



*The children break up for Easter next Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March - I can't believe that it's the end of the spring term already. The days are getting longer, there is light at the end of the day to enjoy and children don't have to walk to school in the dark. Summer will be upon us before we know it. I always seem to feel happier when the days are longer and the sun is shining.*

*I just wanted to thank you for all of the hard work that you do as parents in getting your children to school on time every day, making sure that their homework is done and coming to parent consultation meetings to take pride in your children's achievements.*

*I am sure you will also join with me in thanking **all** of the staff of Carr Hill (from the cleaners who keep the school shining and the site managers who look after the building to the dinner supervisors who make sure that your children have a good lunch, to the admin staff who deal with your concerns, as well as the teaching and non-teaching staff who ensure that your children receive the outstanding education that they deserve and the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher who provide the leadership that makes Carr Hill the school that it is) for the hard work and dedication they all have to making your child's time here at Carr Hill both enjoyable and successful.*

*Can I wish you a restful break over the next few weeks in preparation for the summer term which is always busy.*

*I look forward to seeing you some time during next term.*

***Pupils and staff return to school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April.***

Jeanne Pratt  
Chair of Governors

## Sports Events

This half term our children have taken part in the following events:

Netball - our Year 5/6 Team won their cluster tournament giving them automatic entry into the Gateshead Netball Final. They played at an exceptionally high level against teams from across Gateshead. Their co-operation and fair play on the court was exemplary.

Fencing - we entered 4 teams, from those who attend our Breakfast Club Fencing Sessions, into a Fencing Tournament. One of our teams won a silver medal. Well done Paige Sanderson, Jack Turner and Jamie Stringer.

Quick Sticks - our Year 3/4 children braved the cold to participate in a Quick Sticks competition. They all played exceptionally well, especially Jimmy Loan who demonstrated skill, precision and excellent teamwork throughout the event.

Judo - through our Gateshead School Sport Partnership we were given the opportunity to participate in some Judo taster sessions. All children from Reception to Year 6 took part in this exciting, alternative sport. Remember, children can access the Destination Judo sessions on Mondays at St Ninians Church Hall in Low Fell or at Gateshead Leisure Centre on a Wednesday. For more information call 01509 631671.

Early Years Dance City - our Reception and Nursery classes participated in this workshop which focused on basic fundamental movement skills. It involved using a range of visual resources to stimulate dance routines.

## Educational Visits

We have continued to enrich the school curriculum for our children, with a wide variety of extra curricula activities. The following visits have taken place this term:

- Years 1 & 2 visited Gibside to study outdoor learning. They are also going to Beamish Museum next week.
- Year 2 also visited the Planetarium at the Hancock Museum. They took a journey through time and space, linked to their literacy work in school.
- Years 5 & 6 visited Tesco's Bakery at Kingston Park and took part in a "From Farm to Fork" workshop where they learned about the journey food makes from its starting point to arriving in the supermarket.
- Years 3, 4 & 5 attended a session at the Fire & Rescue Service's Interactive Safety Centre where they took part in realistic and interactive scenarios, raising their awareness of fire, personal and travel safety.
- Year 6 attended the CBBC Premier of Wolfblood at the BALTIC Contemporary Arts Centre. The children exclusively watched the first two episodes of the 4<sup>th</sup> series before they were transmitted on television. The night included a red carpet walkway where Wolfblood stars and local celebrities from CBBC joined the screening. Afterwards there was a Q&A with the stars – this was all recorded for a special premiere event program that was transmitted just before the series went out on television.

## Gateshead Dance Festival

Our Year 3 children took part in the 'Gateshead Dance Festival' at 'The Sage, Gateshead' this week, along with other schools. The festival gives children the opportunity to showcase what they have learned in dance this year and also to watch other schools perform.

The theme this year was Musicals & Fairy Tales. Our children performed a routine around "Shrek" and have been working very hard on their dance routine for the past few weeks.

The children did Carr Hill proud, their performance was outstanding.



