

Carnagill Community Primary School

July 2017 Newsletter

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I really cannot believe that we are at the end of another school year and I am at the end of my first year as Headteacher. I would like to thank you for your help and support over this year and hope you all have a lovely summer break.

Thankfully last week we managed to have our sports day at the second attempt. It was lovely to see so many of you there supporting the children. Thanks go to the staff for their organisation of the event.

It was also good to see some of you taking part in the race at the end.

Our Y6 children have now left and we wish them well at their secondary schools. Before they left they wrote, produced and performed their own leavers assembly. They also had a day out at Beamish, riding on the trams and buses, going down the mine, visiting the old school...a little different from school today. The children were a credit to the school with their good manners and polite questions to both the Beamish staff and school staff. We all wish them every success for the future.

Staffing

Today we said a very sad goodbye to Mrs Lennon. Mrs Lennon has been at Carnagill for over 14 years and has decided it is time to move back to her homeland ~ Scotland. She will be hugely missed by pupils, staff, parents and the wider community. I would like to thank Mrs Lennon for her hard work and dedication to all at Carnagill and wish her well in her new adventure.

On Wednesday we said goodbye to Mrs Holliday. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter Mrs Holliday is taking a break from teaching to pursue other career avenues. We wish her well and thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the children at Carnagill.

Mrs Cook who many of you will know has also left our school. Mrs Cook and her husband are relocating. I know Mrs Cook will be missed in our school and I would like to thank her for all she has done for the school over many years and wish her well in her new adventure.

In September Mrs Bell will become our Senior Administrator and a new addition to the team will be Mrs J Ayre as School Administrator. (not to be confused with Mrs H Ayre HLTA!)

School uniform

We have a very smart uniform and I appreciate that it slips slightly at the end of term as children outgrow their clothes. A reminder for the new term that school shoes should be black ~ not trainers. It would be helpful if hair bows could be in school colours ~ white or blue. Children need a PE kit in school every day ~ black shorts and plain white Tee-shirt and pumps. If children wear tights they need white socks in their bag also.

Earrings should be small studs only and must be removed for PE. If children are having their ears pierced it is a good idea to do it at the beginning of the holidays as this will ensure that by September the studs can be removed.

September Gates times

The main gate at the back of school and the side gate will not open before 8.40am.

Before and after school supervision

Please be aware it is the responsibility of parents to ensure their children are adequately supervised before and after school while on the school grounds. Please ensure that children do not play unsupervised on the tyres and the adventure play area before and after school.

Governor Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a parent governor. In the new school year we will be sending out official paper work and asking for nominations ~ please be thinking over the summer break if you could help us in this way.

Internet Safety

The NSPCC delivered Keeping Safe sessions to children across Key Stages 1 and 2. Below are

some useful links around keeping children safe especially if they are doing a lot of Summer Internet surfing or are playing online games.

www.NSPCC.org.uk

www.childnet.com

www.safetynetkids.org.uk

Attendance and Requests for Leave of Absence

If your child is absent from school for any reason please remember to let the admin team know before 9am. Until we know the reason for absence we can not authorise absence. If you are requesting leave for a child during term time we may ask for further information from Unit Welfare Officers or employers.

Concerns

If you are in anyway concerned about your child/ren's learning, progress or wellbeing in school please contact school via the office. Class teachers are always the best people to speak to first, as they know you child/ren very well. If it is a more serious matter then the Key stage Leaders; Mrs Barker (EYFS), Mrs Brown (KS1) or Mrs Bradshaw (KS2) are the next contact and then myself.

If you feel a concern is on-going or has not been addressed please contact school and ask to speak to me.

Holiday Dates and opening times

Autumn Term

Monday 4th September 2017

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th September

School opens for pupils

Friday 20th October

School closes for half term

Monday 30th October

School opens for pupils

Friday 22nd December

School closes for Christmas

Spring Term

Monday 8th January 2018

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 9th January

School opens for pupils

Friday 9th February

School closes for half term

Monday 19th February

School opens for pupils

Thursday 29th March

School closes for Easter

Summer Term

Monday 16th April

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 17th April

School opens for pupils

Monday 7th May

School closed for May Day Holiday

Friday 25th May

School closes for half term

Monday 4th June

School opens for pupils

Friday 20th July

School closes for Summer 2018