



CARLTON MINIOTT PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dates for your diary 2021

- 12th February - school closes for Half-Term for Key Worker pupils
- 22nd February - School re-opens for Key Worker pupils

Home Learning

I would like to say a really big thank you to all those supporting their children learning from home. We are really appreciative of all you are doing to support your children. As you will have gathered the Government have ramped up their expectations of learning during this lockdown and there is a far greater emphasis on ensuring those at home get a similar learning experience to those in school. However, this situation is not of any of our making and all we can ask of you is to do your best in the current situation.

The biggest issue raised with me is the lack of social interaction those at home are having with other children. Unfortunately, due to safeguarding we cannot allow children to use video calls without a member of staff being present. However, next week we are going to trial 'Meet up with your Class Mates' sessions where children can come to a meeting and just chat with their friends. Mrs Ward will be the member of staff present. These sessions will be between 11.45am and 12.00pm and the following rota of classes is as follows:

Monday - Class 2

Tuesday - Class 3

Wednesday - Class 4

Thursday - Class 5

Friday - Class 6

I will send an invite to these on the class page and the children will join in the same way as they do Live Lessons.

We have also had good feedback from parents who have paired their child up with another child from their class and children have worked together on a piece of work over Zoom or Skype. Unfortunately, we can't host these on Teams. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like support with this. From today I will be posting a link to a video celebration assembly onto your child's class team. During this assembly each teacher will pick some children from home and school, that have produced some particularly good work, and we will sing Happy Birthday to those children who have birthdays that week.

We are all learning the best way to provide home learning so I will be sending out a short questionnaire so we can get feedback on what we are doing, and see if there are any improvements we can make.

You will have heard the latest Government announcement on the opening of schools. We will be preparing for opening to everyone on the 8th March and will await the Government's confirmation of this at the end of February. We, like you, are really looking forward to having everyone in school.



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JUST DO YOUR BEST

To become experts in their field, our teachers went to University or College to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Education. They understand that good teaching and learning strategies take time to develop. Therefore, our teachers do not expect you to teach in the same way they would.

Our teachers are here to help you by providing remote learning content, support and assistance.

CREATE A DAILY ROUTINE

Just like making the bed or brushing your teeth every morning, following a routine helps children to foster good working habits that match their goals and aspirations.

For teachers, routines are central to daily classroom life.

At home establish a daily learning routine around your timetable that makes it easier for your children to learn and achieve more at home.

DON'T MAKE LEARNING AT HOME A CHORE

Learning should not be a chore! Learners build knowledge as they explore the world around them, observe and interact with phenomena, converse and engage with others, and make connections.

Learning should be enjoyable. Try to be enthusiastic when talking to your children about the work they are doing at home. Be interested in what they're learning.

CONTACT TEACHERS WITHIN NORMAL WORKING HOURS!

It can be easy to forget that teachers are human beings with families and lives outside of school. Some teachers will be home-schooling their own children!

Please remember to be patient and respectful. If you have a question, please send it to your child's teacher within work hours (9am - 4pm).

4 REMOTE LEARNING TIPS

Information for
Parents/Guardians

Created by Rob Kelly

Half-Term

The DFE has just announced that schools will be totally closed over the Half-Term Holiday and therefore school will not be open to Key Workers during the week commencing the 15th February.

Thirsk Parishes—Half Term Holiday Club in a Bag

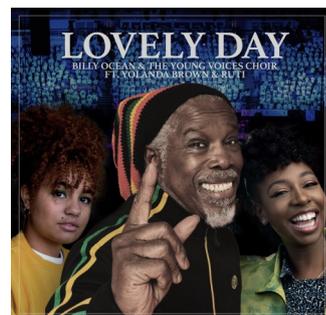
Thirsk Parishes would like us to pass on information about their upcoming Holiday Club in a Bag during the February half term. Please see poster attached to this e-mail. If you would like to partake in the Holiday Club activities please see letter, also attached to this e-mail, for further details and application form.



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Young Voices - Celebrating 25 Years

Normally at this time of year we would be taking our choir to Sheffield Arena for the Young Voices Event. This year we are unable to do this but please see a project they have been involved in.



Billy Ocean & the Young Voices Choir (ft. Yolanda

Brown & Ruti) release 'Lovely Day' for Children's Mental Health Week.

All UK Profits to leading children's mental health charity Place2Be.

We are delighted to let you know that our charity single to support our partner charity Place2Be - is now out and on sale!

To coincide with Children's Mental Health Week (February 1st – 7th 2021) and ahead of our YV Biggest Sing Guinness World Records™ attempt on 15th June we've released a new and uplifting recording of the Bill Withers' classic 'Lovely Day'.

As well as the legend that is Billy Ocean and singers from our Young Voices Choir - also featured on the track are award-winning broadcaster and musician Yolanda Brown and YV favourite Ruti.

The WWS Big Bird Watch

in celebration of the RSPB's
Big Garden Birdwatch

29th-31st January



Follow us on Twitter and retweet our post to be in with a chance of winning a custom-made bird house or a Naturewatch workshop.



Please see below for links to the BBC and RSPB who have joined forces and included some excellent resources on their websites to show you how you can join in at home.

There are some great ideas for activities, no matter whether you have a window-sill, a balcony or a garden.

Scroll down each page to find resources to help you and the family get back to nature.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/give-nature-a-home-in-your-garden/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/big-schools-winterwatch-live-lesson/zv8vn9q>



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Friends of the Friarage Hospital - Logo Design Competition

We have been approached by local charity, the Friends of the Friarage with an exciting task for pupils to get involved with. They are looking to redesign their logo and would love to give their designer some inspiration from the next generation.

They have sent us a document which you can print out and ask your son or daughter to complete. This can be found attached to this e-mail.

The trustees of the charity will be selecting ten of their favourites and awarding a £10 book voucher to those pupils.

Completed artwork should be emailed to celia.curry@nhs.net. However, if email is not an option, they could also be posted via Friends of the Friarage, Room 47 admin building, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 1JG.

News from Thirsk Community Library

Thirsk Community Library would like you to know what they are offering during this lockdown.



“We have hundreds of books on our shelves (from board, picture, early readers to full teenage novels) which should be in people’s homes available for loan. Either our volunteers can select a book bundle for collection at the door or we can deliver.

We can also help those struggling with online learning due to a lack of facilities. Families can also access our free IT and printing services by booking a computer if they don’t have access to wifi or IT equipment at home for home schooling. Bookings can be made either by phone 01609 534589 or email: library@thirskcommunitylibrary.org.uk

We have started a Jigsaw Loan and have over 80 jigsaws that can be borrowed for a 4 week period, which is something to help the boredom and keep people active, ranging from children’s to adult 1000 pieces.

More information can be found on the school website:-
www.carltonminiottacademy.org