

Carnagill Community Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents

We never judge a book by its cover

It has been lovely to visit classrooms this week and see some fantastic learning opportunities in English and Maths lessons. We are currently working on;

- Building grammar work into the teaching sequence of writing
- Developing marking and feedback to focus on children responding to the next steps (improvement tasks) given by the teachers to challenge the children more appropriately
- Meta-cognitive questioning in Maths alongside Maths Mastery

Mrs Wigham (SENCO) is also working on developing systems and procedures for children with special educational needs and disabilities. This will ensure that children get the best quality teaching and support in the classroom as well as involving outside agencies in a timely manner.

Over the next few weeks, staff are engaging in high quality training and CPD which is essential to continue with developing our school. We have training on;

- Planning a sequence of writing incorporating grammar (delivered by English Adviser James Durran)
- Maximising the Impact of Teaching Assistants Training for all TAs from FS2 to Year 6 (delivered by Christine Noyes Inclusion Adviser)
- Maths Meta-cognition support and CPD for teachers in school (delivered by Claire Barnes from the Swaledale Teaching School Alliance)

I am, as always impressed by the commitment and hard work of our staff to improve outcomes for our children.

Many thanks for your continued support

Louise Newport
Headteacher

Rapid Improvement committee Feedback

The Rapid Improvement Committee (RIC) met again on 5th November 2018. At this meeting Mrs Bullock (Maths Lead) gave us a presentation on Maths and shared the Maths Action Plan. She explained the Maths Mastery initiative which aims to improve children's understanding of Maths. This is being rolled out across the whole school with appropriate staff training and support and, generally, it has been well received. As it is a new initiative it is too early to quantify exactly what impact it is having on learning but it has the potential to improve pupil outcomes. The RIC will be keeping a close eye on its impact.

Mrs Bullock also talked to us about the Meta Cognition initiative which is helping, across subject areas, to improve understanding and depth of learning. It was felt that more guidance for parents on both this and the Maths Mastery initiative would be useful, particularly when helping with homework, and this is to be taken on board.

Mrs Shaw gave us an update on a new system for tracking pupil progress which is being trialled. This looks to give a more accurate picture for each pupil and could potentially address one of OFSTED's prime concerns.

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Mrs Newport gave us an update on initiatives to improve teaching, learning and assessment, and told us about the on-going training and external support that is in place to address this. Governors are also receiving training in a number of areas including pupil premium and understanding data to address OFSTED's concerns.

Mairi Featherstone
Co-opted Governor

Year 4/5 - Peridot Class

Unfortunately, Mrs O'Reilly is off work for longer than we initially anticipated. We currently have Mr Matthew Scrafton teaching her class and working alongside Mrs White and Mrs Raisbeck. I will keep you informed about any changes or a return date for Mrs O'Reilly

Children in Need

Thank you for your support for Children in Need, we raised £264.56. Well done everyone.

Friends of the School

Please save the date for the Friends of the School Christmas Disco on Thursday 13th December. Full details to follow

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

Wednesday 12 th December	1.30pm and 6pm	Year 1/2 and Year 2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 13 th December	Lunchtime	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 13 th December	4-5pm 5.30 - 6.30pm	Friends of the School disco – Nursery, FS2, KS1 Friends of the School disco - KS2
Friday 14 th December	2.20pm	KS2 Performance – Carols Around the Tree
Tuesday 18 th December	9.30am	Christmas Performance (Nursery, FS2, FS2/Year 1)
Wednesday 19 th December	Morning	Christmas Party (Nursery, FS2, FS2/Year 1)
Wednesday 19 th December	Afternoon	Christmas Party (Year 1/2 and Year 2)
Thursday 20 th December	10am	Christingle – at church (Parents welcome) (KS2 children will be helping to lead this service)
Thursday 20 th December	Afternoon	KS2 Christmas Party
Thursday 20 th December	3.15pm	Finish school for the Christmas holidays
Friday 21 st December	All day	Staff Training Day
Monday 7 th January	All day	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 8 th January	8.50am	School re-opens

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