

Dear Parent / Carer

## **NEWSLETTER: October 2015**

### **Curriculum**

#### **The Arts**

##### **Shakespeare**

Year 6 have been studying *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare in their literacy lessons and today the Konflux Theatre group visited the school to develop studies even further; creating a play in a day. We have been most impressed with the drama skills developed by the pupils in this session.

##### **Take One Picture Day**

Last Friday we celebrated "Take One Picture" day, a whole school theme day using a painting as the starting point for all of our cross-curricular work. This half-term we selected the work of the Pitmen Painters which has been the subject of an exhibition at Woodhorn Colliery Museum. Amongst the works we selected were:

Pulling the Full Tub from the Filler by Oliver Kilbourn  
Pit Accident by Andrew Rankin

##### **Amber Project**

The Wallsend '72 project came to a magnificent end in the Summer term with our special celebration day. Bryan Dixon is preparing a DVD of the day which we look forward to showing you on our next film night in November.

#### **Outdoor Learning**

##### **High Borrans**

Our annual residential visit to Cumbria was a resounding success. Staff reported that behaviour was exemplary and that the pupils learnt new skills and enjoyed learning in a different environment. Mrs Atkinson will be inviting parents of pupils who attended to a feedback meeting to share some wonderful photographs and memories of the trip.

##### **Forest School**

On a Friday afternoon Miss Watt is delivering a Forest School Programme. Details of what this covers can be found on our website.

##### **Ford Castle**

We anticipate another Spring Term visit to Ford Castle. Details will be available after half-term.

#### **French Theme Day**

We all wore red, white and blue, spoke French and ate a French breakfast. Our thanks go to Mrs Allan our Parent Governor who joined us for the day in order to write a Governor's visit report.

#### **Governors**

The Governing Body of Carville Primary School has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. All parents and carers of registered pupils are eligible to stand for election.

If you would like to know more about the role and responsibilities please contact Mrs Morris. Alternatively our Parent Governors Mrs Addison and Mrs Allan would be happy to share their experiences of the role. Nomination forms are available from the School Office.

#### **Staffing**

We would like to congratulate Mrs Shaw for her achievement in securing Acting Headteacher role at New York Primary School. Mrs Shaw will be leaving at half term and I am sure you would join me in thanking her for the contribution she has made to the pupils in her class and the community of the school as a whole.

Miss McAdam has been appointed Acting Deputy Headteacher and will be supporting the Headteacher, staff and Governors to achieve sustained high standards of attainment and progress throughout the school.

#### **School Telephone**

Due to an upgrade of the system the school telephones will not be working on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October between 12:00am and 2:00pm.

We look forward to seeing all of our parents at our Harvest Festival assemblies next week.

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**Mrs P Richardson**  
Headteacher