</u> or call into the school office, we would love to hear from you!

Selby Educational Trust is committed to safeguarding the welfare of our children. We have a robust Child Protection Policy and all staff receive training relevant to their role at induction and throughout employment at the school.

### Other vacancies:

Our partner school, Selby CP are recruiting for an administration assistant, the post is established 32.5 hours per week. For more information and an application form please see :

# https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/6266/0/406770/19951/admin-assistant-set-selbyprimary-academy

### Diary Dates : Term1

### October 2023

w.c. Monday 9th Oct	Majority of School clubs commence
Friday 13th	Harvest festival at 10.30am St Mary's Church (Church of
	England), Carlton (leaving school at 10.00am).
	+Request for Harvest Festival produce donations.
	Conkers to be sent home
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	PM visits for new starters (Sept 24 intake) by appointment
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	AM visits for new starters (Sept 24 intake) by appointment

<b>Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School closed for pupils: Staff Training day (Selby Educational Trust wide training) Conker competition final (pm in school) Last day of half term
Half term holidays	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November - School Closed
November Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov Tuesday 7th Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 16th Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> w/c Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school PM visits for new starters (Sept 24 intake) by appointment School photos (individual) AM visits for new starters (Sept 24 intake) by appointment Children in Need Day - non uniform day fundraiser for CinN Last week for School clubs
December Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 19th Dec Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friends Christmas Fayre AM visits for new starters (Sept 24 intake) by appointment Kings Church Selby Christmas experience (Y3/Oak Class) Christmas Performance 2pm (to school & families) and 5.30pm (parents/families) Whole School Panto Trip to Doncaster Cast Am KS1 Christmas Party (party clothes required) Pm KS2 Christmas Party pm (party clothes required) Carol Service 10.30 am St Mary's Church Christmas jumper day Christmas lunch Break up for Christmas

# Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 –Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Christmas Holidays January 2024

<u>Term2:</u>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Staff training and development day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Young Voices– Sheffield Arena (day & evening event) Y4, 5 and 6
<u>Term 3:</u>	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15 am



