

Caring Community

As you know the governors have launched the new vision statement for our schools. This has been written with everyone's help and has taken all ideas and views into account.

Our new strapline is... *nurturing a caring community in which every child learns well*. We will be using this on our letters and leaflets from now on.

It is really important to us to have a caring community in which we all help each other, so we have been thinking about this in our school assemblies this week. We have heard about the life of Mahatma Ghandi and thought about not just his huge achievements through non-violent protest, but his small acts of kindness that are an example to everyone. In our awards assemblies we will be giving certificates to the *Kind Friend of the Week* (at Holt House) and for the *Kind Act of the Week* (at Carterknowle). It is the little things that count, such as helping someone to find something they have lost or saying a kind word of encouragement, that makes a school a happy place for all. These are the things that we want to celebrate and encourage.

Sport Relief

We had a fantastic time raising money for Sport Relief. At Holt House the children, with many of their grown ups, all completed the mile – with some help from 5NH. At Carterknowle there was lots of very enthusiastic participation in the sponsored run. We raised £869.29 from the Holt House sponsored mile and £658.71 from the Carterknowle sponsored run, making the **great total of £1528** raised by our schools. Well done to everyone and thank you for your support.



Carterknowle Review

Two officers from the local authority will be visiting Carterknowle on Wednesday 2 May to assess the progress it has made since its Ofsted Inspection in June 2017. They will be available on the yard at the beginning and end of the school day to talk to Carterknowle parents.

Parent Partnership

Thank you to everyone who filled in and returned our questionnaires before Easter. These responses have been collated, are being sent out and are also available on the websites. We are delighted that the overwhelming majority of responses are so positive. If there is anything that you are concerned about, please approach your child's teacher or a member of the senior leadership team.

Staff News

Welcome to Miss Cargill, new teacher for 3MB, on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays.

Competition Winners

Easter Hat Competition

Pre-School: Idrees & Isa
Honey bees: Amina
Butterflies: Jack
Penguins: Niall
Tigers: Eliza
Bears: Jack
Puffins: Mariya



Decorated Egg Competition

3MB: Lila Grace
3AT: Subhann
4HW: Hana
4TC: Pascoe
5CW: Nasser
5NH: Freya
6LA: Indira
6HD: Hasan



Well done to everyone – there were some fantastic entries and the judging was very difficult.

Other Dates

- School is OPEN on Thursday 3 May
- May Bank Holiday: Monday 7 May
- Y6 SATs week: Mon 14 - Thurs 17 June
- School CLOSED for training on 25 May and 15 June
- Half Term Holiday: Mon 28 May to Fri 1 June
- Summer Holiday Club: Mon 23 – Fri 27 July at Holt House (booking forms available soon from the school office)

Other dates and events are on the websites' calendar pages.

with best wishes – Mrs Haynes