



## Carfield Newsletter February 2022

Where are the weeks going? Another week has nearly gone and as ever there is so much to celebrate here at Carfield! Each day I am proud and honoured to be leading such a great school and community. This half term we have seen an increase in COVID cases amongst staff and children -

please continue to be extra vigilant by isolating if you or your child has any symptoms and booking a PCR test as soon as possible. I thank the staff again for being so flexible with their time, often stepping up to cover a class at such short notice. Anyone who is currently absent from school with COVID, we cannot wait to welcome you back soon! Your children continue to amaze me with their hard work and efforts - I have seen some great examples of their work this week and handed out plenty of Head Teacher Awards.

## Trading/Pokeman Cards



We are seeing an increasing problem in school with Pokemon and trading cards which are causing a number of disagreements amongst children. They are causing too much upset in school with ones missing, lost, misplaced, students trading and then changing their minds and causing arguments. Invariably, even when teachers spend time on this, they cannot get to the root of it, nor solve the problem. Whilst, we are not banning them from school, we are asking that children do not bring in their favourite or most valuable cards into school.



## Behaviour Policy



Our new positive behaviour policy has been a fantastic success. It is brilliant to see so many children being acknowledged for their excellent work, attitude to learning and behaviour in school. I would like to clarify some misconceptions/rumours that have been heard over the last few weeks. We do

not give consequences out for children who arrive late to school. Reflective, restorative consequences are only given for negative behaviours in school. We do also differentiate this policy for children with special educational needs and involve the parents in creating a personal plan. If you have any questions about the behaviour policy, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wood [woodb@carfild.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:woodb@carfild.sheffield.sch.uk) or myself on [headofschool@carfield.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headofschool@carfield.sheffield.sch.uk)

## Curriculum: We Celebrate Diversity



Next half term, we are planning to enhance the children's curriculum entitlement with lots of exciting events linked to our Big Idea: We Celebrate Diversity. You will get further details closer to the date of each event from the subject or curriculum lead but these are some of the things your child will participate in:

**World Book week:** A whole week of book related activities to really encourage children to read for pleasure such as reading cafés, dress up day and book making.

**International women's day:** We are inviting women from our community to come and talk to our children about beat the bias and gender stereotypes: if you are interested in taking part, please contact our curriculum lead: [kingdonr@carfield.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:kingdonr@carfield.sheffield.sch.uk)

**British Science Week:** Our theme is growth and Women in Science. The children will spend a whole week experimenting, investigating and learning about the importance of how women have influenced science.

**Red Nose day:** We are asking the children to wear something red on this day.



**Carfield Mental Health Week:** Whilst this week is National Mental Health Week, and we do quite a lot daily towards it already, we will actually be having our own Children's Mental Health week next half term during the week: 28th March- 1st April.

We also have lots of exciting activities planned for Easter, including a decorate an egg competition and Easter egg hunt.

## Questionnaire



Thank you to everyone that responded to our questionnaire. There were lots of positive comments and lots of things that we will take on board and hopefully improve on. We will give you a full breakdown of how we will respond to each strand/question after half term. But once again, we are grateful for the support you continue to give and show us.

## Travel Safety



We are very proud of our Carfield School Street's initiative and how far this has come. Thank you to all the volunteers that keep this going. if you would like to volunteer, here is the doodle link:

<https://doodle.com/poll/6t4cxpsnbesbiugg>

We will be planning a few events next half term such as walk from the park and 'Wheely Wednesday' to encourage active travel and we also be taking part in the 10 day active travel challenge too.



## Dates for Your Diary



Internet Safety Day: 8th February

Parents' evening: Tuesday 8th February and Thursday 10th February

SEND Surgery: Friday 11th February

Last day of half term: **Friday 11th February**

**Spring 2 dates:**

Wednesday 23rd February: Y5 Jungle Book performance

Thursday 24th February: Y5 Jungle Book Performance

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day

Tuesday 8th March: International Women's day

Monday 14th March- Friday 18th March: Science Week

Friday 18th March: Red Nose Day: Wear something Red

Friday 4th March: Y5/6 girls football at Westfield

Monday 21st March- Friday 25th March: Y6 Mock SATs

Monday 27th March- Friday 1st April: Carfield Mental Health Week

Monday 27th- Wednesday 29th March: Y6 Residential to PGL

Friday 25th March: Y3/4 mixed football at Westfield

Wednesday 29th March: Y1/2 Disco

Thursday 30th March: R.E day (Easter)

**Friday 1st April: Last day of school**