



**Carrick Knowe Primary School
Newsletter
March 2021**



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Dear Parents & Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have been living with COVID, lockdown and all the restrictions on our lives for almost a year now. We are hopeful that now many people are receiving the vaccine and asymptomatic testing is on-going in schools, we will begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Spring has made an appearance this week and the brighter weather and longer days do give some hope that winter is behind us and that COVID will be soon. Having some of the children back in school has definitely lifted the spirits of school staff and we look forward to welcoming the rest of our pupils back soon.



Dates for your diary!

4th March ~ World Book Day - see below for further details

15th March ~ Potential date for P4-7 children to return to school - **TBC**

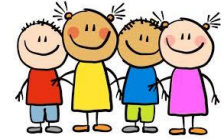
Week Beg 22nd March ~ Parent Consultation Week

Thursday 1st April ~ School closes for Easter holidays. We will reopen on **Tuesday 20th April at our usual time.**

20th April ~ Parent Council Meeting - 7pm via Microsoft Teams. All welcome.

3rd May ~ Holiday - school closed.

4th May ~ Staff Development day. School closed to all pupils. We reopen on **Wednesday 5th May at our usual time.**



The return of Nursery - P3 children!

We are delighted to have our Nursery - P3 children back in the building! They have all settled in very quickly and it is definitely a step in the direction towards some normality!

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our efforts in keeping us all safe by dropping children at the school gate instead of coming into the playground, socially distancing and wearing masks. If we can continue this, it really will make a difference!



P4-7.....

As you will be aware, the First Minister has set a provisional date for P4-7 children to return to school. As soon as there is confirmation of this, I will be in touch with any information required.

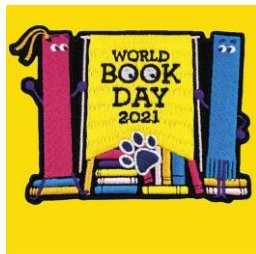


Road Safety

The restrictions on the roads outside our school have made a huge difference to the safety of our children walking to and from school. In the past week however there has been a rise in parents/carers bringing cars to the road outside of school during drop off and pick up. **A reminder that the road is closed to all traffic unless you are a resident.** Please support us in keeping all of our children safe. Thank you.

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 4th March. We are inviting all of our pupils (and staff!) to dress up as their favourite book character on this day to come to school or whilst Learning At Home. Miss Inglis has organised a variety of different activities to take part in and of course, prizes for the best costumes - we look forward to seeing you all!!



Parent Consultations

As per my recent letter, our Parent/Teacher Consultations will take place in the week beginning 22nd March by phone. In the next week, you will receive a letter which will have a link to a form where you will be able to choose a day and time which suits you.



Eco ~ Flag number 7!!!!

We are delighted to announce that Carrick Knowe PS has been awarded their 7th Eco-Flag! This was the message from 'Keep Scotland Beautiful'

Congratulations! We are delighted to confirm that your school has successfully achieved Eco-Schools Green Flag Award status. This is an excellent achievement, one to be proud of!

Please pass on our congratulations to everyone involved and take this opportunity to celebrate and share your success with your school community.

Congratulations once again and keep up the fantastic work!

Kind regards

The Eco-Schools Team

Keep Scotland Beautiful

Ms Pincock leads our Eco-group and as you can imagine, this has not been easy in the current circumstances, so a huge well done and thank you for all her hard work!

P7 End of term celebrations

Traditionally, at this time of year we would be considering our plans for the P7 end of term celebrations. At the moment, we do not know what restrictions will be in place by the end of term and so once we have a better idea of what may be possible and have discussed it with the P7 children we will let you know.

Finally....

The e-book 'How to stay calm in a global pandemic' by Dr Emma Hepburn is an easy read with lots of illustrations and might be of use to you. Please click the link below to access.

<https://www.hachette.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/How-to-Stay-Calm-in-a-Global-Pandemic-Free-ebook.pdf>

As always, please let us know if you, or anyone you know, requires school information in a different language.

Stay safe and stay well.

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"No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow."

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