

How well into the second half term of this academic year and I would like to thank our teachers, for your support at our consultation meetings that we have been holding over the past few weeks. They have been well attended and have been a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher. This has allowed us to talk about how your child is getting on and settling in, look at what support you can offer at home and reflect on how we feel your child will progress over the rest of the year both socially and academically.

The few weeks have been tough on our children and you, as parents and carers, as the autumn and winter flu have hit the school. We did appreciate you supporting us by keeping your children off school when they showed the signs of these illnesses but we are glad you have brought your children back to school as soon as you have felt they were well enough – and so continuing to have good attendance! Remember we have our nurses in school, next Friday, to give your children the nasal Flu Immunisation. We have given a wide choice of dates for this and we hope that it will support your children to fight the winter flu well into February when once they have had it.

Children have taken part in an 'Interfaith

What do you know about mental health services for children and young people?

Healthwatch Newcastle and Healthwatch Gateshead would like to know. Please take their five-minute survey.

This survey is for anyone age 18 or under (or age 25 or under and in local authority care), and for parents and carers. You must live in Newcastle or Gateshead to take part.

There is an option to enter a prize draw to win a £25 voucher for Apple's App Store or iTunes, Google Play or an Intu shopping voucher at the end of the survey.

HYPERLINK

["http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cymh2019"](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cymh2019) www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cymh2019

Healthwatch Newcastle and Healthwatch Gateshead are independent organisations, here to listen to people's experiences of local health and social care services. The feedback they gather is used to help improve services for everyone.

Internet Safety Tips

Below are some useful online safety tips you can use with your children at home.

- Talk to your child about what they're up to online. Be a part of their online life; involve the whole family and show an interest. Find out what sites and games they visit/play and what they love about them, if they know you understand they are more likely to come to you if they have any problems.
- Keep up-to-date with your child's development online. Children grow up fast and they will be growing in confidence and learning new skills daily. It's important that as your child learns more, so do you – this isn't easy.
- Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space. For children of this age, it is important to keep internet use in family areas so you can see the sites your child is using and be there for them if they stumble across something they don't want to see or you don't want them to see.
- Know what connects to the internet and how. Nowadays even the TV connects to the internet. Make sure you're aware of which devices that your child uses connect to the internet, such as their phone, tablet or games console. Also, find out how they are accessing the internet – is it your connection, or a neighbour's Wi-Fi? This will affect whether the safety setting you set are being applied.

Car parking on Elgin Road

Having a clear area outside schools is very important, as most road accidents involving children, around school gates, occur when a child has their sight obscured by parked cars.

Please can you be mindful of this if you are driving to drop off or pick up your child from school - we really do not want to see any child hurt as they are trying to cross the road to get to school or at the end of the day. Parking on the yellow 'SCHOOL-KEEP-CLEAR' zig-zag markings outside schools can be very dangerous and lead to the issuing of penalty notices for illegal parking.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/2020

Term	Start of Term	School Closed	Last Day of Term
Autumn	Tue 3 rd September 2019	Mon 21 st until Fri 25 th October 2019 – half term	Fri 20 th December 2019
Spring	Tue 7 th January 2020	Mon 6 th January 2020 – staff training day Mon 17 th until Fri 21 st February 2020 – half term	Fri 3 rd April 2020

Pupil Survey 2019

Over the past few weeks we have completed our annual pupil survey to get an insight into the thoughts of our children and their perceptions of school life here at Carr Hill. I hope you find the results interesting. The survey was given to all children from Year 1 through to Year 6. We will be asking our parents and carers to complete a parent/carers survey in the next few weeks!

The table below gives a breakdown of the results from over 215 pupil responses:

Christmas Dates and other upcoming Events!



Working Together for Our Children

Headteacher: Paul Harris



22nd November 2019

Operation Endeavour

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about Operation Endeavour. This is an innovative project in which schools and colleges in Gateshead are participating, and which is run in partnership with Gateshead County Council and Northumbria Police.

Operation Endeavour which commenced in September 2019, aims to support children and young people who go missing from home. Children who go missing from home are at risk of significant harm and they may be vulnerable to sexual exploitation, violent crime, gang exploitation, or to drug and alcohol misuse.

As a result, following any report of a child going missing to the Police, the Police will make contact with Children's Social Care who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff. School will notify police by ringing 101 if the Young Person attends school.

Each school has members of staff (key adults) who have been fully trained in liaising with the Police and Children's Social Care when required and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following their return to school.

I believe that this project demonstrates our school's continuing commitment to working in partnership with yourselves to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for all of our pupils.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact Paul Harris.

Kind regards

Paul Harris
Headteacher



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