

Carnagill Community Primary School Newsletter



We never judge a book by its cover

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year!

We enjoyed a productive and informative training day on Monday. I led Pupil Premium training for all staff and governors, where we considered how best to provide for all children - through high-quality teaching, how we deploy our teaching assistants and the further development of the provision for children entitled to pupil premium (those who currently receive free school meals or have done so in the past 6 years). The afternoon training session was led by Mrs Shaw and was focused on developing the teaching of reading in school. We are now implementing whole-class reading comprehension sessions from year 1 alongside guided word-reading lessons for those children who require it.

Our school improvement focuses for this term are:

- To further develop the teaching of reading through high-quality training and monitoring of provision;
- To further develop the teaching of writing to challenge the more able;
- To further develop the teaching of Maths mastery to challenge all children, including the more able;
- To monitor the provision for children who receive additional funding through pupil premium;
- To access further training to inform the strategic vision for the school in supporting children's mental health and well-being.

I look forward to working with you this term to ensure that the children have the very best outcomes in their learning.

Louise Newport
Headteacher

Pupil Premium Funding

We receive pupil premium funding for the following reasons:

- Children who are currently entitled to free school meals (or have been entitled in the last 6 years) - £1,320
- Children who are adopted from care - £2,300

This money is to be used primarily to support children's academic progress and attainment. We currently spend this money on having teaching assistants in classrooms during morning sessions, catch-up time in the afternoons, delivering intervention programs and training for teaching assistants. Some money is also used to provide pastoral support for children.

- Children who are from a military family (or have been in the last 5 years) - £300

This money is to be used to support children's pastoral and emotional wellbeing. We spend this money on emotional and mental health and well-being training and workshops, the provision of a Home-School

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Support Adviser and in-class teaching assistants. We also use a small amount of money to provide some small group interventions to support transition and learning.

If your child is to receive a small group intervention, you will be notified by letter. This will tell you what the intervention is and how it will support your child.

Homework

We are making some small changes to homework. As a school, we are working to promote academic progress in basic skills of reading, spellings and mental maths. Reading and spelling are key to a child's success and we ask that parents prioritise supporting your child with these at home. In school, we will be holding a weekly book raffle for those children who read at home at least 5 days per week. Spellings will also be provided weekly and tested in school. We also need to encourage children to use these spellings in their written work in school and at home. Your child will then receive an additional (and optional) homework grid half-termly. This will include mental maths activities (times tables, number bonds etc.) and activities linked to their topic or key activities that will support your child's development.

In preparation for secondary school, Year 6 will still have weekly maths work to complete. As we approach SATs, they may receive some additional homework.

Parent Charter

Our parent charter which was sent out to all parents last academic year is on display around the school. It is also attached for your information. We expect all parents, carers and visitors to the school to communicate with school staff in a respectful manner at all times.

Diary Dates

Friday 22 nd February	3.30pm	Year 1 Phonics Parents Meeting
Tuesday 19 th March	3.30pm	Parents Evening
Wednesday 20 th March	3.30pm	Parents Evening
Friday 12 th April	3.30pm	Finish school for Easter Holidays

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