



Term 1 Week 15: Friday 15th December 2023

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Welcome, as always, to our weekly newsletter; the penultimate update for this term.

Looking back: Last Friday our <u>Year 3 Class (Oak) enjoyed a visit to Kings' Church Selby</u>. As Usual Mary and her team created a wonderful 'Christmas Experience' for our children to enjoy.



Miss Gray says:

What an adventure Oak class had last Friday! We had an amazing time visiting King's Church in Selby for our Christmas experience. We travelled in a time machine, all the way back to 2000 years ago where we met lots of interesting people – Mary & Joseph on their way to Bethlehem, a very wise man with gifts and a shepherd with some smelly socks! Once we were back, we fuelled up on cake and juice and got stuck into some Christmas crafts.

The volunteers at King's Church took great care of us, and commented that the children were all so kind and well-mannered (I 100% agree!). Thank you King's Church, we had a brilliant time

<u>Christmas Fayre</u> What a roaring success our Friends Christmas fayre was on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone involved. I am both proud and delighted to inform you that we raised a staggering: **£750** profit. This will all be spent on the children in our school! <u>Thank you again to everyone who helped</u>, attended or ran stalls. It was a great event.

<u>Thank you</u>

Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards the cost of the panto trip. I am so grateful for the brilliant subsidy (£7.10 per pupil) from the Friends of Carlton group. As you know this means the ticket and travel (and snack/treat) will be at a cost of only £10 per child. If you haven't already done so please do support this special event on parent pay.

Thank you to the very generous people who have made additional voluntary contribution's for this whole school festive activity – so very much appreciated.

We would also like to say thank you for other special acts of kindness this week:

- <u>Kind donation of chocolate</u> We have had a very welcome donation of chocolate bars from a very generous and kind elf (a.k.a a very generous parent) these will be shared with the children on Christmas party day.
- Selby hands of Hope supporting families in school with additional gifts for children

This week:

Well done to Hawthorn class for leading our assembly on the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. The children explained their learning from their R.E lessons and explained to us all the key aspects of how Jewish people celebrate this special time of year.



Learning about different faiths and beliefs is not only fascinating, but is part of our Religious Education (R.E.) curriculum. It is also an important aspect of promoting British values (particularly respect and tolerance). Being informed and understanding that people have different views is part of having a kind, modern and positive outlook on life. Thank you year 2!

Other news this week:

- Our children in Ash (rec), Beech (Y1) and Hawthorn (Y2) classes have been rehearsing hard this week ready for next week's production I can't wait to see it on Tuesday!
- In assembly on Monday and Tuesday I have been speaking to children about Christmas traditions both at home and in school.
- Mrs Burton and teachers have held our termly pupil progress meetings when we discuss pupils performance, and progress in key areas such as reading, waiting and maths. time!
- Special visitor it was lovely to welcome Miss Craven into school on Thursday after her first term away from Carlton, living and working in Dubai she called in to say hello to pupils and staff alike.
- On Thursday we enjoyed our 'celebration assembly' when as usual lots of special mention certificates were handed out and shared. This week Isabella, Abigail and Miss Gray's dance club also performed their 're-write the stars' routine to all of the school too. Well done folks!

Special mention for out of school achievements:

This week in our Celebration assembly we enjoyed hearing about the following pupils and their achievements outside of school:

- Ethan F (Y6) shared information about another successful Taekwondo grading, moving to a green and blue striped belt.
- Alice A (Y5) shared her medal for her participation in her musical theatre classes
- Zara F (Y3) celebrated her dance exam success for both tap and disco classes
- Elise A (Y3) shared details about another successful side saddle /horse riding event.



Other information:

- <u>Christmas post pox</u> Reminder we have a Christmas post box in school for those children who want to send Christmas Cards to others in school. If you wish to use the post-box please ensure whenever possible the cards have first name and surname/initials, and if known year group or class name on, so the year 6 elves can ensure accurate delivery!
- <u>Parent governor.</u> Early in the new year we will again be advertising for a new parent governor to join our enthusiastic and supportive Local Governing Board. If you are interested in finding out more please speak to me for more information.
- <u>Midday supervisors (MSAs)</u> If you are interested in the role of Midday Supervisor (MSA) please speak to the admin team or myself about this. We are looking for someone to join our team in the new year.
- <u>Reminder</u>, trading_cards/pokemon and football cards etc ate not allowed in school. This is because it often causes fall ours, or sadness when cards are lost or swapped in error etc.

