

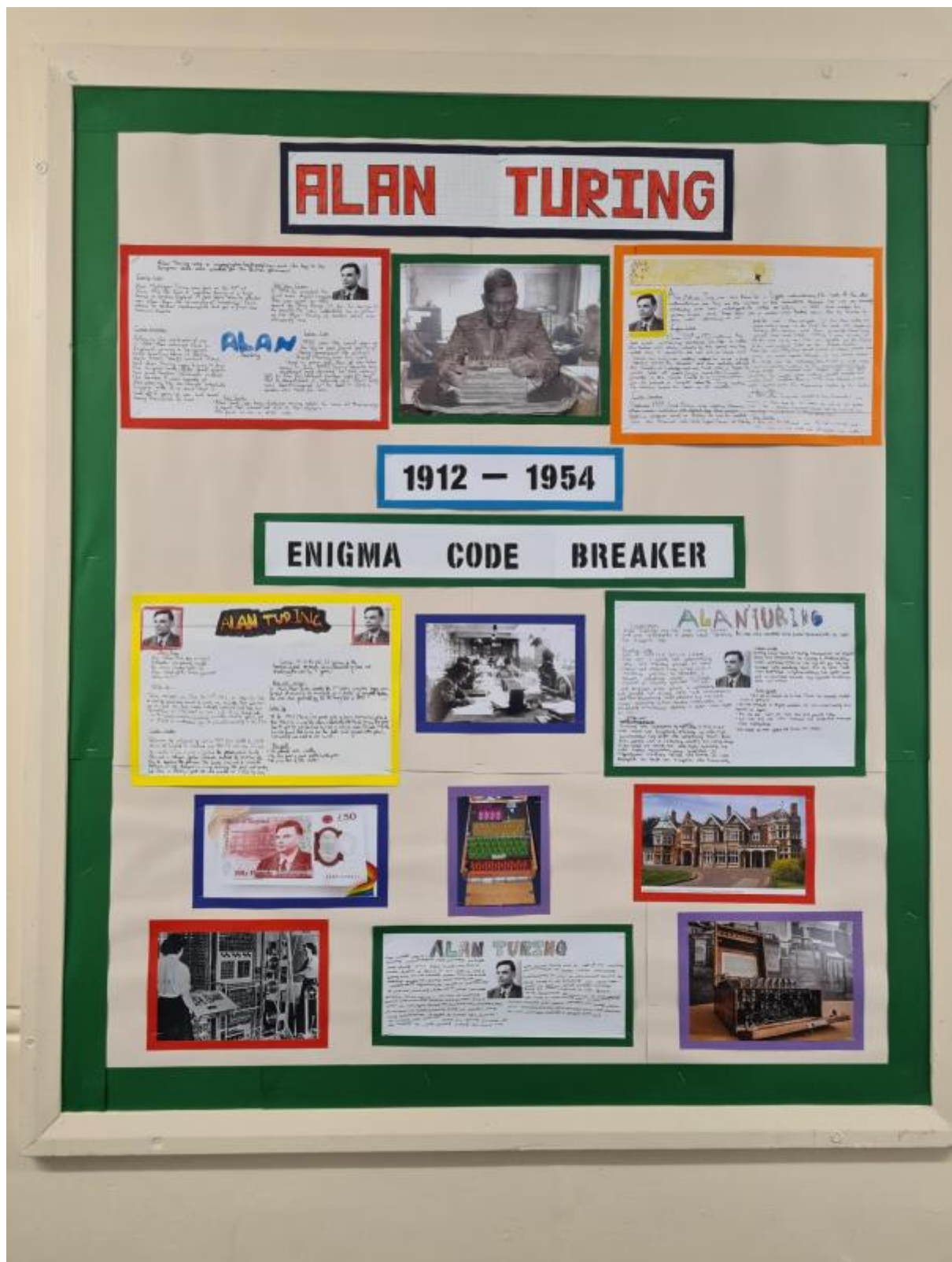


January Newsletter 2022

Welcome back everybody! We have had a really positive start to the half term. The children and staff have started their new learning with lots of energy and enthusiasm. I would like to introduce some new members of staff that have recently joined us and strengthened our team. Most of you will have met Mr Barry Wood on the gates in the morning and after school. He is one of our Assistant Headteachers and will be leading Y1,2 and 3. I would also like to introduce and give a very warm welcome to our new teaching assistants: Mrs Rhona Grifflow in Y5; Miss Shauna Macguire in Y4; Miss Shauna Girling in Y2 and Miss Bethany Davenport in FS2 (butterflies). We have a busy and exciting half term planned!

Parents' evening this half term will be on Tuesday 8th February and Thursday 10th February. A separate letter and how to select a time will be sent separately.

Covid-19 Update



I wrote to you last week about the Covid-19 updates.

The new Omicron variant is highly transmissible and the number of cases nationally and locally have increased. Government guidance given this weekend has not changed how primary schools function

at this moment in time and the national priority is still face to face teaching in schools. With that said we will continue to risk assess the situation at Carfield and have an enhanced cleaning and handwashing system in place. Classrooms and indoor teaching areas will be ventilated throughout the day. If we were to have an outbreak, we will be guided by Public Health Sheffield and will likely put the infected class or classes in their own bubbles. Last term, we had no outbreaks and this was not necessary. If the class teachers have to isolate, it may be necessary for your child's class to be taught by another adult. At this moment in time we have one teacher and two teaching assistants isolating.

We do ask, that you do not send your child into school if they have any of these symptoms:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

If your child has any of those symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 then please contact our school office on: enquiries@carfield.sheffield.sch.uk

If you or your child tests positive with an LFD test, then you no longer need a confirmatory PCR test. However, if you or your child tests negative but you have symptoms, then you should go for a PCR test as normal.

