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Newsletter

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I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter; it seems a very long time since I accepted the role to be the next head teacher at Carnagill Community Primary School. I am very grateful to Mrs Fitton, the staff and governors who have, in recent weeks, supported a smooth handover. Thank you also to all who came to the meet and greet, it was short notice but was an opportunity to say hello.

A very warm welcome to you all. We have a number of children who are new to our school. It has been very busy this week in school and I am very proud of our young people, they have had a fantastic start to the school year.

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 to maximise their learning opportunities.

We welcome to school Mrs Bradshaw who is teaching in Class 2/3. Please say "hello" to her. I know she has enjoyed her first few days at our school.

As you are aware there have been some changes this week and I would like to outline these for you:

As from Monday 12th September all Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5,& 6) children need to come into school on their own ~ sorry parents...the reasons being there has been an increase in numbers and we are struggling for space but more importantly we need to keep your children safe. In this increasingly changing world I and the staff need to know who is in the building at all times. Without trying to cause alarm, it would be all too easy for someone who has no connection to gain access at the start of the day claiming to be a relative. If you need to speak to a member of the office team you will need to walk around the building and use the front door. At the start of the day there will be a member of staff from your child's class near the door. If you have any concerns please speak to them. If you need a more in depth conversation please ask to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day. Parents of children in our Foundation Stage (Reception and Nursery) are welcome to come into school and support their children if they wish.

Cycling to school



It is great to see so many children cycling to school. Please ensure your child wears a cycle helmet. Also I have spoken to the children and would welcome your support in ensuring they do not cycle in the school grounds, this includes the use of scooters. Please be careful on the main drive as this is very steep for these items!

Meet your child's class teacher

On Monday 12th September you are welcome to come into your child's class at the end of the day to say hello to your child's class teacher. Unfortunately on this occasion we will be unable to have prams in the building.

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.

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.

PE Kit

PE is a very important part of the curriculum. Please ensure that your child brings their full PE kit into school on Monday morning. It should stay in school for the whole week as we sometimes have to change the PE timetable on occasions.

School Uniform

Our children looked really smart in school this week. 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)

Water Bottles

All new children have been provided with a water bottle. If your child has lost theirs a replacement can be bought at a cost of £1.50 from the school office.

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.

- Please remember to use the **path** or **zebra crossing** in our car park area at **all times**.
- Dinner, club or trip money can be paid directly to the class teacher via your child. It really helps Mrs Lennon and Mrs Bell if it is in an envelope marked with your child's name, class and what the money is for, on the front and saves the parent(s) queuing at the office on a Monday morning. ☺

Parking

I am aware in the past we have had complaints from local residents about parents parking in their private parking bays. I understand this is a very delicate subject, please park responsibly and not in private bays. Please consider parking in The White Rose Bowling Club car park and walk down to school. If you or your child has a disability please speak to myself or Mrs Lennon and we will make alternative arrangements for you. Thank you for your support.

Emergency Contact Information

If any of your personal details change at all i.e. mobile phone numbers etc. please inform Mrs Lennon in the office. This is vital information we require in case of emergencies.

Social Media

If you take photographs/videos of your child in any school setting/ performance you must not share them on social media sites if they contain pictures of children other than your own unless you have specific consent from each child's parents.

Footballs

Children are no longer able to bring their own footballs from home. School will provide footballs for break and dinner times.

2016/2017 Term Dates

We have attached a copy of this years term dates for your information. There are also on our website.

Y1 Audio Screening

This will take place on Monday 12th September 2016 and Tuesday 28th September 2016. If you would like to opt out of having your child screened, please ring 01423 557711 or email on hhc-tr.5-19admin@nhs.net

Diary Dates

12.9.16	Y5 Bikeability.
12.9.16	Y1 Audio Screening
12.9.16	Class 2/3BS swimming lessons start
13.9.16	Y6 Bikeability
13.9.16	Class 3/4A swimming lessons start
16.9.16	Roald Dahl Day
19.9.16	Y5 Bikeability
20.9.16	Y6 Bikeability
27.9.16	Y1 Audio Screening
7.10.16	Y6 Crucial Crew at RAF Leeming