New starters: Reception intake for September 2024: The new reception intake for September 2024 is for children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020.

Please do encourage anyone you know who may be interested in joining our school to contact us and book a visit. If you already have a child in another due to start next year, you are still welcome to visit school of course! **Applications for these places should be made by 15**th **January 2024**

Next week:

Next week, the final of the term, is a joyous week in school with lots of exciting Christmas activities taking place. As I outlined last week we have lots of things planned.

| Tuesday 19 th | Christmas Performance 2pm (to school) and <u>at 5.30pm</u> for (parents/families) - children to arrive at school at 5.10pm in costume |
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| Wednesday 20 th | Whole School Panto Trip to Doncaster Cast Am Thursday 15 th KS1 Christmas - please arrive on time – the coaches will depart at 9.00am! |
| Thursday 21 st | Morning: Rec and KS1 Party (Christmas party clothes/Christmas jumper required) Afternoon KS2 Christmas Party (Christmas party clothes/Christmas jumper required) |
| Friday 22 nd | Carol Service 10.30 am St Mary's Church – see below Christmas jumper day & Christmas lunch Break up for Christmas |

<u>Reminder re panto payments:</u> If you have not already done so and you are able to, please could you pay for your child's panto tickets and travel via Parent Pay. Thanks in advance. Please do check your parent mails and text messages re panto payments and panto permissions. I am a little disappointed that some people have not communicated with us about the panto trip at all. Please do let us know if are wanting your child to attend but can't contribute. We will respond to this in a sensitive and caring manner.

<u>Church visit</u>. We look forward to visiting St Mary's with Reverend Greenough on Friday. We will be taking a similar approach to our recent harvest celebration by inviting parents who walk with us from school to church and back, to attend the service. Anyone who would like to attend please do let the school office know so we can manage numbers. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

<u>Christmas parties</u>: We are not asking for any contributions for food. Both the Rec & KS1 and KS2 parties will be lots of fun for the children with games activities. We have decided that children can still wear party clothes on their party day - please make sure these are still warm and sensible! The same Christmas Jumper can be worn on both Thursday and Friday!

A reminder that we have been our local <u>Carlton Co-op has chosen us as their</u> <u>Community Champion.</u> This means our local Lincolnshire Co-op branch here in Carlton will be raising funds for our school from 3rd December 2023 – 2nd March 2024! Great news! Know that every time you visit the co-op your are also supporting our school!



Thank you for your super continued support of our School Cycled project. As you know we have already sent off 7boxes (91.52kg!!!)which equates to 22,8880 tokens for us to spend on recycled products for our school. We also already have two more waiting to be collected (approx. 22kg). Thank you for everyone's brilliant support of this . Let's keep this going

SchoolCycled

We still want your plastic bottle tops! Please do 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 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!

Diary dates: at the end of this newsletter there is list if important diary dates for the term ahead.

Have a great weekend everyone. Thanks as always for your support of our school. Here's to a super end of term! 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

| Diary Dates: | |
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| <u>December</u> | |
| Tuesday 19th Dec | Christmas Performance 2pm (to school & families) and 5.30pm (parents/families) |
| Wed 20 th Dec | Whole School Panto Trip to Doncaster Cast |
| Thurs 21 st Dec | Am KS1 Christmas Party (party clothes required) |
| | Pm KS2 Christmas Party pm (party clothes required) |
| Friday 22 nd | Carol Service 10.30 am St Mary's Church |
| | Christmas jumper day |
| | Christmas lunch |
| | Break up for Christmas |

Saturday 23rd December 2023 –Monday 8th January 2024 - Christmas Holidays January 2024

| <u>Term2:</u> | |
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| Monday 8 th Jan | Staff training and development day |
| Tuesday 9 th Jan | Children return to school |
| Wednesday 21 st Feb | Young Voices– Sheffield Arena (day & evening event) Y4, 5 and 6 |

<u>Term 3:</u> Friday 19th July 2023

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15 am