**ASDA** take great pride in getting involved with the community and supporting local charities, good causes and schools – and a big part of this is their **Chosen by you... Given by us .. green token scheme.**

The newly opened store on Crowhall Lane, Felling have chosen Carr Hill to be part of the green token vote until the end of April. Customers are given tokens at the check-out till that they can put in to a box of their choice at the front of the store, one which will be for Carr Hill.

At the end of the month the tokens are counted up and the winning charity, cause or school receives a cheque for £200. The two runners up also receive a cheque for £50 each.

So please, if you can, take a trip to Asda and help us to be the winners for April. We will put the money that we win towards ICT/Outdoor Play Equipment.

## Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

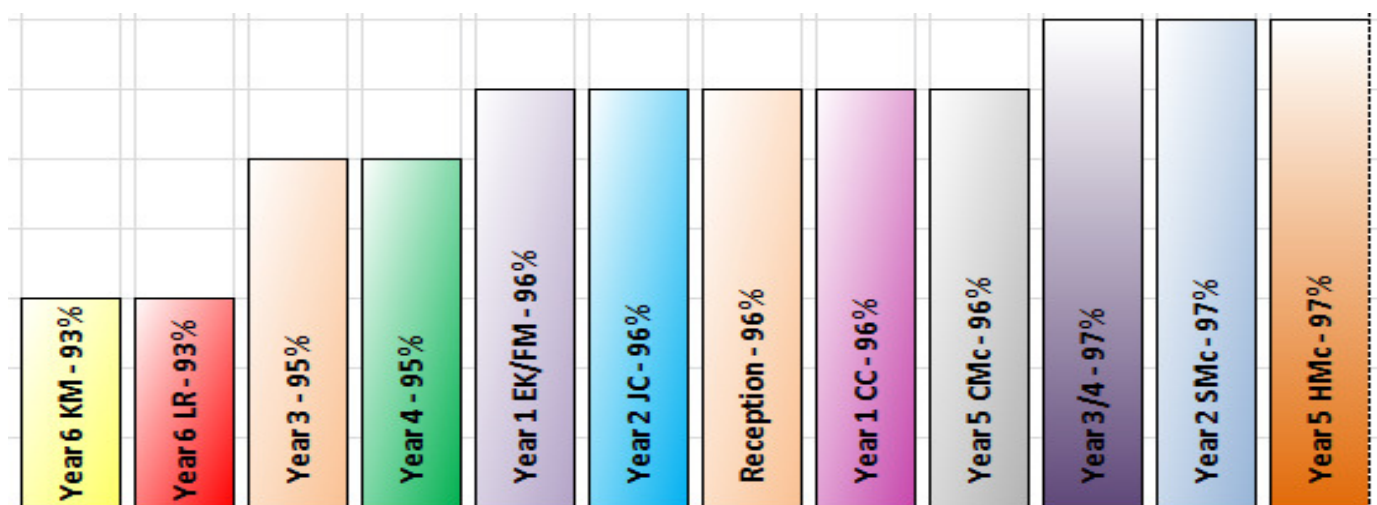
Breakfast Club will continue to run as normal next week. It will restart, straight after the Easter break, on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

After School Clubs are finished now for this term. They will restart the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> April. Letters will be sent out during the first week back asking which clubs your child would like to take part in. If a place is offered you will receive a further letter confirming your child's place and requesting your termly payment of £10 which must be paid before the clubs start.

## Attendance – Spring Term 2016

The whole school percentage attendance for this term (4<sup>th</sup> January - 18<sup>th</sup> February) is 96%. Here is the attendance data, class by class. Congratulations to Mrs McClean's class who have the highest attendance this term and also this school year with 97% since September.

Our whole school attendance so far this school year is 96.2% and we have 59 pupils who still have 100% attendance.



## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015/2016

### Summer Term

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Bank holiday: 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Staff Training Day: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Half term: 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Occasional Day: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Staff Training Day: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July