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Dear Parents/ Carers

We have been very busy since September and have lots of exciting news to share with you.

We are currently reviewing our curriculum so that it meets the needs of the children at Carr Head. As part of this review, we have made strong links to our values which are interwoven throughout the curriculum. Ensuring that the children have sufficient subject knowledge in order to develop skills has also been fundamental to our curriculum development. As the summer term progresses, you may hear your children talking about 'Commando Joe' activities and knowledge organisers.

The development of our outdoors continues. Mr Cartridge is leading the revamping of the wild life area by the bark. School councillors have tabled suggestions to be included in the planning stage and Year 6 pupils have written to local house builders seeking contributions (cash, resources, manpower or expertise) to bring the plans to fruition. Baines Trust and John Sykes Dewhurst Fund have also donated £500 each towards the project in addition to the £2,000 already secured from Toyota. At the other end of the school site, the development of our EYFS outdoor space continues. Trees from the Woodland Trust have been planted around the school site both front and back. Lots of wooden pallets are being transformed as part of this development – our mud kitchen is fabulous! Other plans are in place for a river bed and sensory paths. A huge thank you goes to Mr McLaren for his hard work.

You will be aware that we have altered the morning routine in order to promote a calm and ordered start to the school day. Children are welcomed in to school via the playground from 8:45am. If your child walks to school without an adult, please can you reiterate that it is expected that they come directly in to school rather than loitering on the pavement. Children will be greeted by adults and are expected to return the greeting. All adults will look for and praise children demonstrating conduct that is 'ready, respectful and safe'. A welcome knock-on effect has been a reduction of cars parking outside school. This means that the nearby roads are safer for all.

In our classrooms there are new 'Recognition Boards' that celebrate appropriate behaviours – these are changed regularly and the expectation is that every child should have their name on the board for demonstrating the correct behaviours. There are also opportunities for individuals to be recognised for going 'Above and Beyond' what is expected. Initial feedback is positive and we will continue to adapt and embed our practice.

Our new school website was launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and will be followed by our school app in the very near future. We will be developing additional features over the next term including plans for individual class blogs. Please visit the site regularly to keep up to date with changes.



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Punctuality remains a concern – several children are consistently late, arriving via the main office after 8:55am. Being late just 5 minutes a day adds up to nearly 3 days of school missed over the year! Our Golden Ticket punctuality initiative continues with prizes from Ascent (KS2) and Thingamajigs (KS1) available each week. Every Friday morning one child is selected at random from all the children who have been in school on time for the week to win the golden ticket. Remember, you've got to be 'in it to win it'!

I would like to say a big thank you to those of you who park safely and legally near school especially during the busy period at the end of the day. Safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility and this extends to ensuring that we all play our part in road safety, whether this is crossing with the Crossing Patrol, keeping to the speed limit or parking appropriately. When travelling to or from school, road safety should be at the forefront of our minds, particularly when it is raining as this reduces visibility of both drivers and pedestrians.

As we head towards the warmer months may I remind you that burgundy (dark red) gingham dresses are part of our **EYFS/KS1** school uniform only; in KS2, skirts and kilts should be worn with a short sleeved, white cotton blouse and tie. Polo shirts are **not** part of the uniform; short sleeved, cotton shirts should be worn in summer.

We have noticed an increasing number of children wearing watches, some of which appear to be expensive smart watches. The uniform policy states 'Small, inexpensive watches may be worn in Key Stage 2. However, if a watch is designed for games or making disruptive noises it should not be worn for school.' Please can you ensure that if your child wears a watch to school, its only function is to tell the time.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back when we return on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 8:45am.

With warmest wishes,

*Angela Slack*

