

Governor News

Carr Head Primary
Spring term 2018



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the Spring edition of your Governor Newsletter!

We are delighted to write to you at this point in the year when the days are getting lighter and our children can soon enjoy some fun in the sun!

Our Governing Board is made up of committed volunteers who bring a broad range of experiences and expertise. We have 3 key responsibilities in school. We have to:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Hold leaders to account for the performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of the staff
- Oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure money is well spent.

We meet regularly to discuss school improvement, standards, finances and pupil progress. Each year group in school now has their own Governor assigned to support the class and the teacher, and to feed back to the others and celebrate success.

Your governors for each year group are:

Reception	Mr Hacking
Year 1	Mr Hacking
Year 2	Mr Pawson
Year 3	Mr Rayner
Year 4	Mr Rayner
Year 5	Mr Cain
Year 6	Mrs Ward

We would like to thank you for your hard work at home with our young people. We know life is busy when you're bringing up children but allocating a few minutes every day to hear them read or encourage them to write is simply invaluable. We know that the school is revising the homework policy based on your feedback at recent parents' evenings, so your opinions matter.



Our mission is to prepare the children of today to flourish in the world of tomorrow through nurturing mind, body and soul.

Do you have any thought or suggestions about our school?

The 'Ideas' box in the reception is for our **Carr Head community** to contribute any thoughts/suggestions.



New outdoor area is a hit with our children!

You won't have missed the recently finished bark area across the playground. It is providing much-needed all weather outdoor space for the children.

Some Year 3 pupils said:

"I like running around and chasing through the trees"

"I go on because it's fun - the playground is rough but the bark's soft"

"When you've been running around on the bark and you go back on to the playground, it makes your feet feel really funny - I like this!"

The field still remains difficult due to heavy soil that retains water, but Mrs Slack is hoping to develop a pond area in the future!



Did you know?

Part of our role as Governors is to approve the school's policies. We have recently approved lots of new policies, including those relating to Bad Weather and Attendance. All school policies can be found on the Carr Head website.

Why not grab a brew and have a read?



We are also very excited about having a new boiler/central heating system fitted in school in the next 12 to 18 months and there will be further work being done on the interior décor.

Proud of our PTFA!

Our fabulous PTFA bought 10 new laptops towards the end of last year, to add to the existing ones in provision of IT learning in school and code club.

They recently had their family quiz night and also the Smarties fundraising challenge over Easter.



The summer fair will be on Saturday 30th June. Get the date in your diary now!!! More information will follow.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Monday 14th May – KS2 SATs week

Thursday 17th May – Royal Wedding Picnic Lunch

Mon 21st – 23rd May London trip

Friday 25th May – School closes for half term

Rapidly improving standards

In house assessment indicates that progress between KS1 and KS2 is better than expected; Curriculum developments in Y1 maximise the application of basic skills across all subjects resulting in rising standards;
Standards in EYFS continue to be high.

