



End of Academic Year 2015/16 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

On Tuesday next week, 19th July, the school year comes to an end for pupils and they break up for their summer holidays.

For those who are staying with us, but moving into a new class with a new teacher and the new challenges that every year brings, we hope you have a great summer and come back in September ready to enjoy the year ahead.

For those Year 6's who are leaving us, we wish you all the best as you embark on your new life at your chosen secondary school/academy.

I'd like to thank everyone who makes Carr Hill the wonderful school that it is - the teachers and teaching assistants who provide your children with amazing learning opportunities; the dinner staff who provide lovely food and look after your children at lunchtime; the site Managers who make sure the school is safe; the admin staff who are there to answer your many questions with a smile. Let us not forget the school governors who give their time and expertise voluntarily and finally our Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher who provide the leadership to make us the school that we are. I am sure you would join me in thanking each and every one of them for all they do for your children every day.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you when the new school year begins on Monday 5th September 2016.

Jeanne Pratt, Chair of Governors



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.**

As you know from our Spring Newsletter, the new store on Crowhall Lane, Felling chose Carr Hill to be part of their green token vote.

The time period for customers to vote for who they wanted Asda to support was extended and a couple of weeks ago, Asda came in to school and handed us a cheque for £500 as Carr Hill had won the vote.

Thank you to everyone who visited Asda and who used their green token to vote for Carr Hill. This is a fantastic donation to our School Fund which will help towards the cost of the Early Years Outdoor Play Equipment and additional ICT Resources.

Mrs Cox

Jenny Cox who has been our Pupil Premium Leader for the last 4 years, and our Year 2 Class Teacher this past year, is leaving us to start a new post in a school in Newcastle. Jenny's contribution, knowledge, systems and training to support intervention have been invaluable and she has handed over this role to Amanda Thompson who will lead with the same passion and skills. Jenny will be a huge miss but we wish her well in her new job.

e-Safety

As a school, we take e-Safety seriously and encourage a partnership approach with parents to ensure their children are safe when online at home.

February 9th 2016 was the UK's Safer Internet Day and some of you attended the Online Safety Information Evening that we hosted in Carr Hill, providing practical advice and safety tips to help manage online safety issues and discussions surrounding suitable behaviour online. This information evening will take place in Carr Hill annually.

The School e-Safety Policy will be available on our school website by the end of next week, please try and have a look at it (www.carrhillprimary.org).

In September, when we send out your child's emergency contact information for you to check, we will also send you the ICT Acceptable Use Agreement for you to discuss with your child and sign to confirm yours and your child's agreement.

The following are just a few of the sites which will give you help and advice regarding e-Safety:

- UK Safer Internet Centre (www.saferinternet.org.uk)
- Think U Know website (www.thinkuknow.co.uk)
- Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (www.ceop.police.uk)
- Kidsmart (www.kidsmart.org.uk)

Reporting to Parents on their Child's Academic Attainment

Schools have a statutory duty to inform parents of the attainment and progress their child has made during a school year.

In Carr Hill we hold regular parent consultation meetings to keep you up to date with your child's progress. At the end of the school year we produce your child's Progress Report which informs you of their attendance, late arrival in to school and comments about their progress this year.

Your child will have brought their report home in an envelope today (Thursday).

Breakfast Club / After School Clubs

Breakfast Club – this will continue until the end of term then will restart in the new school year on Wednesday 7th September.

