



CARLTON VC C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a few weeks since my last newsletter and there are lots of changes that I need to let you know about.

Firstly, I want to thank Mr Geertz and everyone that donated slabs for our new path. Mr Geertz has constructed a fabulous new path and steps for the children to use to get from the field and playground to their classrooms without getting muddy. It is a great addition to the school.

Next, thank you to the PTFA for providing a new library system for the school, the children are learning how to use it and are loving the easiness of the computer program.

Finally, we have considered all of the findings from the parent survey last year and have put together a 'You said, we acted' summary of your comments on the website. You will find it on the 'Parents Views' Tab under 'Our School'. There are some fantastic comments from you, the parents, so thank you again.

Values

This half term the value the school is working on Independence as children are now bracing their responsibilities of the school year, they have settled well and now need to grow in independence. The last couple of weeks we have been focussing on 'Courage' and 'Resilience' and it has been fantastic to see the children making these qualities part of their school life. We have focussed on the benefits of being brave when trying new things and the ability to challenge themselves. The bible is full of quotes on being courageous and showing resilience. One of my favourites is from Joshua 1:9-11

'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.'

Upcoming Important Dates

There has also been some additions and changes to diary dates, I will list a few here but please do take time to view the [website calendar](#) once a week to check for events. I have also added all of the school term dates so that you are aware of days that are available for you to book holidays that are NOT during school time. There have been a lot of requests for holiday dates during term time and these will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. As you probably are aware, Bedford Borough takes attendance very seriously for further information please go to <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/schools-education-and-childcare/education-welfare>.

School dates to look for:

Week beginning 5th February Mental Health Awareness Week - children will have mindfulness activities all week.

Tuesday 6th February Village Hall Coffee Morning

Tuesday 6th February Finance and Governors Meeting

Friday 9th February Shine Bright Day - children can come in to school in bright colourful clothes.

Tuesday 13th February Parent Evening Consultations

Thursday 15th February Parent Evening Consultations

Friday 16th February Children break up for half-term.

Monday 26th February Children return to school.

Car Park

There have been more complaints about erratic driving in the Village Hall/School Car park please can I remind all parents that the Car Park is only for staff use and should not be used by parents during school drop off and pick up times. Thank you.

Golden Book Awards

Please see the School Dojo page for the Golden Book Awards, we will now upload a photograph of our achievers with the Golden Book Entries.

I wish you all a super week ahead.

Yours sincerely



Jo Bevis

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