



**Carlton**  
Primary School

**Let your light shine!**

**Head Teacher – Mr Adam Pritchard-Jenkins**

## **Hello from the newest member of the Carlton team!**

It has been a very positive and focussed start to term. I have been made very welcome by our keen staff team and our incredibly friendly pupils. It has been great to meet some parents at the Friday and class assemblies and our KS1 outdoor day. Do come and say hello if you see me around now you have a mugshot with which to ID me: red suit – large ball and chain!

After months of anticipation I am very pleased to be here at Carlton to finally get stuck into learning about the school and meeting the school community. My job is to make teaching and learning as smooth and effective as possible. I explained to the pupils that I would be sneaking around catching them (and the staff) being fantastic. So far I am pleased to say I have caught a lot of really motivated, hard working people who are keen to learn.

The picture above is one of my best self – not down to catching my best side or the best light but reminding me of a fantastic adventure, enjoying life and learning to the full in a superb place with some special people. This is the kind of experience and feeling I want for our pupils and school community. I am committed to ensuring a caring and positive culture at Carlton which puts pupils learning and wellbeing at the centre of all decisions. The school stood out for me in terms of its values and its commitment to aspiration, creative curriculum excellence and enrichment, including outdoor learning. I have a very high expectation of what we can achieve together for our children in providing a fantastic, inspirational adventure of a Primary Education that develops able, well rounded and resilient young people.

Education and Personal Development is a shared responsibility, I have always liked the African proverb: 'It takes a village to raise a child'. The relationship between school and home is crucial, all in our school and wider community have a role to play in setting high expectations, encouraging and inspiring our children to learn, ensuring their academic progress, health and wellbeing. I look forward to working closely with parents and our local community to uncover the talents and opportunities we have to contribute to learning and school. Please do get in touch to offer any suggestions or if you can contribute in any way.

To give some of my background - I have experience teaching and leading in Primary and Special schools, in Outdoor Education and Local Authority advisory work. I have

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been a head since 2003, with Carlton being my fourth headship including two primary schools and a local authority role as head of NYCC Outdoor Learning Service. I have worked as a Consultant Headteacher supporting and inducting other heads and supporting schools in difficulties, I have undertaken secondment to the NYCC school advisory service and twice acted as an Executive Head temporarily leading two schools, taking on an additional school in difficulty. I was also accredited by the DfE as a Local Leader of Education for Yorkshire and Humberside region. I am now looking forward to leading and evolving the culture and practices here at Carlton to deliver the very best outcomes for our children, working through the existing 'Can-do, work hard, play hard' attitudes to life and learning.

### **Staff news**

**Congratulations to Mrs Clark** who will be leaving Carlton after four years of dedicated service as our Deputy Headteacher. She has successfully crossed the line to take on the responsibility and privilege of Headship at her own school from Easter. There will be time this term to mark Mrs Clark's contribution to our school and give her a send-off however I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her efforts in developing and representing Carlton. I am very pleased we will have this term working together so I can download all she knows.

**Welcome back to Miss Fletcher** who returns to Supreme class after her maternity leave with some very cute baby pics and the best screen saver I have ever seen!

### **New starters**

A special welcome to our new starters (Y6 and Nursery) and their families. Visiting our Early years setting is one of my new favourite things to do. It has been excellent to see the confident transition into our Nursery for our newest members of school and how the staff and the environment have worked and engaged. Great start!

I wish all in the Carlton community a fantastic 2020.

**Adam Pritchard-Jenkins Headteacher**

