

Carnagill Community Primary School **January 2017 Newsletter**

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Firstly, a belated happy new year. Key Stage 1 and 2 have already had visitors into school to help launch their topics; Zoolab and Swaledale Mountain Rescue respectively.



Thank you for your support when we had to close school due to the power failure and issue with the water supply. If you didn't get a text and had to rely on friends to let you know please check with the school office that we have your correct contact details could it be you got a new phone for Christmas? If you were lucky enough to get a lovely gift like this and changed your number, 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.

Father Alex Strachan has visited school twice this term and will try to pay us a visit about once every three weeks. We look forward to him coming in to help with our assemblies.

School Website

The school website has been refreshed ~ most of the information is the same however it does have a slightly different background and font. It should also be easier to read things on it from a mobile device.

School Council

The school council did a fantastic job selling Glittery Playdough and Reindeer Food before Christmas and raised over £25. They have decided they would like to buy a new Wi Fit programme for use in the hall during wet playtimes ~ a super idea~ thank you and well done.

Curriculum Plans

Please check the school website for this term's curriculum plans. They give an overview of learning for this term.

School Uniform

We have a very smart school uniform. In recent weeks a number of children are deviating from this. We understand that sometimes there are washing machine malfunctions. If this happens please let the staff know ~ we do have spares that children can borrow if needed. Please name clothing staff are very good at getting lost jumpers back to their owners if they are named.

Medicine in school.

Please be aware that children must not be sent to school with medicine. Any medicine should be brought into school by a responsible adult and the correct paperwork completed before it can be given in school.

Consultation Evenings

We will be holding two consultations this half term Wednesday 15th February and Thursday 16th. You should all have received a letter about this. It is really important that you attend. I would like the children from Y2 upwards to attend the appointment with their parents so they can be part of the conversation about their learning.

Leaving Early and Medical Appointments

We are having an increasing amount of requests for children to leave school early for medical appointments and family emergencies, especially on a Friday around lunchtime.

If your child has an appointment they are out of school for as short a time as possible to avoid them missing valuable learning. Medical appointments requests **must** be accompanied with an appointment card. The receptionist at the doctors or other establishments can provide proof of attendance at the appointment. Without this we may have to record it as an unauthorised absence. We have to monitor attendance carefully. Time off to attend other family members appointments cannot be authorised unless in the most extreme circumstance and again proof of appointment is needed.

Communication

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. The use of social media is not an appropriate way to criticise school and in some cases if it was defamatory or malicious it could result in the police being involved. I am currently investigating the possible use of an app for mobile devices which can be used for communication. I will let you know as soon as this is available.

Half term Holiday

School closes on 17th February at 3.15pm and reopens on Monday 27th February.