

**Carnagill Community Primary School**  
**May/ June 2017 Newsletter**

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We are to the end of another very busy half term. Well done to all our children across the school who have been completing assessments; I know this has been a difficult time for many of you. I hope you all take time over the holidays to have a well-deserved rest!

### **EYFS Sponsored Walk**

A very big pat on the back and well done to the Foundation Stage children and staff who took part in the sponsored walk. Thank you also to parents and friends for your contributions ~ you raised £1167.50. Once the adventure equipment has been inspected in the very near future, hopefully repairs will be able to take place and it will be back into full use.



### **Summer Weather**

As we went into the half term break the weather was extremely hot (not so today 5<sup>th</sup> June!) creating a very warm building. It is vital that all children have their water bottles with them in school and encouraged to drink water to keep hydrated. Can I also encourage you to apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. Children may bring sun cream with them to school. Please name the bottle clearly. If children need to apply sun cream they will need to do this independently. Sun cream should not be shared between children; this being to prevent allergies. Can I also encourage you to buy a sun hat for use at breaks and lunch times.



### **History Exhibition**

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. It was lovely to see the work your children have produced on show. We really do appreciate the time you spend supporting these events and allowing the children the opportunity to share their work with our school community. Also thank you for the

positive comments you made; it really helps the children develop their skills hosting these events.

### **Staffing update**

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Bullock who are now proud parents to a gorgeous little boy born on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. On Wednesday we said goodbye to Mrs Talbot who has worked at Carnagill for over 15 years. She has decided to have a change of career closer to her home. We wish her well and thank her for all her hard work both in school and at after school club. Afterschool school club will now be staffed by Mrs Hannan and Mrs White. Mrs Bailey is still absent from work. For continuity Mrs Forest will be staying with Class 1.

### **Gates times**

**Please be aware that after half term 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 children 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.

### **Budget**

As you may have heard on the news and read in the press school budgets are being reduced in real terms. While our budget has not been cut, the cost of staffing, goods and services have all risen. Some of you may be able to relate to this from a home budgeting point of view where prices in the shops seem to be rising but income is not increasing? I have worked with our bursar and the governors to ensure we plan a realistic budget for the forthcoming year. The priority has been to maintain our current staffing. We do not want children to be taught in large classes and we want to be able to have additional adults available to support your children as needed within the class. In order to do this we may need to ask for increased contribution to visits. With this in mind, we will try to give you greater notice for parents to make these contributions. We also need to encourage the school community to be *green aware*, switching of lights and not

wasting resources. Hopefully you will not notice the tightening of the budget and we will continue to provide a broad, balanced and enjoyable curriculum for your children.

### Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in being a governor please speak with Mrs Lennon our Clerk to the Governing Body. Being a school governor is a voluntary role. It is an interesting role but does require a time commitment. You are expected to attend meetings at least half termly and there is an expectation you will also visit school regularly and become familiar with the way we work. . The role of a parent governor requires someone with, integrity and discretion and above all the ability to deal with information in a sensitive, professional and confidential manner.

### NSPCC

The NSPCC have delivered Keeping Safe sessions to children across Key Stages 1 and 2. Below are some useful links around keeping children safe.

[www.NSPCC.org.uk](http://www.NSPCC.org.uk)

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

[www.safetynetkids.org.uk](http://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. 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

### Sports

19 children took part in the Football Festival held on the garrison. It was a friendly competition so there was no overall placing. The children have a great time and represented school well.

8 children took part in the cluster Kwik Cricket competition and Carnagill came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Again well done to the children for representing school so well.

Also thank you to Mrs Stephens who puts so much time in to organising and coordinating the sports events.

### 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 and Mrs Stephens (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

#### **Half Term**

School closes Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and re opens Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Summer Holidays**

School closes Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July and re opens Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

### Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June Y5 children to Risedale Sports College to hear National Youth Orchestra  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2.15-3.15 NSPCC Workshop for Parents

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June Y3,4,5,6 at Armed Forces Day

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June Book Fair in School ~ further information to follow

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July sports day ~ times to be confirmed

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Leavers assembly

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July School reports out

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm Meeting for new parents

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> School closes for the summer holidays