

I can't believe that we are coming to the end of another term, the school year is almost two thirds over. The days are getting longer, the sunshine is getting increasingly stronger and throughout school there is the buzz that only spring time can bring.

We have recently received a letter from the Minister of State for Schools Standards, the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, congratulating our school on the level of progress our pupils (your children) are making. Our school is among the top 3% of schools in England in terms of the progress your children are making in Reading, Writing and Maths.

However, at Carr Hill we provide just that little bit more for your children. This past term has seen a number of activities including trips to Whithaugh Park and World Book Day for children to take part in, on top of the outstanding education that your child receives on a daily basis.

I am sure you'd want to join me in thanking our staff for all of the time and effort they put in to provide such an excellent and well-rounded education for your children.

I hope you have a good Easter break, that you have an abundance of sunshine and chocolate, but also that you have time to spend with your children. They only stay young for a short period of time and these holidays are precious times to be enjoyed.

Jeanne Pratt, Chair of Governors

PLEASE REMEMBER

- Year 6 pupils take their Key Stage 2 SATs week commencing 9th May 2016
- Years 3, 4 and 5 have their optional SATs during w/c 16th May 2016
- Year 2 pupils have ongoing Key Stage 1 assessments throughout May and June 2016

As there is no authorised absence for holidays taken in term time we would expect all of our children to attend school during these weeks unless they are genuinely ill and can't come to school.

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Thank you to those of you who have started to use our online payments facility for school meals and uniforms – this saves a lot of admin time and I'm sure helps you by not having to come in to school to make payments.

If it proves successful, we will add the option to pay for the Year 4, 5 and 6 residential visits next year.

If you're not sure how to set up your account, or just need a bit of guidance, please let the school office know and we will gladly help you.

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:

- Reception children had a visit from the Fire Brigade. They saw what the Fireperson's uniform looked like, how the infrared camera worked and how to use the water hose. The children also visited the cinema to watch "Moana" as part of their Disney Topic.
- Years 1 and 2 visited an Italian Restaurant as part of their topic on "Yummy Europe". They also studied "Life Cycles" as part of their outdoor learning experiences at West Boldon Lodge.
- Years 3 and 4 visited The Hancock Museum as part of their learning of "The Anglo Saxons".
- Years 5 and 6 visited The Centre for Life and took part in an astronaut workshop as part of their "Journey through Space" topic.
- Year 6 took part in "The Gateshead Sing-Up" festival. They performed a musical set inside the Sage before visiting the Baltic Art Gallery where they participated in a creative arts project entitled "Bridges" and had a guided tour of the gallery.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting the Active Kids vouchers again as this allows us to get more sports equipment for our children to use during lessons/after school clubs. If you or anyone you know shops at Sainsbury's, please collect your vouchers and bring them in to school.



Gateshead Dance Festival

Our Year 2 children are taking 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 is The 80's. Our children will be performing a "Ghostbusters" dance routine and have been working very hard on this over the past few weeks.

I know the children will do Carr Hill proud with an outstanding performance.



Sports Events

Our Girls United Football teams have completed the first round of a tournament and came 3rd and 4th in the league. The second round continues next term.

All of our pupils from Reception to Year 6 will take part in "Go Run for Fun" on 26th May which has been organised by the School Sport Partnership. Backed by Lord Sebastian Coe, this mass participation running campaign, for children, aims to encourage kids to get off the couch, give the TV a rest, get active and have fun, regardless of ability.



Thank you for your donations to Red Nose Day. We raised a total of £910 which included £320 for the purchase of the red noses.

As you're no doubt aware, our School Councillors decided that a "staff gunking competition" would be a good idea - I'm sure this is why so much was raised!

Mr Harris, Mr Fowler and Mr Bewick were the unlucky staff to win the competition.

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

Breakfast Club will run as normal this week and will restart after the Easter break, on **Monday 24th April**.

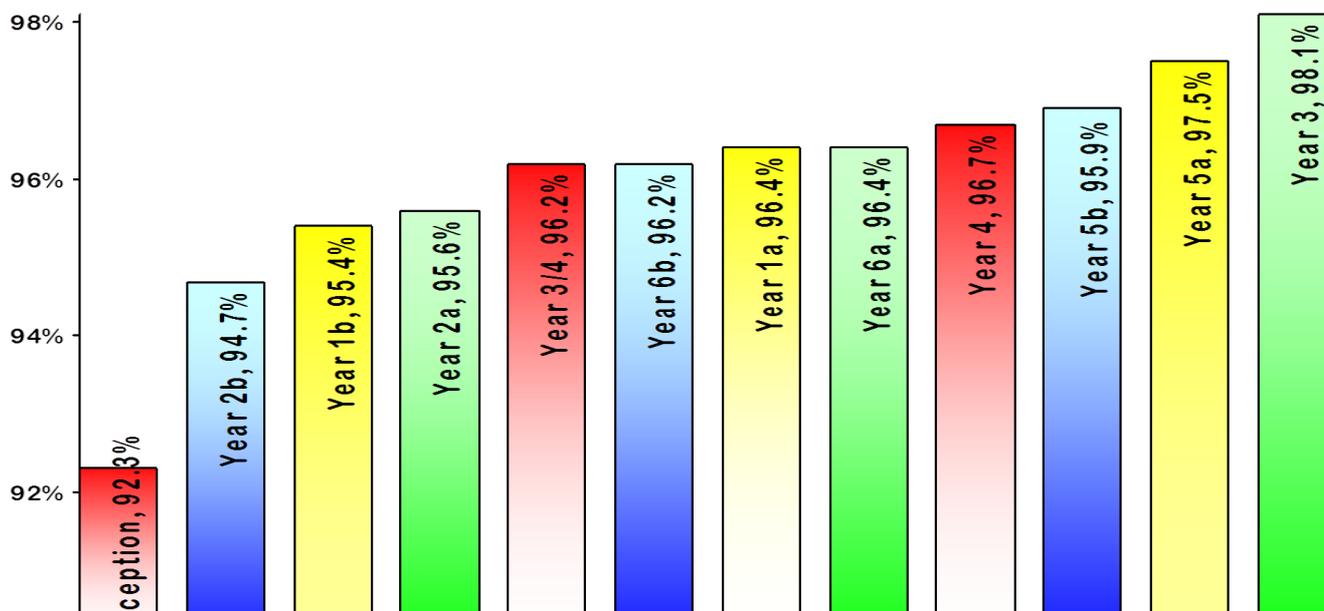
After School Clubs are finished for this term and will restart week beginning 1st May. If a place is offered to your child, you will receive a letter the first week back confirming this and requesting your termly payment of £10 which must be paid before the clubs start.

Don't forget to check out our website regularly at www.carrhillprimary.org to get important information about the school and to see what our children are doing.

Attendance – Spring Term 2017

The whole school percentage attendance for this term is 95.8%. Here is the attendance data, class by class. Congratulations to Mr McGreevy's Year 3 class who have the highest attendance this term.

Our whole school attendance so far this school year is 96.3% and we have 50 pupils who still have 100% attendance.



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016/2017

Term	Start of Term for Pupils	Last Day of Term for Pupils	Dates that School is Closed to Pupils
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 (school closed)