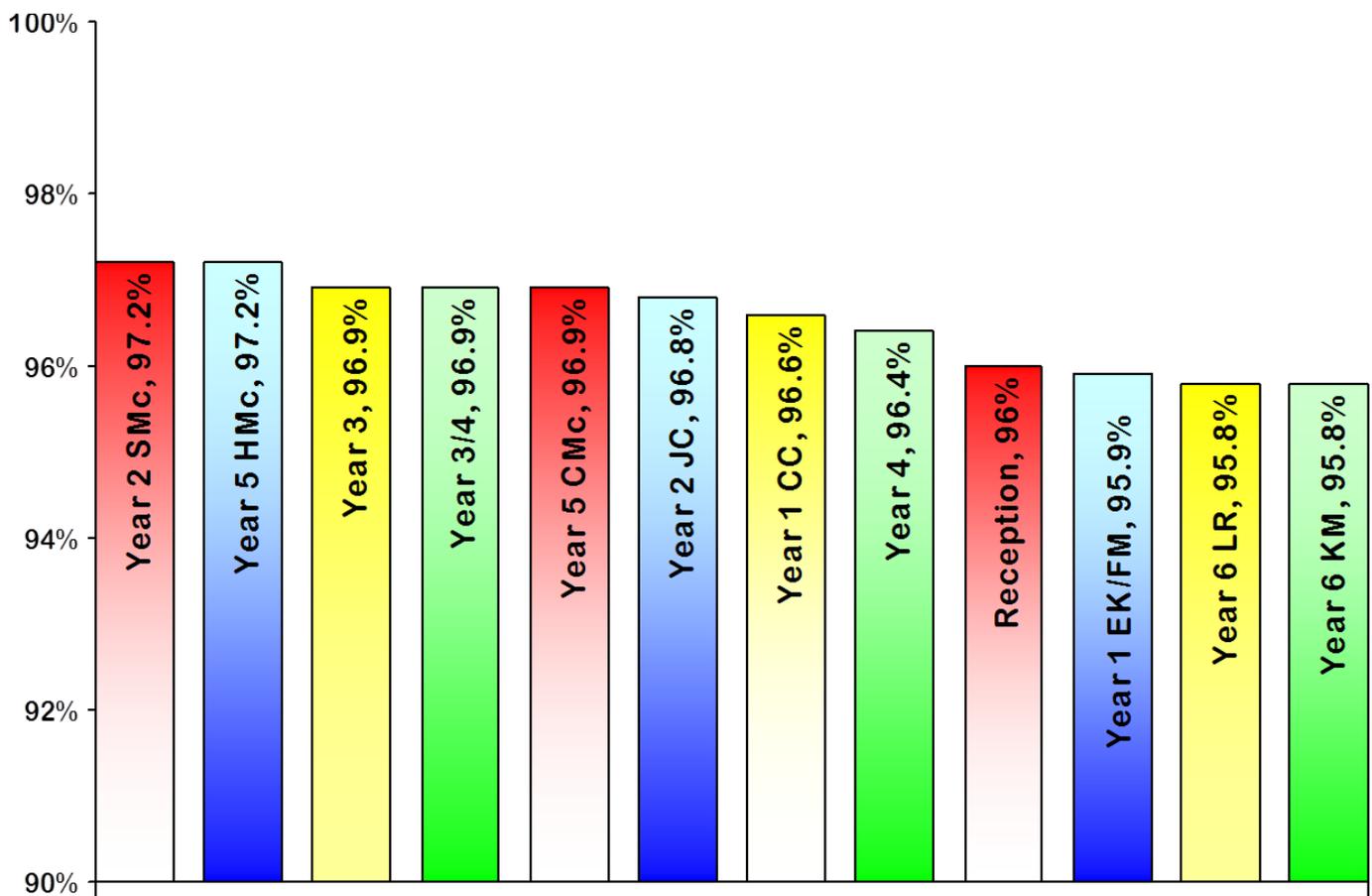
After School Clubs - children will receive letters during the first week back, asking which after school clubs they would like to take part in. If they are offered a place, they will receive a letter of confirmation which must be signed and returned to school with their £10 termly payment. Children cannot start attending any club until their £10 has been paid. The money collected contributes, for example, towards the costs of employing outside coaching staff who run some of our clubs. The After School Clubs will start week commencing 19th September 2016.

Attendance for the School Year 2015/16 (up to 12th July 2016)

Our whole school attendance this year is 96.5%

Well done to Mr McGreevy and Mrs McClean's classes for achieving the highest percentage this school year at a fantastic 97.2%

We have 5 pupils with THREE years without an absence and 3 pupils who have FOUR years without an absence. All of these pupils will receive an attendance award this Thursday (unless they are absent before then)!



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016/2017

Term	Start of Term for Pupils	Last Day of Term for Pupils	Dates that School is Closed to Pupils
Autumn	Mon 5 th September	Fri 16 th December 2016	Mon 24 th until Fri 28 th October 2016 – half term
Spring	Thursday 5 th January	Fri 7 th April 2017	Tues 3 rd and Wed 4 th January 2017 – staff training day Mon 20 th until Fri 24 th February 2017 – half term
Summer	Mon 24 th April	Fri 21 st July 2017	Mon 1 st May 2017 – bank holiday Mon 29 th May until Fri 2 nd June 2017 – half term Mon 19 th June 2017 – occasional day