



Dear Parents,

During the last week before half term, we were delighted to have it confirmed that we are able to sing in schools as long as we remain in our bubbles, facing forwards and with good ventilation. Everyone had a big smile on their face as the sounds of the children's beautiful voices filled the corridors once more.

### Harvest Service



We will be celebrating harvest in school during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November when Reverend Christine will join us via Zoom. We will be thinking about gratitude as we celebrate all the good things we have. We are decorating pumpkins in our separate bubbles that we will present to the church for

display once they are finished. We would like to ask the children to bring in a contribution of £1 to write on their pumpkins something that they are grateful for. We will be sending the collection to support Christian Aid's Autumn Appeal that we have been learning about in Collective Worship. They can start bringing in their money from tomorrow morning.

### Learning This Week

The Polar Bears class have been printing with circles using the artist Wassily Kandinsky as their inspiration. Emily, Martha and James shared their finished pieces with the other classes on Friday afternoon. The children explained that they had tried to make their printing look like representations of the planets to go with their project learning.

The Leopards class have been creating story maps based on the characters of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They have now turned their maps into stories. The other classes were amazed to see how much Vinnie, Sophia and Bradley had written – more than a page for their finished stories!

White Tigers class had been writing postcards as if they were evacuees to their families at home, this was inspired by their book, 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. James, Danny, Harry R, Scarlet and Ava J read their postcards out and explained how it linked to their learning about WWII.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

#### NOVEMBER

**4<sup>th</sup>** – Polar Bears Visit to Church  
**6<sup>th</sup>** – Virtual Gymnastics \*  
**9<sup>th</sup>** – Harvest Service  
**11<sup>th</sup>** – Remembrance Day  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Nov – Orienteering \*  
**Week beg 16<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Anti-Bullying Week  
**20<sup>th</sup>** – Skipping \*  
**27<sup>th</sup>** – Seated Volleyball \*

#### DECEMBER

**11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Change4Life Festival \*  
**17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – End of term  
**18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – INSET (staff training)

#### JANUARY

**4<sup>th</sup> Jan** – start of term

#### FEBRUARY

**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Feb** – half term

#### MARCH

**31<sup>st</sup> March** – end of term

#### APRIL

**1<sup>st</sup> April** – INSET (staff training)  
**19<sup>th</sup> April** – start of term

#### MAY

**Week beg 10<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 SATs & Christian Aid Week  
**26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 5/6 Residential  
**31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June** – half term

#### JUNE

**7<sup>th</sup> June** – start of term

#### JULY

**21<sup>st</sup> July** – end of term

\* Carres Outreach Sports Events taking place in school for a small group of children or one bubble



Pandas class have been continuing to create log books in the style of Charles Darwin, staining the pages with tea and using their excellent subject knowledge to create pages about finches and other aspects of their learning related to adaptation. Niamh and Chloe shared two excellent examples from their books.

### Poppy Collection



We have already collected sold many items from our British Legion box in school. If the children still wish to purchase poppies, snap bands etc., we have plenty left in the box and will continue to sell these in school. Children are now able to buy more items even if they have already bought something.

We are not allowing the children to touch anything they are not buying and are asking them to bring items home once purchased unless attached to their clothing. They are asked to wash their hands after touching coins. We have paper poppies available for a donation (although we are suggesting at least 20p), these have pins with them but we will not be distributing these for obvious reasons! We also have snap bands for £1.50; poppy reflectors and zip pulls for 50p and wristbands for £1. Thank you very much for supporting this brilliant charity.



### Staffing News

Mrs Hutchinson served up her last lunches on the last day of last term. We thank her for her twenty years of service to our school as a member of our lunchtime crew, Teaching Assistant role and After School Club assistant in her time with us. We presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, a card from the staff and children and some vouchers from Hobbycraft to help her pursue her sewing hobby in her retirement. We will miss her kindness and her dedication to our school. Thank you Mrs Hutchinson!

### Parents' Evening

Thank you to those of you who managed to navigate your way in and out of your Parents' Evening appointment, it certainly was a surreal experience hearing all the teachers talking to their screens while the corridors were quiet! Thank you to the many of you who joined the Power Maths presentations, we hope you found it useful.

### Road to Tokyo

Our Road to Tokyo challenge continues! This is an event for everyone in school to take part in. The aim of this challenge is for our school to work as a team and cover the **5855 miles** from Carre's Grammar School to Tokyo. Staff and children can use different methods of being active to build up the school's total. This can be anytime, anywhere as long as the distance is recorded and uploaded to the Microsoft form attached. To enter from home as any of you can, simply record your journey using the link below. The form is open now.

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WEEK BEGINNING: 2ND NOVEMBER 2020



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### **Litter Pickers Extraordinaire!**

Charlotte and Lottie in Pandas class are continuing with their weekly litter pick and have inspired Jack and Bradley to do the same in their village. What a fantastic understanding our pupils have of how to support their communities. Well done!

### **Half Term Improvements**

During the half term holidays, the ICT suite, school office, staff toilet and resources room have all been painted following a small flood via the roof at the end of the Summer holidays. This has also meant replacing our fabric covered stools in the ICT suite with plastic ones that are easier to clean.

### **Ventilation in School**

As the weather becomes colder, we will still be ensuring that there is satisfactory ventilation in the classrooms in line with advice regarding coronavirus. However, it has also been suggested that too much cold air will cause other respiratory problems! Therefore we will be trying to create a balance and keep windows open, even if outside doors are closed. If your child is feeling cold, we will allow them to wear extra clothing either underneath or on top of their uniform – navy blue if possible but we do understand that this may not always be the case. We would like to avoid overly bright, logo emblazoned items please - thank you!

### **Remote Learning**

The DfE has made it a legal requirement for school to provide remote learning for all pupils from Day 1 of a period of isolation due to coronavirus – either waiting for a test result; isolation due to a member of the household showing symptoms or the closure of a bubble in school.

Further information will be sent out this week about the process for this. We understand that in these circumstances the situation for each family is different and that not all of you have access to remote devices or are able to support learning at home if you are continuing to work. In order to navigate around your particular circumstances and to ensure that the learning we provide is meaningful and follows that of the rest of the class should they be in school or the planning for the term, we will provide an emergency plan for Day 1 of isolation, and possibly Day 2 to provide us with time to prepare any future days learning for your child that are accessible to you and in line with the learning planned for your child should they have been in school.

### **Values Homework Grid**

All classes have the same homework grid this term related to our values for the term which are Endurance, Responsibility and Resilience. This was sent out a couple of weeks ago. It is intended that this will be completed by the end of this term although examples of work can be submitted by email or verbally at any time this term. Thank you for your support.