



Weekly Bulletin

Term 2 Week 5: Friday 9th February 2024

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Welcome, as ever to our weekly newsletter. I seem to say it every single week, but what a busy week with so many exciting things happening in school!

This week I simply cannot start anywhere else other than talking about the amazing afternoon our Willow Year 6 class had on Wednesday. Not only did they have the team from Drax Power station in school with them all afternoon running the 'Lego Spike' workshop, but we also had a special visitor in school.

We were all delighted to welcome and meet 'Sparky' the Robot Dog into Carlton Primary. Right at the end of the day the Drax team allowed me to quickly assemble each class to come into the hall to meet Sparky – I don't know who was more excited me or the children!

Please do check out our X/Twitter feed below to see the amazing videos of Sparky here:

Direct Twitter/X link: [Carlton Primary School \(@CarltonPS_SET\) / X \(twitter.com\)](https://twitter.com/CarltonPS_SET)



Mrs Short says 'Year 6 had a phenomenal afternoon on Wednesday this week! The team at Drax and Elise Dixie from Lego visited to share one of the very first Drax-Lego Spike experiences. The children had a great time creating code to instruct a Lego vehicle around Drax Power Station. They had to control a colour recognition camera, deliver biomass to the furnaces and ensure that the vehicle didn't collide with the boiler house! As if that wasn't enough, the cherry on top of the cake was a visit from Drax's new four-legged friend, Sparky! Sparky is a robodog that helps sniff out the hazards to keep the workers at Drax safe. The complexity and sophistication of Sparky had everyone in awe - a truly remarkable and memorable experience!'

Other things this week:



This week I have spoken to the children about respect – particularly respect of property – as we have recently spent over £1000 on new and additional playground games and equipment. This it to be used at breaks and lunchtimes. I urged everyone to take care and pride and respect this so we can all enjoy the games and equipment for a long time ahead.

We have also had to address some playtime and lunchtime behaviour issues these past 2 weeks. I have stressed to all classes the importance of our 'Be kind' and Be safe' rules to everyone.



School Council: Monday's assembly as led superbly by some of our school council , again with a 'Be safe' school rule being the feature. Mrs Burton says:

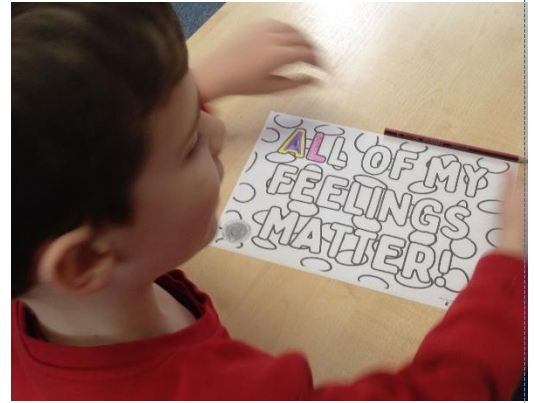
'Along with their usual responsibilities, School Council this year have decided to take on some environmental issues around school. One of the areas the group decided to focus on was transport and as part of this some of the School Council planned and delivered a thought provoking whole school assembly this week. What a pleasure it was to sit in, observing the confident and entertaining delivery and the respect and engagement the children in the audience showed. Lots of clear reminders were given on crossing roads and other hazards to look out for. Well done Freya, Annabelle, Ruby and Jessica.'



Children's Mental health week: Other children with leadership responsibilities in school have also had a very busy and active week – this week our Well being Ambassadors have been on duty every day.



Mrs Whitehead explains: *“What a fantastic children's mental health week it's been. So many children have embraced the wellbeing activities on offer and it's been so lovely to see the engagement across all ages. A huge thanks to our wonderful wellbeing champions. I am so proud of their enthusiasm and positivity. This week of activities would not have been possible without them’*



Well done to our amazing wellbeing champions and Mrs Whitehead for their extra effort this week!



Today our Year 4 / Pine class are attending the Pro P.E Basketball festival at Holy Family Catholic High School with Mrs Short . More to follow in the next newsletter.

Musical Celebration Assembly:

Today (Friday 9th February) we held a Musical Special Mentions assembly. Our Young Voices Choir sang one of the songs from their forthcoming Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena. Year 5 Silver Birch also performed three pieces on the recorder.

It was great to have a solo piano performance from Eva (Y6) and Year 5 girls Alice A, Florence and Annabelle performed a vocal rendition of 'Mamma Mia' Well done everyone! We are super proud of you! We love music at Carlton and it was great to have this mini spotlight on some of many talents in our school.



'Good' Ofsted Outcome

Each week I have been sharing with you feedback from our recent Ofsted visit and report.

On Monday I was delighted to receive a handwritten note from our Local **MP Keir Mather** who contacted us to say *'Congratulations on your recent Good rating from Ofsted. Thank you (all) for everything you are doing to make Carlton a fantastic place to come to school'*.

What a lovely touch and letter to receive!