Please note that there have also been changes to the isolation period. If your child tests positive for Covid-19, on day 5 and 6 (from Monday) of isolation if you test negative with an LFD tests, then the isolation period can end and your child can come back to school.

Behaviour Policy



Mr Wood our new Assistant headteacher is also leading on behaviour and attitudes and has worked hard on our new positive behaviour policy which was sent to you last week. The aim of the policy to develop behaviour by building positive and reflective relationships across our school community. The first phase is choosing the right behaviours and that those children should not go unnoticed.

Positive behaviour rewards include:

- 10 green stickers a dip into of our amazing prize shelf
- Star of the day in each class
- Star of week (look out for these on our facebook page)
- Extra special cards home for those that have gone above and beyond

There will be consequences for when children consistently choose the wrong behaviours that will follow this order:

1. Warnings and reminders by adults
2. After 3 warnings are given then the child will have some reflective and restorative time with their teacher in their own time
3. If it is very serious then reflective and restorative time with SLT in their own time
4. If behaviour continues to be an issue then a development card will be given for one week
5. If behaviour does not improve then a development card will be given by an SLT member

There will be special consideration for children with special educational needs. For those children that need a bespoke behaviour plan, that will be done with our SENCO Bethan Arthur and will involve parents and carers and in most cases the child themselves.

School Street Volunteers



I would like to remind parents that Argyle Road is closed between 8.00am and 9.15am in the morning and 2.30pm- 3.45pm in the afternoon. The closure itself has been very positive and very well supported by the vast majority of our school community. It is now being rolled out in other schools across the City and we are proud to have been part of the pilot programme. We do need more volunteers to help this scheme run efficiently and effectively. If you would like to volunteer please get in touch with school on this email: enquiries@carfield.sheffield.sch.uk. **I would like to thank all the parents who have come out daily, whatever the weather and supported the school in keeping the roads safe for the children of Carfield.** It really is a joy seeing how many now walk, cycle or scoot safely to school.

I would also like to remind parents that are allowed through the barriers that parking on double yellow lines even with a disability badge is illegal during the times that the children are coming and leaving school as this is putting children's lives in danger.

After School and Lunch Clubs



We have a very comprehensive offer of lunchtime and after school clubs for the children of Carfield. At the moment we have

Lunchtimes:

Monday: KS2 Book Making Club

Tuesday: KS2 Cross Country

Wednesday: Y5/6 Girls Netball and Y3 football with Mr Wood

Thursday: Y4/5 Girls Cricket, Y5/6 Boys Cricket and Y5/6 Yoga

Friday: Y5/6 Boys Basketball

There will also be KS1 multi-sports club which Mr Arnold will run in the next few weeks.

After School Clubs:

Monday: Y5/6 Girls football

Tuesday: Y4/5/6 Girls Basketball

Wednesday: Y3/4 Boys and Girls Gymnastics and Y5/6 Boys Football

Thursday: Y4/5/6 Boys and Girls dance

Friday: Y3/4 girls and Boys Football with SUFC

For KS1 we have nature Yoga on a Thursday. We will look to keep building our KS1 offer as the year develops.

We have also introduced 'quiet club'. Our Junior Leadership Team asked for somewhere quiet (and warm) for those children that didn't want to be outside for the whole of lunchtime. As a result of this each year group will have one quiet club a week. This will be run by a class teacher and they will have the opportunity to do a quiet activity such as reading or colouring in.

Y1: Wednesdays

Y2: Wednesdays

Y3: Thursdays

Y4: Tuesdays

Y5: Wednesdays

Y6: Wednesdays

In addition, Mrs Johnson will be running a nurture lunch club 4 days a week for KS1 children that struggle with the too much stimulation and noise at lunchtime.

SEND at Carfield



Our SEND surgeries have been a great success. These will continue to run every fortnight on a Friday morning. Please continue to book by ringing the office to book the next available slot if you would like to chat to Bethan Arthur about any concerns that you may have. The next three surgeries will be on:

- Friday 21st January
- Friday 4th February
- Friday 11th February

Since September, we have also run parent workshops on SEND provision, anxiety/behaviour and SEND processes in Sheffield. Thank you to those parents that have attended and for the positive feedback.

We also have an in school counsellor who is working with our children that have any type of type of well being/mental health issues. Lynne has had fantastic impact with the children she has been working with, so as a result she will stay with us for the remainder of the year.

Our in house Educational Psychologist, Jagdish, is working very closely with our staff on creating inclusive classrooms and developing interventions such as sensory circuits, sensory breaks and precision teach as well as providing support and strategies on how to support children with complex needs. Our staff have also had excellent training on Autism, ADHD and Adverse childhood experiences.

In addition to all this we are now working towards becoming a trauma informed school.

I am a great believer in understanding how children learn and behave and adjusting provision to meet the needs of all our children as a result. Therefore we will continue to develop our staff and our understanding of learning behaviours and the metacognition of the classroom.

Questionnaire



Parent voice is very important to us and ensure that we are doing everything we can to support your child in school, we would like you to fill in this questionnaire and give us your feedback. We will send this link out separately too on Friday.

<https://forms.gle/ufKrDPHQhWVgFUXj7>

Dates for your Diary



Y5/6 Girls Football at Newfield: 27th January

SEND Surgery: Friday 21st January

Y6 Crucial Crew: 28th January

Y6 SATS and Residential Information evening: 3rd February

SEND Surgery: Friday 4th February

Y3/4 Hot Shots Basketball: 7th February

School Games Basketball at All Saints: 7th February

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**