



**Carnagill Community
Primary School
December Newsletter**

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Firstly, thank you all for your support with events this half term and over my first term. We are fortunate at Carnagill to have such a dedicated, caring and hardworking team of staff and from them all we wish you a peaceful and restful Christmas break and look forward to your continued support in 2017.



Last week was a very busy week with the school performances. If you attended the performances you will realise just how much hard work went into them. My thanks firstly go to the children for their enthusiasm and hard work and also to you all for rehearsing; learning lines with the children and practising their songs at home and to the staff for their hard work.

Donations for teas, coffee and the programmes at the Christmas Performances raised £290. This money will be spent later in the year on resources for the children. I will let you know on what later in the Spring Term!



If you visited school last week, you may have noticed the Christmas tree in the hall. The children decorated the tree during an assembly. The decorations were kindly donated by B&Q in Darlington.

Christmas Dinner Day

Mrs Ryder and her team provided the children with their Christmas Dinner last Friday. It was a delicious meal and we thank them for the lovely meal.

Carnagill Cares Tree

Some of you may also have noticed the Carnagill Cares Tree, again created by the children under the guidance of Miss Thwaites. It was created during the week when we reminded children of the need to speak up if they feel they are unhappy in school.

School Council

The school council have done a sterling job selling Glittery Play dough and Reindeer Food. Both items are competitively priced at 20p per bag. Should you need either of these items please speak to Miss Thwaites. Stocks of these festive items are getting low.



Christmas Jumper Day

Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers on the last day of term. We ask for a small donation towards Save the Children. If you don't have a Christmas jumper please don't feel you have to go out and buy one ~ jazz an old jumper or sweatshirt up with some baubles or tinsel.

Charitable Donations

Below is a few of the events which you have so generously supported. We have been able to send £143.16 to the Armed Forces Charities following the Red White and Blue day in school.



Thank you for supporting **Children in Need** we have been able to send £307.87 due to you kind contributions.



Christingle Service

We will be holding a Christingle Service on Friday 16th December at the Joan of Arc Church. This service will be led by Father Alex one of the Garrison Padres and brings to a close the end of term and the topic, "Let there be light". If you are free on Friday please join us. Thank you to those of you who have kindly filled the Children's Society candles with small change. **We will be leaving school at about 10am and the service will start at 10.15am. Please note there will be no crèche facilities at this service. It is anticipated it will last about half to three quarters of an hour.**



New phone for Christmas and Emergency Contact Information

A number of people get lovely new mobile phones for Christmas and also new numbers. If you are lucky enough to get a lovely gift like this, please inform either Mrs Lennon or Mrs Bell in the office. This is vital information we require in case of emergencies. We also use this number for our texting system to keep you informed about closures.

Bikes from Santa and Cycling to school



Some of children may be lucky enough to receive a lovely new bicycle or scooter from Father Christmas. Don't forget to remind him to bring a cycle helmet too. **Please ensure you child wears a cycle helmet** and be thinking about **fluorescent stripes for the darker mornings and evenings**. Please remember the main drive is very steep and not suitable for scooters or bikes! Please walk with bikes in the school grounds.

Driving near school.

I was informed of a near miss to a child the other week. Please drive carefully on the roads around school. The car ~ a black Audi which may or may not have been connected to our school almost caught a child. Please be extra carefully on these darker mornings and evenings as little people in darker clothing are harder to spot.

Medical Appointments

We are having an increasing amount of requests for children to leave school early for medical appointments. These requests must be accompanied with an appointment card. We have to monitor attendance carefully. Please ask the receptionist for proof of attendance at the appointment as without this we may have to record it as an unauthorised absence. Time off to attend other family members appointments cannot be authorised unless in the most extreme circumstance and again proof of appointment is needed.

Finally and most importantly ~ Please remember if you have any concerns about your child's learning or well-being in school please speak initially to your child's class teacher. We all know that from time to time things don't always go smoothly and if left, what started as a little concern grows and becomes a much bigger issue to sort. If you feel you need to speak to me I am available in school most days.

Diary Dates

School Closes for Christmas 16th December and re opens Wednesday 4th January 2017

Thank you again for your support in the recent weeks. I hope you have a peaceful and restful Christmas and New Year.



Miss Young