



# Weekly Bulletin

Term 3 Week 6 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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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! You have been fantastic this week – very well done team Willow!

As I'm sure you are all are aware, for our Year 6 children (and for all Year 6 children 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. They have pitched it brilliantly – keeping calm, trying their best, taking seriously, but not making it a bigger thing than it needs to be etc.

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! Whether for a driving test or a job interview or for future exams, this is a good grounding. Skills from our Carlton skill set such as Resilience, Determination, Independence to name a few, have been 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! I'm really proud of them all!  
Very well done Year 6/Willow class!

Without getting into the wider discussion at this point on the rights and wrongs of formal testing in primary schools, I 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 Mrs Jevens, Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Short 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 (or Year 6 now call a PB – Peanut Butter!).

As part of random 10% sample, we were visited on Tuesday by a local authority representative to check that we were administering the SATs correctly. Of course, everything was in order and they were impressed with our robust processes and systems.

### Year 2/Key stage 1 National curriculum Tests

Next week Mrs Burton , with the support of Mrs Whaley, 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 we hold. Hawthorn class are a great, hardworking bunch that I know they will try their best for Mrs Burton as always

### This week

- 'Drumba' workshops today – photos will be available on twitter/X today and we will feature this super active drumming day in next week's newsletter.
- Celebration assembly: On Wednesday we enjoyed our Celebration assembly, sharing lots of special mentions linked you our Carlton Skill set and School Rules.

We also enjoyed celebrating some special achievements outside of school:

- Carter (Y2) Football – Most improved player trophy
  - Evelyn (Y2) - Swimming certificate and badge
  - Ewan (Y2) 2 sets of medals for Rugby
  - Annabelle, Alice A, Lilly and Florence (all Y5) for all taking part in their dance school's recent showcase event
- On Wednesday Mary and team from Kings Church Selby led our assembly. This time the focus was 'sharing worries'. It is always lovely to have them in school.

### Important reminders:

- Sunny weather means we all need to ensure we are doing. Our part re safety. So please ensure water bottles are provided each and every day, sun hats /Caps are obviously allowed, and we advise on particular sunny days sun cream being applied at home before school . Thanks for your support with this sun safety.
- Uniformed named: Please can everyone ensure that their children's jumpers and cardigans have names on . We cannot guarantee to get them back to you if they are not named!

Calendar Dates: As always please refer to below for the important dates for the term ahead.

**Thanks as always for your support of our school.**

*Regards and best wishes*

*Jon Watson*

## *Head teacher*

### **Developing lively, inquiring and creative minds**

#### Term 3/ Summer Term April 2024:

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 2.45pm - Early Reading and Phonics meeting – with Mrs Burton for parents of Reception and Year 1
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May National Curriculum KS1 test week/SATs
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May Last day of half term

#### **Half term beginning on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023– school closed**

- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** **Children return to school**
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Friends Summer breakfast
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June KS1 Phonics Screening week
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 London Trip – Houses of Parliament
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June Year 4 Times Table Checking week
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June New starters parents information meeting, 5.00pm
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June Making Music Day
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June **TBC Sports day - Reception and KS1 morning and KS2 afternoon – times to be confirmed**
- **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** **Friends Summer Fayre 1.00- 3.30pm**
- *Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June* *Silver Birch (Y5) and Willow (Y6) Performance*  
*Performance for parents 5.30pm – 6.30pm*
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June **TBC Reserve Sports day**
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July Move up Morning 1 – internal transition day  
**TBC Year 6 Leaver's Fest**  
Reports home to parents
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July Move up Morning 2 - internal transition day
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am – 11am (approx.)
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** **Last of school term/year**

#### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July School closed for the Summer break**

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Disaggregated Inset Day – School closed for pupils

#### September 2024

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

**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 each and every week **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!



**Carlton Primary School,  
Townend Avenue  
Carlton  
DN14 9NR**

**Carlton Primary School  
Summer Fayre  
Sunday 23rd June 2024  
1pm-3.30pm**



Raffle

Bouncy Castle

Refreshments

Plants

Fun stalls

Varied Craft stalls

BBQ

Tombola

Licensed bar

Live music

Games

Please contact Katherine Pierce  
[piercek@setschools.uk](mailto:piercek@setschools.uk) or 07740 964342  
if you require any further information.

Friends of Carlton Primary School event

**Parentkind**  
Member Association

It all starts with...



**We all play at:**

Hensall CC Bird Lane DN14 0RP

**Session dates:**

17th May – 5th July

**Session timings:**

17:15 -18:00

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