



Newsletter

June & July 2017

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Trips and Visits

The children have enjoyed some brilliant residential experiences this term Y3 went to Whirlow Farm overnight; Y4 ventured out to Ilam Hall; Y5 rose to the challenge of Thornbridge and Y6s experienced the joys of camping at Caythorpe. It was great to see so many children taking up the opportunity to have a residential experience and for those that didn't stay overnight in Y3, 4 & 5 to be able to join their friends on site. Y6s who didn't camp enjoyed their activity week very much, especially abseiling at Burbage. Thank you to all the parent/carer helpers who have supported our trips all year and made them possible. Your hard work is much appreciated.

New Class Practice Days

Thursday 29 June and Friday 30 June are our 'moving up days' when everyone gets a chance to try out their new class for September. After lunch on 29 June the children will line up in their new classes and be collected from the yard by their new teacher (Y2s will be brought to Carterknowle). The children will spend the afternoon with their new teacher, who will bring them out at hometime (Y2s will be collected from Carterknowle). On Friday 30 June children should line up in their new class' space on the playground (Y6s will be told where to line up). After lunch on Friday 30 June everyone will go back to their old classes and Y2s will be brought back to Holt House. You will be told which class your child will be in on Friday 23 June.

Eid Celebration



We are looking forward to celebrating Eid on **Friday 30 June** in the afternoon. Children can get changed into Eid/party clothes after lunch, so will need to bring these to school in a

bag and leave it on their peg. The children will have food tasting and other activities and will be finding out about the festival. Then at **2.45pm** Y5 parents/carers are invited into school to watch their children perform in the Y5 Eid Assembly.

Summer Fair

Everyone is invited to the joint Holt House and Carterknowle Summer Fair 2.30-5.30pm Friday 7 July at Holt House Infant School. A letter about this will come out nearer the time with all the details. Come along and join in the fun!

Staff News

Those of you with children at Holt House too will have seen Miss Clark there lately as she gets to know the school, before Mrs Reilly hands over to her as she goes on maternity leave in July. Miss Clark and I will then be working across both schools. Congratulations to Mrs Laybourn who is expecting a baby at Christmas time.



She is feeling a bit poorly at the moment; we send her our best wishes and hope to see her soon.

End of Year Assessments

Well done to the Y6 children who have nearly completed all the assessments that we are required to give them. They have worked very hard, showed great attitudes in SATs week and we are proud of them. Reaching the expected standard for reading, writing and maths at the end of KS2 is a significant achievement, as it isn't an easy thing to do. You will find out the results of your child's assessments in early July.

Change to Staff Training Days 2017 - 18

To maintain the security of the Carterknowle school site when Carterknowle Studio is used as a polling station, it is better to close the school. **22 December 2017** is now no longer a school closure day and children are required to attend. This training day will now be taken on polling day 2018 for both Holt House and Carterknowle.

Other Dates

Wednesday 5 July: Sports morning & picnic

Thursday 6 July: annual reports are sent home

Friday 7 July: Summer Fair at Holt House 2.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 12 July 3pm – 5pm: Celebration of work drop-in 3.00pm and 5pm (*Teachers will be staying in the classroom, so parents who collect their child will need to come in. Children in clubs will go to them as usual.*)

Wednesday 19 July 7pm: Year 6 leavers present *The Wind in the Willows* for their parents and carers.

Thursday 20 July (afternoon): Year 6 leavers' party

Friday 21 July: Term ends. No uniform day £1 for the PTA (casual clothes)

Monday 24 July: Summer Holidays begin

Monday 24 July – Friday 28 July: Holiday Club at Holt House

Tuesday 5 September: School opens

with best wishes – Mrs Haynes