



This Wednesday saw the Year 6 group of children take part in a leavers' ceremony which celebrated their years at Carr Hill.

During the event, the children talked about their memories and what they will miss most. They shared with the audience some of their thoughts for the future. The children also performed songs and as well as readings to reflect on their time at their primary school.

There were a few sad faces but the leavers' ceremony, held in front of a packed hall of parents, was a great way of recognising the successes our Y6 children have achieved. They obviously took great pride in sharing these with their parents and friends.

Well done to all the children who leave us - I look forward to hearing of your achievements in the future.

## Leavers' Ceremony

Carr Hill would like to thank **DANWOOD** for their help in producing this newsletter

## Try It, Challenge Days for Y5 and Y6

Our links with the Elizabethan Family of Schools has meant that our Year 5 and Year 6 children have been able to try some new sports this term.

Different coaches for a variety of different sports were available to challenge the children to try a new sport and the children were enthusiastic to 'have a go' at everything possible. Even Cheerleading was on offer to those willing to try something new but it was the archery and golf which proved to be particularly popular.

*Isobel declared, 'It was really great fun and we got the chance to try lots of different things. My favourite of the whole day was golf and I felt really pleased with myself because the coach told me I was good!'*

Pictured right are some of the Year 5 children practising their new skills.



## Parents' Survey

Each year, contained within every child's report envelope, we send out a questionnaire to all parents. This survey forms an important part of our annual monitoring and evaluation and allows you, as parents, to provide us with feedback about how well you think we are doing in 18 key areas of work.

We are keen to receive as many replies as possible so that we can have a good picture of what you think of your school and how it works. The survey is confidential but everyone returned by the child receives a free Carr Hill pen to say thank you for your time and trouble in completing the form.

The school will collate the results over the summer and present the findings in September's Newsletter. In addition, the results will be reported to the governing body as an important part of our self-review process.

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## newsletter

*'a happy atmosphere with high standards'*

## Mrs Telfer Retires

A gallon (that's five litres) of petrol was 42 pence, inflation was a whopping 17.4% and 'Kung Fu Fighting' was number one in the music charts. It was also the same year that Mrs Telfer began her teaching career at Thrumpton School in Retford.

Since that time in 1974, Mrs Telfer has moved schools just once to join the staff at Carr Hill in 1989 and now, 22 years on, she has announced her retirement. In that time, Mrs Telfer became a senior teacher playing a vital role in the day to day organisation of the school. Positions as Subject Leader, Year Co-ordinator and Deputy Head have all been areas of responsibility over the years but Sally has never quite managed to overcome her manic fear of snails!

It is always sad to see someone leave Carr Hill, particularly after such a long career, but I know Mrs Telfer is looking forward with eager anticipation to being able to spend more time with family and friends and spending less time chasing government targets. I'm sure everyone would want to join with me in wishing her every happiness in this new chapter of her life.



Mrs Telfer (left) retires after 22 years at Carr Hill

## KS1 Find Treasure

Last month, children in Key Stage One enjoyed a visit from Partake Theatre Company when they became pirates and sailed the seas in search of treasure!

The children all wore pirate costumes and hats to help them feel the part. They followed the Captain's treasure map in the hope of finding gold on Parrot Island. On their way, they danced on the beach in Polynesia, waddled like penguins on the ice in Antarctica and explored a dangerous volcano. They eventually swam with dolphins to Parrot Island where they had a party with the cheeky monkeys before flying with the parrots to spot the treasure.

What a busy time was had by everyone!







This year has been a fortunate one with regard to the weather and all the Sports Days went ahead as planned.

Children in Foundation Stage, in Key Stage 1 and in Key Stage 2 were all able to take part in their own competitions and 'compete' with their school friends.

It was great to see all our children taking part so actively and enthusiastically and it was also pleasing to see so many parents and friends

## Sports Days

coming to support the children to make the events even more special.

