

Dear Parents/ Carers,

NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2018

The Spring term commenced with our annual visit to the pantomime to see Peter Pan at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle.

Since then we have delivered an extensive range of enriched curriculum opportunities that have made this half term one of the busiest yet!

Parents' Evening was well attended as was the Early Years Family Learning Open Day.

Parents' Forum met this week and helped us audit the full range of parental partnership opportunities that are on offer. Carville Primary is working towards the Parental Partnership Award this year so your ideas and support are valued.

Curriculum

STEM and Computing

- Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 pupils who represented Carville at the Lego League competition held at Sage Computing on 30th January 2018. Miss Watt was thrilled when Carville was awarded the runner up trophy for 'Best Newcomer'. The fantastic Lego trophy is on display in the main entrance.
- The NUSTEM digital games project has challenged our KS2 learners and has been a great success.
- 'Engineering for Families' is well underway. The feedback we are receiving is extremely positive and the projects theme have been very inspiring including tower and bridge building.

History

- The Year 6 visit to Beamish Museum built upon their work in Literacy and the outreach project 'Queens of the Machine – Women at War'. On the day the snow added to the magic as pupils were immersed in various role play activities such as re-enacting scenes around the call up to the Great War. Miss McAdam is keen to encourage families in Year 6 to make use of the special offer to visit Beamish in the February half term.
- Miss Murphy, our History co-ordinator, is looking forward to March when our 'History for Families' gets underway at Segedunum Roman Fort.

Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child comes to school as much as possible! You have helped us address our 3rd Ofsted key objective which was 'To reduce persistent absence'. We are very pleased to report that we have greatly reduced our persistent absence and in turn continue to increase our overall attendance figure, this year, compared to the same period last year!

<u>Date</u>	<u>February 2017</u>	<u>February 2018</u>
Attendance – Min national government expected target of 96%	92.66%	95.30%
Persistent Absence Rate	23.87%	13.94%

February Half Term Holiday

We **CLOSE** today for the February half term break.

School will **OPEN** for pupils on Monday 19th February 2018 at 8:10am for those that attend breakfast club and 8:55am for all other pupils.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school then and wish you all a lovely break!

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 Headteacher