

## Springtime!

How wonderful it has been to welcome the spring weather! We have a packed half term planned with lots of exciting and interesting things, including many trips and Y3 and Y4 residentials. Read on to find out about what is happening in our two schools!



## WORLD BOOK DAY

**Thursday 7 March** is World Book Day. We would like the children to bring a book they have enjoyed reading to school and to dress up as a book character if they wish. Paired reading is happening at Holt House with Y2 reading with F2 and Y5 visiting Y1. Children at Carterknowle have already brought home some extra activities which they are doing. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone's ideas and to having a great day.

## Science Week 11-15 March

In our science week we will be learning about the science of water and some of the great discoveries that scientists have made. We will also be learning about the importance of clean water and safe sanitation for good health. At the end of science week is **Red Nose Day (15 March)**. On Red Nose Day we will be raising money for two charities: Comic Relief and Toilet Twinning - as 2.3 billion people don't have somewhere safe to go to the toilet. The children can pay £1 to wear something funny or red to school and will also be taking part in a sponsored event which the school councils are organising and will be telling you about. You will be able to come and see the work that the children have done - look out for a letter about this.



## STARS Parent and Governor Group

The STARS (Sustainable Travel And Road Safety) group met for the first time on 15 February. We had a very productive meeting and came up with lots of good ideas which should help to improve air quality. A separate newsletter will be sent out about this, but in the meantime everyone is encouraged to save fuel and keep our air clean by turning off their engines in the anti-idling area. The next meeting is **9am on 29 March** at Holt House. Please join us.

## Easter Activities



Our Easter Activities will all be happening in the week 15-18 April. We would like everyone at Holt House to make a hat for the Easter Hat Competition and everyone at Carterknowle to decorate an egg for the Decorated Egg Competition. Anyone who needs help will be supported at school to make a hat, or decorate an egg. There will be prizes for every class and pre-school. It can be any design you like, so long as it's to do with Easter or Springtime. Animals, flowers, leaves, butterflies, spring colours etc would all be great. Hats or eggs need to be in school by Wednesday 17 April.

You will be able to see the eggs in the hall at **Carterknowle on Wednesday 17 April at 3.30pm**. and the hats in the **Easter Hat Parade at Holt House on Thursday 18 April at 9am**.

## Staff News

Welcome to Mrs Patrick who is working in the Carterknowle office and is already getting to know everyone and Mr Hogan, our student teacher in Y4.

## Dates

Spring Holiday: Monday 1 – Friday 12 April.  
**Schools OPEN: Monday 15 – Thursday 18 April**  
Easter Bank Holiday Weekend: Friday 19 – Monday 22 April.

*with best wishes - Mrs Haynes*