



Newsletter

13th December 2019

Let your light shine!

School News

Christmas certainly began this week for everyone here at Carlton. On Monday night we had our Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Concert at Loft-house Church—the children sang beautifully and some very brave children opted to do some solos. Thanks to all the parents who came to support us in keeping this Carlton tradition alive.

We had our Christmas Dinner this week to help get us in the mood and Foundation Stage have treated us to two Nativities which they performed magnificently. On Wednesday we all went to the panto at the Carriageworks where our very own Heidi from Colorado Class was performing. Heidi and the team treated us to another fantastic show which was a real treat as I got to go this year too!



Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Christmas Fair last Saturday. If you didn't make it you missed a real cracker of a fair which included a snowboard simulator and even a snow machine to add a little more magic to the day. A huge thank you to the PTA once again for organising this event which literally takes months of planning—especially to Mrs Drury as this is her final Christmas as the chair of the PTA before Samuel heads off to high school.

Each class had a Mindfulness Meditation session this week from the Leeds Mindfulness Cooperative. The children all learned how to control their minds and to practice breathing techniques to help to cope with any anxious feelings they may have.

Year 1/2 had a visit from Corinne the Guide Dog and her owner as part of their science topic all about using their senses. They were amazed at how Guide Dogs can change the lives of their owners.

Notices



Mr van Loo has been a teacher at Carlton Primary School since 2007 and I am sad to have to break the news that he will no longer be returning from his parental leave as planned in 2020. To be able to spend more time with his new family, he has

found a new role in a school nearer to home. He has always been a firm favourite with children, parents and staff alike and he has been instrumental in making improvements across school over the last few years, particularly with our children's writing. We wish him all the very best of luck in his new school—he may well be appearing at Carols Around the Tree if you would like to see him before he goes.

Mrs Thompson will also be leaving us next week as Miss Fletcher returns from her maternity leave. She has done a fabulous job covering in Foundation Stage and I'm sure we'll be seeing her again at some point.

Apart from the recent spate of flu bugs which have been going around school, our attendance continues to be one of the best in our area. Thank you all for appreciating just how important high attendance is to the education of your children. An attendance of 95% is the equivalent of 2 whole weeks off school which can obviously make a huge difference.

Coming up



Christmas parties and shows will continue into next week and don't forget it's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday. It is also Carols around the Tree on the final day so we hope to see lots of you here to join us.

Mr Pritchard-Jenkins will be taking over the reins in January so this will be my final newsletter to you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support that you have given the school over the last few years and for recognising the importance of the home-school partnership. Carlton is an amazing school with some amazing children and I feel privileged to have been a part of its development since arriving here in 2011. Your children are so lucky to have such a fantastic staff team in charge of their welfare and education and their efforts have helped to transform the school into what it is today. We now have a school with high standards and expectations but have maintained the creative approach on which our children thrive. Long may this now continue as Carlton enters the next phase of its journey.

Merry Christmas.

Mr Coe



Attendance Winners

w/e 6th December

Sunrise Class with 96.7%

w/e 13th December

Cherry Class with 98%

Diary Dates

KS1 Show and Party—17th Dec

Y3/4 Show and Party—18th Dec

Y5/6 Party—19th Dec

Xmas Jumper Day—20th Dec

Carols Around the Tree—20th Dec

Break up for Xmas—20th Dec

Return to School—8th Jan

School Photos—15th Jan

KS1 Den Building—20th Jan

Greek Theatre Visit UKS2—24th Jan

Young Voices—29th Jan

Break up for Half Term—14th Feb

Training Days

6th/7th January 2020

20th July 2020

PTA

Thank you all for supporting the Christmas fair—we raised an amazing £2555 and we hope the children enjoyed shopping at Elfridges.

Merry Christmas from the PTA team.

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