



21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Harvest Festival yesterday was a truly great way to end what has been a super first half-term. I am incredibly proud of the children. Thank you for your donations which we will be delivering to Carlisle Food Bank.

I hope you have an enjoyable half-term and enjoy spending time together as a family. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

#### **Half-term homework**

October is Black History month. We have been learning about black people who have left their mark on the world.

Queen Bees – Harriet Tubman

Bumblebees – Rosa Parks

Honeybees – Floella Benjamin

Task: Create a project all about their life and legacy. This can be presented in any format you would like for example, posters, leaflets, models, paintings, videos etc. These projects will feed directly into learning within the classroom when the children return to school. The projects will be displayed around school. There will be prizes for the most informative project and the most aesthetic project. Have fun!

#### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Extra-Curricular clubs for after half-term include Christmas choir (we will be performing around the community), Christmas arts and crafts, STEM club (an opportunity to build and design something different each week and take home what you create!), reading club and a range of sporting clubs. These are now all bookable on ParentMail.

#### **School photographs**

School photos were sent home with the children yesterday. Please order online by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Castle Carrock PTFA**

I would just like to say a huge thank you to our PTFA

#### **Garden project update**

Yesterday two gentlemen from Fellfoot Forward visited the school to discuss a potential grant. We now need to put a bid together. We are looking for local tradespeople to give us quotes for the work to be completed. If you are or know any who might be interested, please let me know. I would much prefer to use local tradespeople for this project.

#### **Class News**

##### **Honeybee Class**

What a busy week we have had in Honeybees class! The children have been reading the story pumpkin soup by Helen Cooper. With Mrs Grayson, the children went on a lovely autumn walk and brought lots of autumn treasure back into school. The children also enjoyed making their own pumpkin soup and tasting it! It was delicious. Yesterday, the children were fabulous performers in our Harvest Festival at the church. They performed the story of The Little Red Hen beautifully and had great rhythm when performing their song with their percussion instruments. Wishing all our families a very happy half term and a relaxing break.

##### **Bumblebee Class**

It's been another full week of learning and fun for the Bumblebees with highlights being the Dress Up day and the Harvest Festival celebration. Our topic this half term, focussing on The Normans and specifically William the Conqueror and 1066, really captured the children's imagination and they all looked fantastic on Monday when they came to school in costume as kings, queens, soldiers, knights and princesses. The children should also be congratulated for a fantastic performance in the harvest festival, reciting the autumn leaves poem beautifully. On top of that we said goodbye to Mrs Grayson and also met our new teacher Miss Moynan who will be taking up the helm after half term. It has been my total pleasure working with all the Bumblebees and I shall keep a close eye on what they get up to from my new home in Honeybees class. Have a wonderful half term and thank you to everyone for your support during my time in Bumblebees class.

**Queen Bee Class**

In Queen Bees class this week, we have been nonstop! The start of the week saw parent's evening, thank you to all those who attended, it was great to formally meet you all. We have had cross-country runners out representing our school, achieving finishes in 1st, 3<sup>rd</sup> and throughout the rest of the field, well done everyone! We have also practised and performed our Harvest Festival and, I am sure you will agree, the children were absolutely amazing! Have a good break everyone, I look forward to seeing all the children back after our half term.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Carroll".

Miss A. Carroll  
Head of School