Reminders:

- World Book Day reminder – Thursday 7th March - Costumes needed!!! This year themes is simply a character you love from any book. We encourage you and your children to be as imaginative and creative as you can be – we do not expect expensive bought costumes, as home made and clever ideas are sometimes even more effective.
- Clubs attendance: All children who have signed up for a club should attend their club unless we have been informed in advance. Over the past couple of weeks a few of year 5 and 6 pupils who walk home have been picking and choosing whether they attend -we politely ask for a commitment to attend regularly.
- Supervision of pupils on site: Only Year 5 and Year 6 children with permission to walk to school, should be on school site without an adult (or older sibling) supervising them – this is particularly important at the start of the day when staff are not on duty until doors open at 8.40 am. Thanks for your support with this - we want to keep everyone safe!
- Reminder that we do not allow smart watches in school. However simple watches with a pedometer/step count facility, that doesn't allow calls, such as a 'fitbit' or 'garmin' type product are indeed permitted.
- A reminder today is the last day of half term - children return to school on Monday 19th February 2024.



Other news and key information:

A Reminder we need your plastic bottle tops for our participation in the excellent 'SchoolCycled' project.

A reminder that 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!



A reminder that we Carlton Co-op current Community Champion. 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 you are also supporting our school!

As part of our link with our local Co-op I have been asked to share the following information with you:



Every day from Saturday 13th January 2024 to Saturday 24th February 2024 children, aged 12 and under, can take a magical journey into our food stores and grab a FREE Gala apple, banana or orange using a fairy tale fruit card!

This link takes you to the information.

<https://www.lincolnshire.coop/membership/free-fruit-for-under-13s/january-2024-a-new-story-begins-free-fruit-is-back>

I understand that the Co-op run other offers throughout the year and that children also get £1 voucher on their birthday to spend in store if they sign up.

Photos and videos of our pupils in action!

A reminder if you have not visited our X/ Twitter feed recently I would encourage you to do so. It has loads of great photos and videos from each class and is a great way of seeing what your child(ren) and their class mates are up to. We post weekly images and write ups of visits. lessons and highlights.

Direct Twitter/X link: [@CarltonPS SET](https://twitter.com/CarltonPS_SET) / X (twitter.com)

Don't forget if you don't use X/twitter you can visit our website and view the twitter feed that is embedded on the bottom of the home page.

Check out our website: [Carlton Primary \(setschools.uk\)](https://www.setschools.uk)

Important Dates: Please do check and take note of dates for events that concern you/your child.

Thanks as always for reading our newsletter and for your support of our school. Have a great half term – we will see everyone on **Monday 19th February!**

Regards and best wishes

Jon Watson

Head teacher

Developing lively, inquiring and creative minds

Diary Dates:

Spring Term/ Term2 January 2024:

Half term beginning on Saturday 10th Feb – school closed

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| • Monday 19th Feb | Children return to School |
| • Wednesday 21 st Feb | Young Voices– Sheffield Arena (day & evening event)
Y4,Y5& Y6 YV Choir |
| • Thursday 7 th March | World Book Day – Character dress up |
| • Friday 15 th March | Comic Relief – Red Nose Day - dress down day |
| • Thursday 21 st March | Rock your socks day – Down Syndrome day |
| • Wednesday 20 th March | Year 3 Oak & Year 4 Pine Production
performance for parents and families 5.15pm |
| • Thursday 21 st or Friday 22 nd | TBC Easter Egg Decorating Competition |
| • Friday 22nd March | Last day of term2 - break up for Easter holidays |

Saturday 23rd March Easter Holidays - school closed

Term 3/ Summer Term April 2024:

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| • Monday 8th April | SET Training day – school closed to pupils |
| • Tuesday 9th April | Children return to school |
| • Tuesday 16 th April | Parent teacher Consultations session2 3.30pm-4.30pm |
| • Wednesday 17 th April | Parent teacher Consultations session1 3.30pm-6.00pm |
| • Monday 6th May | Bank Holiday |
| • Monday 13 th May | National Curriculum KS2 test week/SATs |
| • Monday 20 th May | National Curriculum KS1 test week/SATs |
| • Friday 24 th May | Last day of half term |

Half term beginning on Saturday 25th May 2023– school closed

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| • Monday 3rd June | Children return to school |
| • Monday 10 th June | KS1 Phonics Screening week |
| • Monday 17 th June | Year 4 Times Table Checking week |

- Friday 21st June Making Music Day
- Friday 21st June **TBC** Sports day - Reception and KS1 morning and KS2 afternoon – times to be confirmed
- Friday 28th June **TBC** Reserve Sports day
- Friday 12th July Move up Morning 1 – internal transition day
- **TBC** Year 6 Leaver's Fest
- Wednesday 10th July Reports home to parents
- Silver Birch (Y5) and Willow (Y6) Performance **TBC**
- Monday 15th July Performance for parents 5.30pm – 6.30pm **TBC**
- Friday 19th July Move up Morning 2 - internal transition day
- Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am – 11am (approx.)
- **Friday 19th July Last of school term/year**

Saturday 20th July School closed for the Summer break

- Monday 22nd July Disaggregated Inset Day – School closed for pupils

September 2024

- Monday 2nd September Staff Training day
- **Tuesday 3rd September Children return to school**

