

## Music Week



In Music week we all learnt about The Carnival of the Animals by Saint Saens, listening to the music, making our own compositions and producing some fabulous art work to go with it. This culminated in lovely displays in both school halls. We are very grateful to all the parents and carers who came in to help. Thank you to Mrs Ismay and Mrs

Bodimeade for organising this great experience.



## School Improvements

The expanded IT suite is now up and running at Carterknowle. This is a great improvement, as now there is room for each child to have their own PC and sharing computers is at an end! This has improved the quality of computing lessons and makes them a lot more satisfying. Thank you to all the staff who helped with this project.

At Holt House, Mr Hitchcock has been working on improving the children's toilets, putting in new cisterns, seats and taps. This makes using the toilet a much easier, more hygienic process. Many thanks to Mr Hitchcock for his hard work.

## Parent Partnership

Curriculum workshops have been run at Holt House, in phonics and at Carterknowle, in reading. All the parents who attended them found them helpful and said that they felt more confident about how to support their children as a result. The next workshop is at

Carterknowle on **Tuesday 14 November at 9am** for Y5 and Y6 parents. Mrs Holland will explain how we help children develop reading comprehension and then there will be an opportunity for you to read with your child. Many parents are asking for a similar type of workshop in maths so we will be arranging that next term.

We are making really good progress with the Leading Parent Partnership Award Scheme and we now have a very helpful action plan from our consultant. A second parent partnership meeting was held on 10 November and many good ideas were discussed for promoting awareness and participation of parents in supporting their children's learning. Thank you to the parents and governors who gave their time to attend this meeting.

## Safe Parking

Complaints are still being received about inconsiderate parking on Bannerdale Road. Please leave time to park your car safely away from the schools' entrances – this is a particular problem at Holt House.

## School Events

Some parents are saying that they do not know when school events are happening. All the events for both schools have been sent out and are being sent out again with this newsletter. They are also available on our websites. Information which is just about your child's class is on their class newsletter, which is sent out every half term and also available on the school website. In addition, we send reminders via letter, email and text about each event as it approaches.



Our next event is Children in Need on Friday 17 November where, for a donation of £1 to this charity, children can wear fancy dress to school and choose a cake from the bake sale. This is always a very successful event and we hope to raise lots of money for this great cause.

*Thank you for your support for our two schools - it makes a big difference. Have a great half term and please let Miss Clark or me know if there is anything with which we can help.*

*with best wishes - Mrs Haynes*