

Welcome to the new school year

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the long summer break. A warm welcome also, to our new families - we are looking forward to working with you. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and investment in getting your children ready and equipped for the start of term. They all look very smart. Both schools have been sorting out a large amount of lost property left from last term – so please remember to name everything!

What's Happening?

We have a busy and exciting year ahead. All our planned school events will be sent out to you shortly. This half term we will be celebrating the harvest, having a creative time in Art Week and showing racism the red card on 19 October on Wear it **Red** day.

You can find out what is happening from the newsletters, the notice boards, the school websites and the emails and texts that are sent out.

Our Vision

In consultation with you last year, the governors have agreed the vision for our two schools: *nurturing a caring community in which every child learns well*. Mrs Reilly and Miss Clark have been working with the staff in both schools to re-design the curriculum so that this vision is at its heart. You will receive a newsletter from your child's teacher telling you all about this half term's exciting project. The main drivers for all the learning are citizenship and aspiration, which both underpin the vision. Amazing work in class has already started.

Parent Partnership

Parents and carers are the most important people in their children's early lives. Children learn about the world and their place in it through their conversations, play activities, and routines with parents and families. Parents can also support children's learning both at home and in out-of-home settings. By working together parents and school can enhance children's learning and development. Your child's teacher will be happy to talk to you about your child's learning and development and to work with you to meet your child's needs. Our first parents meetings are in October (at Holt House) and in

November (at Carterknowle). If you would like to talk to your child's teacher before then you can catch them after school for a short chat, or to make an appointment for a longer meeting.

Keeping Children Safe

New statutory guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' came into force on 3 Sept. Schools now need to make sure that they have at least two emergency contacts for each child. We will be sending out our basic details form over the next few days, which we would be grateful if you would fill in and return so that we have all the correct details for your child, including all the right consents.



Harvest

We are celebrating Harvest at both schools on Monday 8 October. The children will be thinking about the story of 'The feeding of the five thousand' and bringing in food (tins and packets) for Grace food bank at Lowedges.

Wear Red Day

Dress up in red on Friday 19th October for Show Racism the Red Card's WEAR RED DAY. Wear Red Day is a national day of action which encourages schools, businesses & individuals to wear red and donate £1 to help facilitate the delivery of anti-racism education for young people & adults throughout England, Scotland & Wales. We would like to support this day in our diverse school community.



Art Week 22-26 October

We all love art and we have many talented artists both in school and amongst our parents and carers. Art week will be a lovely week when we will all learn something about art and artists, but also have fun being creative. A letter from our art leaders will come out nearer the time.

Half Term Holiday

Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November

Have a great half term!

with best wishes – Mrs Haynes