

Children in Need



Friday 13 November is Children in Need and we are looking forward to having a fun day in aid of a good cause. For a suggested donation of £2, children can wear something fun to school and take part in their class' fundraising event. Donations can be made through Parent Pay at Holt House, Just Giving at Carterknowle justgiving.com or in cash on the day. Online payments are preferred. We want to have a day with the children which will lift everyone's spirits. Y6AD are unfortunately self-isolating, but can still send us their pictures of what they are wearing and doing at home! They will have their fundraising event on 20 November.

Parent Pay

Following the successful introduction of Parent Pay at Holt House, online payments will soon be coming to Carterknowle. This should save everyone some labour and be more Covid secure.

Walk of Fame Challenge

We are delighted that Carterknowle came first in the Walk of Fame Challenge and Holt House came fourth. This is out of the 30 schools that took part in the Sheffield region. We are thrilled that Carterknowle is the winning school and Holt House the top performing infant school. Well done everyone! Please keep up this good work in Road Safety Week, 16-20 November.

Anti-Bullying Week: United Against Bullying

Monday 16 November– Friday 20 November is also Anti-bullying Week. There will be assemblies and discussions about anti-bullying for all children. We are glad that bullying is rare at Holt House and Carterknowle, but please let us know straight away if you are worried about your child.

Show Racism the Red Card

Thank you for your support for Wear Red Day. Everyone enjoyed wearing something different, while raising awareness of the issue of racism, which sadly still exists. We raised £112 at Holt House and £181 at Carterknowle for this important cause.

Lest We Forget

Wednesday 11 November marks 102 years since the end of WW1. We will be holding the commemorative silence at both schools at 11am.



Christmas Performances

The staff and I have got very fed up with cancelling activities and telling you that we are unable to do our usual events. We have been determined to carry on with our Christmas performances in some way for the good of us all, but especially so that the children do not miss these lovely experiences. The Holt House nativity and the Y4 play are still going ahead! We know we will not be able to invite you to see it, but instead we have engaged the services of a professional videographer to film the performances and make a DVD for each school. These will be available for you to buy at cost price and a letter will be coming out about this shortly. Being professionally filmed is exciting in a whole new way and you will be able to have a wonderful keepsake to share with your family, or give as a Christmas present.

Uniform

Thank you again for your support with uniform. There is no point in having a uniform policy unless we keep to it and if we have it and don't keep to it, then it can be detrimental to the children's behaviour and attitudes. Uniform can be bought from any supermarket; it doesn't have to be bought from Logo Leisurewear. PE t-shirts can be any colour, although white is preferable.

Studybugs

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school. It is easy to use and reminds you automatically to keep us updated about any absences. (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Other dates

All the dates for school events are on the websites. There will be a special December letter coming out at the end of the month. Christmas trees, cards, dinner and parties are all still happening!

with best wishes - Mrs Haynes