



## CARLTON VC C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you have all had a really lovely Christmas and New Year – my only complaint was that it went far too quickly! It was fantastic spending time with family and friends. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, parents and children that made the last week of term really special for the children. The Pantomime was marvellous (Oh Yes it was!) and the walk to the church with the children was a lovely experience. The children sang beautifully and it really started the holiday season off. On behalf of the staff and myself, I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking all the children for their generous gifts and cards that were received.

Spring Term has started with a great first week and I know is going to be an exciting and busy time for all of us. Our value for the month of January is Perseverance and one of my favourite quotes from the bible on this is from James 1:12 'Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.' I believe that this is telling us to keep trying, even if we fail, because in the end we will succeed.

### Website

We now have a fantastic new website that will be up and running from today! The new website address is <https://www.carltoncofeprimary.co.uk/>. Please do take a look and familiarise yourself with the new layout. It has been built to allow it to be easy for both PC or Smart device users. There is now a Calendar under the News section, so from now on I will not be adding dates onto the newsletter – please use the website for this as it should have any extra information you need on there too.

### Uniform Reminder

Please can you ensure that your children are wearing the correct uniform on their non-PE days. We seem to have children coming to school in trainers and different coloured jumpers to that of the school uniform. The children have been told that if they wish to play football at lunchtime, they will need to bring a pair of trainers that they can change into before they go on the field. This is because the school is getting very muddy after lunchtime.

### SMART Watches and Mobile Phones

This Christmas a few children have had some fantastic presents of mobile phones or SMART watches. As a school we cannot allow, for safeguarding reasons, children to be walking around with these devices, especially if they are able to send/receive messages and take photographs. Therefore, we are in the process of changing our safeguarding policy to cover this. We have explained to the children the

reasons why they should not bring these items to school, however, I am also aware that some children in years 5 and 6 are able to walk home from school without a parent. For this reason, if you require your child to have a SMART watch or mobile phone could they please hand them into the office first thing and then collect at the end of the day.

### Water Bottles

Just a quick reminder that **only water** should be put into water bottles.

### Christmas Hampers For the Less Fortunate

Thank you for the great response to the above. The goal was to provide 5 hampers for families and we ended up making 8 hampers and having a huge box of extras. These were delivered to the Bedford Food Bank before Christmas and they were really grateful. Thank you again!

### School Learning:

Squirrels Class have been painting leaves and mixing their colours as well as writing about their Christmas.

Hedgehogs have been learning about directions in maths. In English they have been using past and present tense.

Woodpeckers have started their project on the Stone Age and have been researching interesting facts. They have also been learning about the Artist Van Gogh.

Owls have settled back in excellently and have been learning how to write persuasive letters. They have also taken on board the value of perseverance and tried really hard to apply this.

### Golden Book Awards

This winners of the Golden Book Awards were:

Squirrels	Edward	For coming back to school eager to learn.
Hedgehogs	Arley	For coming back to school ready to learn and working hard in English.
Woodpeckers	Teddy	For a great start to the new term. Well done.
Owls	Tom	For always being a super role model.

A super well done to all these amazing children!

### Value – Perseverance

The value for the month of January is Perseverance. The winners of the Values Leaves this week and have shown perseverance are:

Class	Child
Squirrels	Gregory - for persevering at maths when he found it tricky.
Hedgehogs	Dexter - for persevering in all his lessons.

Woodpeckers	Evan – for persevering when he found things tricky.
Owls	Leyton – for keeping on going when he found things difficult.

### Maths TT Rock Star Awards

The TT Rock Star Awards will start next week.

### Reading Champions

Year 2	Sophie
Year 3	Cooper
Year 4	Poppy
Year 5	Aaron
Year 6	George

Wow! Super proud of everyone above and in the school for reading so much this week!

### House Points

House points were collected and will be added to the score next week.

### Village Hall News:

The Village Hall is available to hire for parties and other after-school and evening events. So, if you would like a great place to hold a party or get together? Look no further - the Village Hall is part of our site it can be hired out for parties and other functions most evenings and weekends. The cost is £15.00 an hour and only £100.00 for the whole day. If you would like to use this facility please contact Sally McAllister on 0790 5047324 or alternatively email your enquiries to [sally.mcallister@hotmail.com](mailto:sally.mcallister@hotmail.com).

### Note from the PTFA

100 Club reminder: The PTFA are now running a 100 club and there are still numbers left to buy for the January draw. The November draw took place and there was 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize and a 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.

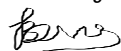
<https://tinyurl.com/jzjv9mds>

(Please ensure applications and payments are received in time to be checked before the draw on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023)

Application forms will also be available on a table in the hall on the days of the School Plays.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards



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