The school's trained Young Leaders along with additional children volunteers did a great job in helping with the organisation of the events, particularly those children who worked with groups of younger children to help the afternoons run so smoothly.

Well done to all the children for their sporting efforts.

## Summer's Here

School is closed for the start of the Summer Holidays on Monday 25th July and will re-open to children on Tuesday 6th of September.

I always seem to say similar things at this time of year but, as always, it has been a busy, but rewarding term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children, staff, parents, governors and friends for their support throughout the year.

Over the course of the last few weeks, I have spoken with many, many parents at events such as the Sports Days, the CHOsScars evening, the Summer Fair, the Leavers' Assembly and the Hallcroft Parents' Evening as well as every day in and around school and I'm very grateful to receive the kind comments and messages of thanks for the school's hard work.

It is most important that I take this opportunity to say a fond farewell to all the

children who are leaving us at the end of this term, particularly those in Year 6 who will be looking forward to joining their new secondary schools in September.

The children have been a great credit to their parents and the school and I'm sure that they will all continue to build upon the success they have achieved to date.

Remember, 'Keep up the hard work!'

**"I hope that everyone has a good summer break and that all our children return refreshed and safe in the new year."**

'Holiday Resort' produced by Callum (Y5)



## Love Food, Hate Waste



On 22<sup>nd</sup> June the Nottinghamshire Schools Waste Action Team (SWAC) came in to school and worked with a group of children from Years 3 and 4.

The children spent their morning learning about different types of waste and what happens to it and then, during the afternoon, they gave a presentation to the rest of Year 3 and 4 where they looked at the argument surrounding recycling from different points of view.

As our new experts in schools, the group organised a demonstration where they asked their classmates to Reduce, Recycle and Reuse as much material as possible. Lots of interesting examples were used to make the point that we should 'Love Food, Hate Waste.'

## MACS Day for Year 6

As in previous years, Year 6 took part in the MACS Day organised by Retford Fire Brigade.

MACS (Make All Children Safe) Day aims to show children ways of keeping safe in a variety of everyday situations and it has become a regular feature of the last term's activities in Year 6.

The children looked at Stranger Danger, fire safety, electrical hazards and dangers and emergency first aid including CPR. Particularly exciting this year was the 'exploding' sub-station which showed in a graphic way what

could happen when children play in those dangerous areas.

Our children even received a 'goody' bag to go home with to help them remember the lessons that had been taught during their visit.

We are grateful to the Fire Station and police for organising this free event and hope that it will continue to be available for future groups. The children told us not only that they had enjoyed their visit but they had learned a great deal too.



## 100% Attendance

From the very first day of the new school year in September to the end of the summer term is 190 school days.

This year, we have nineteen children who have not missed a single minute of school. This is a record and a massive improvement on the eight children with 100% last year. Two of the children, **Finlay and Sam** have now had 100% for the last two years; an incredible record!



100% attendance is certainly an achievement of which all these children should be proud!

## Summer Fair Success

The ideal weather and an even greater number of stall attractions meant that bumper crowds attended this year's Summer Fair. In turn, this meant a bumper income for the school, as an incredible total of nearly £2500 was raised on the day by the School Supporters. I'm pleased to say that every single penny of this donation will be spent on making things even better for our children.

I am most grateful to everyone who visited to help make the whole day a great success and I am most thankful to all those people who contributed their time and talents. Over 30 parents, friends and governors and nearly all staff joined together to provide such an enjoyable and rewarding day.

Thank you to everyone for making the day such a great success.

## Pipped at the Post

Once again, children from Years 3 to 6 took part in the annual Retford and District Schools Swimming Gala.

Competing against Misterton, Tuxford, Claborough and Harworth, Carr Hill were well in the lead until the last race, where Misterton then swam through and eventually won the relay and took the title by just ONE POINT!

Well done to all our swimmers on a very worthy second place.

Pictured right, is our brilliant team (Sam Ross was unavailable for the photo) looking pleased with themselves.

