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## Word of the Month - Thoughtfulness

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Happy New Year! We wish you a prosperous 2016.**

We welcome three new teachers to our school family this term. Mr. Padmore has permanently joined the Y4 team with Mr. Styles replacing Miss. Pembroke and Mr. Turner. We are hoping that he takes a keen interest in computing and the technical areas of the curriculum once he has settled in to the life of the school. Mrs. Pembroke – Ferguson is kindly teaching Y2NA until Miss Allen is fit to return to work. Miss Allen is currently recovering from a back injury. Mrs. Lastra – Jackson is teaching in Y2JK until Miss. Keyworth returns from her maternity leave. We are confident that we have excellent teachers in place and that the children will continue to thrive.

### Lost Property:

We have again, a growing number of unclaimed coats, jumpers and sweat shirts. Our Task Team are keen to return items that wander to their owner. Please label your child's clothing and include their class please. We will then do our best to return it to you.

On the last Friday of each half term we will put out the lost property in the lower hall. This half term we break up on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February and the items will be displayed for your perusal for half an hour after school. Once we have bagged it, we will ask Rags Are Us to take it to a worthy cause. We cannot keep Lost Property for too long as it becomes unpleasant and then no one wants to claim the items.

### PE Staff Training Day January 2016

The teaching staff spent the day reflecting on what makes a good PE session, how to engage 30 children with various equipment and how to organise orienteering activities.

It was a fun but purposeful day that will help us meet our target of delivering varied and purposeful PE lessons.

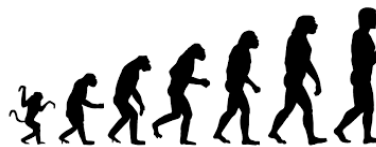
We have a wish list of equipment and feel confident that we can enhance our PE curriculum. We are also planning a Healthy Lifestyle Week from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June. If you feel that you have skills that you can offer a small group or class at a time over the week, please contact us at [enquiries@carfield.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@carfield.sheffield.sch.uk) and entitle Healthy Lifestyle Week.

We are looking for massages, food and diet knowledge, dentistry etc, and other practical interesting skills that can interest children. Thank you!



### Science Technology Engineering and Maths Week (STEM) Week beginning -14<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

We are currently planning a week where each year group will experience problem solving and construction activities supported by an engineer, scientist or mathematician. To cover the costs of resourcing the lively week, we will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £ 2.00. More information will follow.



Our Class Assemblies are held on Friday mornings at 9.15 am:

Next term we have assemblies from:  
15/1/16 - Y4JS  
22/1/16 – Y5GH  
29/1/16 – RMR

Parent Evenings –

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - 3.30 – 6.00 pm

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 6.00 – 8.00 pm

YOUNG VOICES – 21<sup>st</sup> January

3 more Training Days 2015/16

27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016

SATS WEEK – 9<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> May

**Topics this term:**

Nursery and Reception Classes investigate the natural changes that occur In Winter .

Y1 are On Safari looking at the features of animals.

Y2 are investigating the United Kingdom.

Y3 travel back in time to Ancient Greece.

Y4 back pack to the wild west on the USA Road trip.

Y5 are Egyptologists investigating Ancient Egypt.

Y6 study Darwin’s Delights.

Please look out for the trips and speakers that we organize to enrich our children’s learning experiences.

Teachers also send out Curriculum letters that can also be found on our website.



**Booking on line for Parent Evenings** – We are investigating ways to update how you can make appointments with your child’s teacher for parent evenings. We are very interested in a system that allows you to do this by mobile phone, tablet or computer. Many schools are moving over to this easier system and we want to follow their example. It may not be up and running in time for our March open evenings but we hope to have it in place for the summer.

**Coffee Mornings** – The focus of our next coffee morning (date to be confirmed) will be on boosting self -confidence, self -esteem and building independence and resilience in our children. Look out for the date and the chocolate biscuits.

Well done to our Y6 children who have raised enough money for a goat, seeds and tools, a sheep, chickens a cockerel and a little donkey! This donation will be send via the charity Send A Cow and the remaining money is in our White Elephant Fund.



Mrs. Culloden.