

Welcome back, and to our 2017/18 new school year. Our whole school attendance on the first day back was a fabulous 99.8%. Can you imagine if we were able to keep that up?!

We also welcome back Mr Kidd to his full time post as Headteacher of Carr Hill. His work leading the school federation with White Mere Primary is now complete and he is now able to focus entirely on Carr Hill. Mr Harris has been an absolute star in Mr Kidd's 'absence' and they are both raring to go, working together leading our wonderful school.

We have two new teachers with us this year - Mr Mark Lewis is teaching one of our Year 1 classes and Mrs Kate Henderson is teaching Year 3.

Mrs Barbara Donkin, one of our Teaching Assistants has taken early retirement and she left Carr Hill at the end of the Summer holidays. Barbara has been a loyal employee of our school for nearly twenty years and has battled through ill health to make sure she gave the best to our children. We wish her well in her early retirement.

Mrs Marie Ellis, our Admin Assistant, left us in June to return to working at the Civic Centre. Miss Wendy Robson has taken over the role in the school office and already we are seeing her fitting in to the office routines extremely well.

Danny Munro, our Site Manager retires in October. He has been a fantastic 'caretaker' and we don't know what we are going to do without him, he is a friend to us all. Danny is being replaced by Mr Paul Grant, a former Site Manager at Colegate Primary. We know Paul will be just as 'handy' as Danny and we will become dependent on him in so many ways!

Holidays Taken in Term Time

You will all appreciate by now that Mr Kidd no longer has the authority to grant holiday in term time except in the most exceptional of circumstances. The advice and guidance all Headteachers have to abide by significantly restricts you from taking your child out of school during term time.

Last year our school saw a 5% increase in holidays taken in term time and the vast majority of these were marked as 'unauthorised'.

In some cases, where there are already concerns regarding a child's attendance and their attainment is below what is expected, not only is the holiday request denied but governors will make an application to apply a 'fixed term penalty notice' of £60 per child per each week absent from school.

Important Dates to Remember

Please remember that:-

- Year 6 pupils will take their Key Stage 2 SATs next year during week commencing 14th May 2018;
- Years 3, 4 and 5 will have their optional SATs during w/c 21st May 2018, and
- Year 2 pupils have ongoing Key Stage 1 assessments throughout May and June 2018.

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 to complete these national assessments.



New £1 Coins



The old "round pound" will stop being legal tender on October 15th. Therefore, after Thursday 12th October we will not accept the old round £1 coins. This gives us time to bank them on the Friday, before they cease to be legal tender.

Children's Savings Account

Don't forget that your child can open a Savings Account with the school, run by our Admin Staff in the school office. Children can pay money in to their account any day of the week. This really is a good way of saving up for our residential visits or other types of expenditure. We will contribute £1.00 towards every new account opened and add £5.00 to the first £100 saved.



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.

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.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2017/2018

Term	Start of Term for Pupils	School Closed to Pupils	Last Day of Term for Pupils
Autumn	Tuesday 5 th September 2017	Mon 4 th September – staff training day Mon 23 rd until Fri 27 th October 2017 – half term Friday 22 nd December – staff training day	Thursday 21 st December 2017
Spring	Monday 8 th January	Mon 12 th until Fri 16 th February 2018 – half term	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Summer	Monday 16 th April	Mon 7 th May 2018 – bank holiday Mon 28 th May until Fri 1 st June 2018 – half term Mon 25 th June 2018 – occasional day	Friday 20 th July 2018

Carr Hill Community Primary School Privacy Notice - Data Protection Act 1998

We, Carr Hill Community Primary School, are a data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect personal information from you and may receive information about your child from their previous school and the Learning Records Service. We hold this personal data to:

- Support their learning;
- Monitor and report on their progress;
- Provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- Assess how well your child is doing.

Information that we hold includes your contact details, your child's national curriculum assessment results, attendance information and personal characteristics such as ethnic group, any special educational needs they may have and relevant medical information.

We will not give information about you to anyone without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to.

We are required by law to pass some information about you to our Local Authority (LA) and the Department for Education.

If you want to receive a copy of the information about you that we hold or share, please contact Marie Coates, our School Business Manager.

A parent/guardian can ask that that **only** their child's name, address and date of birth be passed to Gateshead Local Authority by informing our school office. This right is transferred to the child once he/she reaches the age 16. For more information about services for young people, please go to our local authority website at

<http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/Education%20and%20Learning/Schools/plans/dataprotection.aspx>.

If you cannot access these websites, please contact the Local Authority or Department for Education as follows:

- Matt Waddington, Principal MIS Officer, Gateshead Council
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Telephone: 0191 433 2751
- Public Communications Unit, Department for Education
Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT
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Email: <http://www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus>
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