

Carnagill Community Primary School October Newsletter

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We have been very busy since the start of term. Thank you for your support with the changes to the start of the day routines. The children are coming in to school on time in the morning and getting straight down to their morning jobs in their classrooms. Doors open at 8.50am and there are activities to support learning from the moment the children arrive into their classroom. Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring your children have been here on time in order to maximise their learning opportunities. If you need to speak to a member of staff you are welcome to speak to the adults on the door, they will pass messages as necessary on to the class teachers. If you need to speak to the class teacher, they will contact you either during the day when they are not class based or at the end of the day.

Emergency Contact Information

Please keep us up to date if any of your personal details change at all i.e. mobile phone numbers etc. please inform either Mrs Lennon or Mrs Bell in the office. This is vital information we require in case of emergencies.

Cycling to school



It is fantastic to see so many children cycling to school. Thank you for your support in encouraging the children to stack their bikes neatly and walking with them in the school grounds. **Please ensure your child wears a cycle helmet** and be thinking about **fluorescent stripes for the darker mornings and evening** ~ sorry to think about winter already!. Please remember the main drive is very steep and not suitable for scooters or bikes! I have reminded the children about these points in assembly.

The school website

Copies of letters will be available on the school's website www.carnagill.n-yorks.sch.uk. Please use this for information about the school's curriculum, newsletters and other information about the school, including holiday dates and up and coming events.

Meet your child's class teacher and consultation evenings

A number of you came to meet your child's class teacher at the beginning of the term. If you have still been unable to pop in and say hello please do so at the end of the day. **Letters are now out for consultation evenings** ~ they are in the final week of this half term. If you haven't received a letter please ask at the office for one.



Music Tuition

If anyone has a child who is interested in learning a musical instrument, the school office have leaflets available and costings about the service provided by North Yorkshire Music Hub.

PE Kit

A lot of the classes are looking really smart in PE. It is a very important part of the curriculum. Please ensure that your child brings their full PE kit into school on Monday morning. They need dark coloured shorts or jogging bottoms and a plain white T-shirt. The PE kit should stay in school for the whole week as we sometimes have to change the PE timetable on occasions.

School Uniform

Just a reminder our school uniform is black/grey trousers/skirts or blue and white checked dresses, navy sweatshirt/cardigan (available to order from our school website) and white shirt/polo shirt with black school shoes, no trainers. Children should not be wearing jewellery in school. **Only one pair of small stud earrings** should be worn and these must be removed for PE. A small wrist watch is also acceptable.

Universal Free Meals are applicable for all pupils in FS2 and Key Stage 1 (i.e. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2). If your child is in Y1 or Y2 and already gets their universal free school meal and you are in receipt of some benefits we still need you to complete some paperwork. Please speak to Mrs Lennon in confidence to make sure we have certain information. School can have additional funding which allows us to maintain our staffing levels.

Recent School Events



Roald Dahl Day

We have had a number of events in school. The children looked fantastic in their Roald Dahl costumes. Thank you if you visited the classrooms at the end of the day and took part in any of the activities.

Carlton Lodge

A number of Y5 and Y6 pupils went to Carlton Lodge last week and had an enjoyable time. I visited and went on the night walk with them. Thank you to the staff for taking them ~I think it was even past the staff's bedtime before all went to sleep on the first night!!! After the evening walk on the second night and hot chocolate, sleep was much sooner for all!

Key Stage 1

The children in Key Stage 1 had a very lively workshop for their topic based on *The Gruffalo* ~ it was good to see so much creative work.

We also had a visit from three *In Pensioners from the Royal Hospital Chelsea*. It was a privilege to host these gentlemen for a short visit. The children heard a little of their lives and the work of the hospital.

School Policies

Just a little reminder to all our families of a few of our school policies:

- We have a strictly **No Smoking** policy within the school grounds (including e-cigarettes).
- No animals are permitted inside the grounds. They must be kept outside the perimeter fence.
- If your child is off sick please inform Mrs Lennon or Mrs Bell as soon as possible for registration purposes either by phone or text. If your child is off for more than one day a covering letter is now required as to the reason for absence.
- Children should not be in the playground any earlier than **8.40am** as we are not insured to have them on the school premises unless they are attending Breakfast Club.

Diary Dates

4.10.16	Y5/6 Open evening at Risedale
7.10.16	Y6 Crucial Crew at RAF Leeming
14.10.16	Harvest Festival in school

19.10.16	Nursery Open Morning & Parent's Evening
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21.10.16	CLOSE for HALF TERM
31.10.16	SCHOOL RE OPENS
3.11.16	Rhymetime Challenge
4.11.16	Children's Voice Conference ~ 5 children will represent school
11.11.16	Military Kids Club Service at Ripon Cathedral 12 children to represent school
22.11.16	M&M theatre in school ~ Sleeping Beauty
29.11.16	Flu Vaccinations (letters will be sent regarding year groups)
9.12.19	School Christmas Dinner

Book the time off now...

Christmas Nativities

6.12.16	KS2 Nativity 2.30pm
7.12.16	KS1 Nativity 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Christmas Parties will be the following week

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



Catterick Garrison Bonfire

Please look out for the flyer about the Bonfire and Firework Display on Friday 4th November between 6pm and 9pm which is being held on the sports pitches by Plumer Road. This entry to this event is free.

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.

Thank you again for your support in the recent weeks.

Miss Young