

Look at the Green Wall!



We are all so excited about the new green wall at Carterknowle (seen here under construction) – it has transformed the Y3/4 playground. Thank you to the PTA, the STARS group, Mrs Tyrrell and Mr Buchan for making it happen. The Carterknowle playgrounds are also safer and more attractive places to be as a result of the recent laying of the astro turf. If you haven't seen the results, please come and have a look at drop off or pick up times. In this time of financial pressure

this development has been funded by PTA, sports premium and sugar tax money. Sugar tax money is funding a new piece of play equipment at Holt House to replace the spinning cup which had become unsafe. A 'Walk and Stretch' is being installed on 2 May.



New for Holt House

Parent Partnership

Thank you to everyone who filled in and returned our questionnaires before Easter. These responses have been collated and sent out; they 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. The parent and governor STARS group has met and there will be a letter about the work of this group and its plans soon.

Sports News

Congratulations to Megan and Summer in Y6 and the rest of the cross country team who have represented the school brilliantly this season. Well done also to Ali in Y5 who has won a national Muay Thai Boxing competition for his age group.

Fundraising Success

We had a great time in science week learning about the science of water and also raising money on Red Nose Day for two charities: Comic Relief and Toilet Twinning - as 2.3 billion people don't have somewhere safe to go to the toilet. We were overwhelmed by the response at both schools and very proud of all the children for the effort they put into raising money for these good causes. The children participated in their sponsored events without flagging and their determination was inspiring. At Holt House £153.01 was raised for Comic Relief and £622.04 for Toilet Twinning. At Carterknowle £162.63 was raised for Comic Relief and £925.74 for Toilet Twinning. This is enough to twin 10 toilets at Holt House and 16 at Carterknowle which is a huge achievement. THANK YOU for your help and support.



Staff News

Now Mrs Reilly has fully returned from her maternity leave, she is taking on her role of SENCO at Holt House again. We are very grateful to Miss Bannister for her hard work and are glad that she will still be at Holt House half a day a week, supporting safeguarding.

Competition Winners

Easter Hat

Pre-School: Mujtaba
Honey bees: Nina
Butterflies: Eesa
Penguins: Halima
Tigers: Cassius
Bears: Aqeel
Pandas: Isabelle



Decorated Egg

3NH: Fariel
3AT: Leila
4HW: Eman
4TC: Thomas
5CW: Zara
5LB: Milo
6LA: Toby
6HD: Khadijah



Well done to everyone – all the entries looked amazing.

Other Dates

- Schools OPEN on Thursday 2 May
 - May Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May
 - Y6 SATs week: Mon 13 - Thurs 16 May
 - Half Term Holiday: Mon 27 May to Fri 31 May
 - Schools CLOSED for training on Wednesday 5 June
- Other dates and events are on the websites' calendar pages.

with best wishes – Mrs Haynes