



**Carrick Knowe Primary School
Newsletter
May 2021**



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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all managed to have a break over the Easter holidays and were able to enjoy the sunshine - despite the very low temperatures in the first week! The children have all settled back into school and already the weeks seem to be whizzing past. We are already in the midst of transition for P7 to S1 and Nursery to P1 and really hope that this will be the last time we will have to do this virtually.



Dates for your diary!



Week beg 26th April ~ World of Work Week

Week beg 26th April ~ P.E. can now take place indoors if it is individual non-contact activity

28th April ~ P6 RSHPE meeting for parents - 6pm via TEAMS. (*Full PowerPoint now available by going to [Our Curriculum](#) → [RSHP on the school website](#)*)

30th April ~ World of Work Week Assembly

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**

6th May ~ Election Day - however our school is **NOT** being used as a polling station and so will remain open as usual

14th May ~ School Values/Equalities Assembly

14th May ~ Active Schools Netball Club resumes - P6/7

24th May ~ Holiday - school closed. We re-open on **Tuesday 25th May at our usual time.**

28th May ~ SHANARRI (wellbeing indicators) Assembly

31st May ~ P7 EPIC Day

11th June ~ End of year reports issued to parents

15th, 16th, 17th June ~ P7 - S1 virtual transition days

Week beginning 21st June ~ Health Week and Sports Days

25th June ~ End of Term Assembly/Celebrating Success

25th June ~ School closes at **12pm** for the summer holidays and will reopen at the usual time on

Wednesday 18th August 2021.



Baby News!

I am delighted to be able to tell you that in the early hours of Friday morning (3 days early!), Ella Clark arrived safely. Mrs Clark and Ella are both healthy and well and we send huge congratulations to the whole Clark family on their new arrival.

Staffing

We welcome Miss Lauren Hutchens, who has joined Mrs Bennett and P4B as a teaching student this term.

You may be aware that Miss Davidson who teaches in P3 was covering Ms Mathieson's absence from school. It is looking likely that after 3 years - as a probationer and subsequently covering temporary

posts - Miss Davidson will be leaving us at the end of this session. I would like to say a huge thank you to her for all of her hard work and commitment which has really made a difference to the children and families in Carrick Knowe. She will most definitely be missed, and another school's gain is definitely our loss!



P7 - End of Term Celebrations

I am really aware that P7 pupils and parents/carers are keen to know what we can offer our P7s to celebrate the end of their primary school career. The final guidance on this will be issued this Friday and so following that we will be able to put more definite plans in place.

There will be no 'quali' as there would usually be, but we are looking at what else we can put in place instead. Whatever we do will be a daytime event and will take place during school hours.

For obvious reasons, we are unable to have parents in school for the traditional P7 end of year assembly, however the P7 classes are in the process of planning and filming an event which parents will be able to view. More details to follow.



School Renewal Plan (SRP) /Standards & Quality Report (S&QR)

Although we still have a term to go, we are already looking back at the year and what we have achieved, as well as looking forward to our improvement priorities for next session. The S&QR which evaluates and outlines our progress this session, and our SRP which identifies our improvement priorities for next session are submitted to our Quality Improvement Officer at the end of June and then shared via our website when we come back to school in August.

Despite lockdown and the other challenges we have faced this year, we have managed to achieve quite a lot and much of what we set out in our SRP this session has been completed. Part of the Staff Development day in May will be reflecting on and evaluating this with staff and identifying our priorities for next session.

Ideally, children and families would be much more involved in this process but this, as you can imagine, has been a challenge this year. Hopefully by next year, we will be able to involve everyone fully again.



Health Week/Sports Day

We have decided to move Health Week and Sports Day from their original dates and use them as a focus for the very last week of term. This means Health Week will be in the week beginning 21st June With the P7 Sports Captains organising sports events for the classes across that week. Again, unfortunately, we are unable to have parents and families to join us for this.

Latecoming to school

Can I please remind all parents/carers that if your child is late coming into school - between 9.10am and 9.30am -they should enter **via the door in the infant playground and not the main entrance.**

Thank you.



Roads around the school!

As we are all VERY aware, the roadworks around the school are making it extremely difficult for us all. Lorries are blocking the roads, it seems every road you try to drive down is closed, and most importantly for our families and children, many of the pavements are not in use meaning people having to walk on the road. Whether you are walking or driving, please take extra care around the school as pedestrians and/or cars may be in places you don't expect. Help us keep everyone safe! Thank you!

Finallytwo pieces of news which give us hope that we are moving forward in the return to normality!



Firstly, Active School are now allowed to come back into schools on a phased basis. We have secured a coach who will run a netball club on Friday afternoons for our P6 and P7 children. Watch this space for news of activities for our younger children!



Secondly, we have made the decision to allow children to now bring bikes and scooters back to school. There are a few 'rules' to follow outlined below, but we are pleased we can allow this again from **WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY**.

- All children **MUST** dismount their bike or scooter at the school gate - there should be **NO** cycling or scooting in the school grounds
- All bikes and scooters should either be taken home by parents or stored in the bike/scooter racks
- At the end of the day, P1 and P2 parents/carers should collect their child's bike/scooter as they enter the gate and take it with them to collect their child
- At the end of the day, P3-7 children must exit the school via the current one-way system and walk back round to collect their bike/scooter. They will then need to continue to follow the one-way system to exit school and not 'turn back'

I hope this all makes sense but please do not hesitate to ask if there is anything unclear.

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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