

Carnagill Community Primary School

October 2017 Newsletter

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I hope you all have a lovely half term break. The children have been very busy this half term and I am sure they are all needing a rest. A number of classes visited Foxglove Covert and really enjoyed themselves. We are very fortunate to have this local venue on our door step.

Thank you to all who attended our harvest celebration. The gifts were taken to The Beacon and The Store House ~ both organisations serving our local community and both very grateful for the gifts received.

We raised £165.31 on Red White and Blue Day. Thank you for our support with this.

The children in EYFS and KS1 are once again enjoying using the refurbished and repaired adventure playground.

Last week we held the Autumn Term Parent and Pupil Consultation Evenings. If you were unable to attend for any reason and would to speak to your child's class teacher please contact school to arrange a suitable time.

Thank you to everyone who returned the Pupil Information Sheets to the office. Mrs Bell and Mrs Ayre are busy updating contact information and pupil details. If you think you missed this sheet please ask at the office and they will be happy to supply you with a copy. If you change your contact details please let the office team know as soon as possible. It is very upsetting for your child if we cannot contact you if they are ill.

Sporting Achievement

Congratulations to our Y5&6 footballers who braved the rain last night. They won 3 and drew 1 of their matches and now go on to represent the garrison cluster after the holidays in the level 2 round.

Governor Vacancy

I am pleased to announce that the Parent Governor Vacancies have now been filled. 2 parents were

nominated. As we had two vacancies no ballot was needed. Your parent governors are Mrs Susanna Aitchison and Ms Kathryn Talbott. They will begin their roles after the next governors meeting.

Y5&6 Maths Evening 7th November

We would like to invite parents of Y5&6 pupils to a Maths meeting. Some parents have requested a workshop to help them to understand about the way we teach Maths in school, particularly around written calculation methods. If it is a success we may roll it out to other year groups. The session will be on Tuesday 7th November @3.30p and last approximately 30-40minutes.

Internet Safety with PCSO Corfield

PCSO Corfield has kindly offered to run a parents workshop on Wednesday 1st November at 2pm. He will look at keeping children safe on line. I am sure this will be a very informative session. Below are some links that you may find helpful around safe internet use.

Useful links

www.NSPCC.org.uk

www.childnet.com

www.safetynetkids.org.uk

Concerns and use of Social Media

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.

I must remind you that derogatory remarks about the school or staff should not be posted via social media. North Yorkshire County Council has guidelines around this and where necessary the school can seek legal advice and take action.

Dinner Money

Please help the office team by paying dinner money weekly.

Staffing

I sent a letter to all parents a couple of weeks ago however when speaking to some parents they were unaware that I would be leaving Carnagill at the end of the Autumn Term. My last day with the children will be on Friday 22nd December 2017.

The decision to leave Carnagill was a difficult one. I very much enjoy being here and I am fortunate to work within a fantastic local community, with wonderful pupils, supportive parents, dedicated staff and knowledgeable governors. After 28 years working within schools I have the opportunity to undertake a different career path and it is one I would like to explore.

The Governing Board have started the process of recruiting a replacement. They will keep you informed as the process evolves.

School uniform

Just a couple of reminders

School shoes should be black ~ not trainers.

Hair bows in school colours please if at all possible ~ white or blue.

Please avoid shaved patterns in hair ~ these should now have grown out after the summer break.

PE kits in school every day ~ black/dark blue shorts and plain white T-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. (NYCC Guidance)

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.

If you are changing the collection arrangements for your child and want a different adult to pick them up you must let us know.

Children from Y3 upwards are allowed to leave the school building and find their adult on the playground. We will remind children after the break that if they cannot see their adult they must come back into school.

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 cannot 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. Please note that requests made after the event are unlikely to be authorised.



Nativity & Christmas Celebration dates

Wednesday 13th December ~ 9.30

KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 13th December ~ 6.00

KS1 Nativity

Thursday 14th December ~ 9.30 KS2 Christmas Celebration

Thursday 14th December ~ 6.00 KS2 Christmas Celebration

Friday 15th December ~ 9.30 Foundation Stage FS1 and FS2 Nativity

Holiday Dates for this year ~up to July 2018

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

The dates are also on the website for next academic year September 2018 to July 2019.