

Wishing you a happy new year

Concerts

We enjoyed some fabulous Christmas concerts last term. Congratulations to our raffle winners and thank you to the office staff and PTA for organising the refreshments and making beautiful hampers for the raffle prizes.

Events

This term's calendar of events has been sent out and is available on our school website. F2 will be inviting parents and carers to join a 'Stay and Play' session this half term. Y1 and Y2 parents will be invited to attend a phonics session. Y1 will be week beginning 29th January and Y2 week beginning 5th February. The sessions will run 9:00-9:30. We will be offering reading workshops for parents in both schools. Parents/carers meetings with class teachers are scheduled for March.

Free lunchtime and after school activities

Every child in school has several opportunities each term to attend a free lunchtime activity. At Carterknowle these are on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays and at Holt House on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays. This is run by outside agencies and is fully funded by our sports premium. Please encourage your child to take up these opportunities.

School Calendar 2024-25

The term dates for 2024-25 accompany this newsletter. They have been added to the google calendar. If you use google calendar you can add the school calendar to your own, by clicking on the + sign in the bottom right hand corner of the calendar window.

Weekly Themes & Music of the Month

Our theme for this half term is 'causing a change'. We will be considering what changes people have created and what we can do to also help make the world a better place.

Our music of January is 'Let it Be' by the Beatles and for February is 'My Favourite Things' from the musical 'The Sound of Music' written by Rogers and Hammerstein

Week 1 w/b 8 Jan:

We will be looking at inspirational young people who have helped to make changes in the world. These including Malala Yousafzai, Marcus Rashford and Kelvin Doe.

Week 2 w/b 15 Jan:

Martin Luther King Day is 15 January. We will be hearing the story of the Alabama Bus Boycott and thinking about how these actions helped to create a change in people's attitudes about how people are treated. We will learn about the British Values of Mutual Respect and Tolerance.

Week 3 w/b 22 Jan:

We will be learning about the British Values of the Rule of Law and Democracy. We will learn about the suffragette movement and the change in the law for women about voting.

Week 4 w/b 29 Jan:

We will be learning about the British Value of Individual Liberty. We will learn about the work of Amnesty International and the work of Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We will learn about what changes this has brought about and how this work is still being used today. We will also be celebrating National Story Telling Week and learning about different story tellers.

Week 5 w/b 5 Feb:

This is Children's Mental Health week. The theme is 'Our Voice Matters' and we will be looking at ways we can help create little changes to make everyone feel better.

Holiday Dates

Monday 12 - Friday 16 February: Schools CLOSED for the half term holiday.

with best wishes - Mrs Reilly & Mrs Atherton