

Your Weekly Newsletter

Issue 202 Week Ending Friday 31st January 2020



Spring Term

Week beginning the 3rd February ~ Year 6 go to Waterpark

Tuesday 11th February ~ Robins' Class assembly with families invited to watch 15:00-15:25. (please do not arrive too early as PE lessons are in the hall until 14:50 and the hall needs to be set up ready)

Friday 14th February ~ 'Love yourself Day' raising awareness of Visually Impairment. Charity fund raising day (VICTA). Non uniform day £1.00 - dress to reflect who you are/what your hobby/interests are.

Half Term Holiday for one week.

Tuesday 25th February ~ Parrots' Class assembly with families invited to watch 15:00-15:25. (please do not arrive too early as PE lessons are in the hall until 14:50 and the hall needs to be set up ready)

Tuesday 3rd March ~ Doves' assembly with families invited to watch 15:00-15:25. (please do not arrive too early as PE lessons are in the hall until 14:50 and the hall needs to be set up ready)

Tuesday 3rd March and Thursday 5th March ~ Parents' Evenings 16:00-19:00.

Tuesday 10th March ~ Herons' Class assembly with families invited to watch 15:00-15:25. (please do not arrive too early as PE lessons are in the hall until 14:50 and the hall needs to be set up ready)

Tuesday 17th March ~ Owls' Class assembly with families invited to watch 15:00-15:25. (please do not arrive too early as PE lessons are in the hall until 14:50 and the hall needs to be set up ready)

Please look out for additional dates which will be in red.

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Well done to this week's stars: Jack M, Joshua S, Freya M, Alice A, Abigail N, Maisie H, Emily D, Archie B, Ollie W, Annie B & Emily F

We have enjoyed another super week at Carleton Green starting with our Football Team playing magnificently at Pool Foot against Stanah. They worked well as a team, playing a very competitive game that resulted in a draw of 3-3.

The news is full of the worrying illness that is spreading in China. The children have heard a little about this whilst in The Falcons' Class assembly but we have mainly focussed upon the Chinese New Year. The children in the Ducklings classes really enjoyed their Chinese Dragon Dance workshop yesterday. They ended the day with a fabulous performance.

This week we also had invited another visitor into school that has been recommended to us and endorsed by Lancashire County Council. They are part of a group called 'Faith Friends' who visit schools all over the county to support the teaching and learning of RE. We have chosen to have visitors from three religions over the course of this year - Islam, Sikhism and Judaism because these religions form part of our RE curriculum. These visits bring the curriculum alive and promote community cohesion. We have already had visits from various Christian leaders and many year groups organise trips to local churches throughout the year. In addition to this, our visitors are able to speak from personal experience and talk in much greater detail about their religion, than the class teacher would.

This week, our visitor led a whole school assembly about Islam, sharing elements of their lifestyle/beliefs with the children. Year 5/6 and Reception children then participated in workshops where they had the opportunity to ask questions, look at artefacts and share discussions with each other and the visitor. The purpose is to educate and learn about the experience of a person of faith.

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The questions asked (whether she drove on the same side of the road as us, whether she lived in a house like ours) highlighted a major need to promote British Values in all aspects of our school life.

Schools must promote British values, says UK Government

As of November 2014, schools must promote British values.

Advice from the DfE is to do so through spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, though Ofsted will assess it through the curriculum too.

In [its press release](#) on 27 November 2014, the **Department for Education** told all schools to promote 'British values' and produced [advice for doing so through SMSC](#).

Ofsted wants to see a school ethos and climate that promotes 'British values' at every level. Inspectors will [assess 'British values' through SMSC](#), the curriculum and school leadership.

And Ofsted now pays a lot of attention to SMSC when deciding whether your school is 'outstanding', 'inadequate' or somewhere in between.

According to Ofsted, 'fundamental British values' are:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

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Behaviour update - We have held some interesting meetings this week with multiple outside agencies that support us with the behaviour of a few of our pupils. It was reassuring to hear that what we have in place to support all our children to have the best learning opportunities is better than they have seen elsewhere. We do not tolerate bad language, aggression, disruptive behaviours or any form of unkindness at our school and will work tirelessly to promote our desired behaviour in every classroom. We prefer to positively promote expected behaviour through reward but where we must address behaviour we have a lot of strategies in place. We might issue a child with some time out to prevent the loss of learning to others or to have brain breaks where a pupil may require to move and get fresh air more than others to re-engage with their learning. Whatever steps we take we will always reinforce our expectations and explain what is not acceptable.

Most of our successful practices are where we work closely with the families. Pupils knowing that school and home are working together have the very best outcomes. So, we ask that you support us in all that we do as we only ever have the very best of intentions for all our children. Fixed term exclusions are used if there has been a significant breach of our behaviour policy or persistent challenging behaviour. The decision to issue a fixed term exclusion is not one that I take lightly.

Next week our Year 6 pupils will be spending a week up in the Lake District carrying out team building activities on and around Lake Coniston. Residential like this will create life long memories for the children and will equip them with skills that will remain with them. Such experiences are only possible with the commitment of my staff who willingly give up five entire days to take the children. Mrs McEvelly is leading this trip with the support of Mrs Crooks, Miss Hardman and Mr Powell. I will endeavour to spend a whole day with them over the week but hope that the children really enjoy the opportunity. The accommodation alone is most impressive with fabulous instructors that will teach the children how to participate safely in many outdoor pursuits. The food too is all home made and delicious. <http://www.waterparkadventure.co.uk/>

The children are to arrive at school at the normal time on Monday bringing their belongings to the hall. The children will not require to bring a packed lunch or any food items at all. They have been asked to provide an empty container for sandwiches to be stored in over the week along with a drink container too. They may also bring £5.00 should they wish to purchase a souvenir from shop on site.

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Reminder

On the 14th February we ask that you **send a donation of at least £1:00**. You may make your donations directly to VICTA using this link: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SusanMcGrath4> All monies raised on this day will be paid to VICTA. Our Fairy Cake Friday's have already raised £350.00 for VICTA and £350.00 for the Deaf Awareness Society.

Thank you so much but..... Let's keep going!!!

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