

# CONFEDERATED SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018



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Dear Parents,

There has been an air of quiet concentration around both schools as Y6 taking their SATs and pupils in other year groups have completed some assessment activities. We are pleased with the effort the children have put into showcasing their talents and learning. We are particularly proud of Y6 who have come to school every day with a smile and a positive, determined effort. We know they have done their best. Well done Y6!

Our return to school after half term marks the start of our Federation which will be known as **The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale Church of England Federation**. Your interest and support for our schools throughout this process together with support from the Diocese of York and North Yorkshire County Council is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Best wishes,  
Mrs McDonald



**Whitsun** (also **Whit Sunday**) is the name used in Britain and throughout the world among Anglicans for the seventh Sunday after Easter, which marks the

descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples (Acts of the Apostles chapter 2). In England it took on some characteristics of Beltane which originated from the pagan celebration of Summer's Day, the beginning of the summer half-year, in Europe. **Whitsuntide**, the week following Whit Sunday, was one of three vacation weeks for the medieval villein; on most manors he was free from service on the lord's demesne this week, which marked a pause in the agricultural year. Whit was the occasion for varied forms of celebration. Whit Monday, the day after Whitsun, remained a holiday in Britain until 1972 when the movable holiday was replaced with the fixed Spring Bank Holiday on the last Monday in May.

### Academic Year 2017/18

25<sup>th</sup> May - Break up for half term  
4<sup>th</sup> June - Schools re-open and we will be swimming today  
8<sup>th</sup> June - Y5 & Y6 Cricket Festival  
15<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 Visit to the Dorman Museum\*  
6<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Morning 9.30 on Carlton School Field\*  
11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 transition to Stokesley School  
20<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of summer term  
3<sup>rd</sup> September - Staff Training Day  
4<sup>th</sup> September - Children return to school  
\*Information will be sent separately

Please check your child's bag and ParentPay accounts for messages from Mrs Mitchell. Do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions about your accounts. Thank you.

Every Wednesday lunchtime there will be body awareness/fitness with activities based around wellbeing and relaxation led by Mrs Hudson for Y1 & Y2 at Carlton. This same activity will then be carried out at Bilsdale for all of the children on Wednesday afternoon. KS2 and Reception at Carlton will have Simon Carson sports activities with the emphasis on team work and learning sports skills and playground games. Children do not need any kit although they may want to wear their PE trainers if their school shoes have smooth soles.

On Thursday afternoon at Carlton there will be a Relax Kids session for Reception, followed by 'Chill Skills' which is for KS2 children. At Bilsdale there is a drama/coaching session for KS2 with Mrs Walker. These sessions all run within the school day for all pupils.

**Tuesday Afterschool** club will be Gardening Club from 3.20 to 4.15 at Bilsdale. Please will parents collect children promptly and inform the school taxi if your child does not need transporting.

Please can you ensure that you are on time to collect your child at the end of their swimming session.

Parents/carers should be at poolside at 3.30pm or 4pm ready for their child/ren being handed over to them to get changed. Thank you.

Following a trial period **Breakfast Club** is still available at Carlton School starting at 8.00am (or later) every school day. Each session costs £4.00 per hour and must be pre-booked with at least one day's notice. Special arrangements can be made for 7.45am start. Please contact the school for further information or to make a booking.



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'Believe and Achieve'

KS2 pupils have been working on a very special project created by the **Archbishop Bishop of York's Youth Trust**.

They have been learning how to develop their leadership skills and also thinking about how they, as citizens and future leaders, can make positive changes in their community now.

Over the six weeks the children have been given questions to help them and they have really impressed us with how they have developed their skills and attitudes as a result. We have heard of some lovely examples as they have completed challenges at home such as cooking a family meal and creating a book recycling bank. Over half term the children have been challenged to think about one of the 'Environment Challenges'.

Watch out for a newsletter from the children coming soon with an exciting event that they are planning!  
Miss Jeffries & Mrs Grundmann

### **KS2 Darwin's Delights**

Not only have the children been studying Charles Darwin and his voyage on The Beagle, but they have had opportunities to follow his example by going out into the school grounds collecting specimens, drawing and identifying them.

The children have enjoyed studying the unusual creatures in the Galapagos Islands and have expanded their scientific knowledge learning about adaptation, colonisation, classification and evolution.

In RE, we have been challenging the children to think deeply about 'creation', posing the question "Creation and Science; conflicting or complementary?" We have had some interesting conversations with children generating questions that no one has the answer to!

Miss Jeffries & Mrs Grundmann

### **Tolerance Day with Yazi**

Yazi visited us once again promoting tolerance and diversity. The children learned about prejudice, pre-judging, and we realised that some of us nearly showed prejudice deciding we won't like the snacks she provided before trying them! The children loved the art activities and dressing up and were proud of their henna patterns.

**KS1** celebrated the end of their 'Land Ahoy' topic with a boat race in Alum Beck and a pirate treasure hunt.

Alongside this they have enjoyed learning about famous explorers e.g. Captain Cook and about Grace Darling and her brave sea rescue. We also enjoyed a visit from a RNLI volunteer who talked about keeping ourselves safe near water.

### **Reading Raffle**

In our schools it is an expectation that every child will read aloud and be read to, at home, from Reception onwards. We have a 'reading raffle' that children are entered into if they have read four times or more at home during the week. Reading raffle tickets will be issued every Friday and if your child receives 4 signatures to say they have read at home they will be given a raffle ticket and a chance to win a book voucher. The reading raffle will be drawn each half term.

### **Little Owls Preschool**

Little Owls held a sponsored obstacle course and a Go-Jettors disco in aid of Sport Relief. We raised a whopping £170! Thank you all for supporting the children with this.

This term our topic has been to investigate, "Is it shiny?" We have had a shiny treasure hunt and done lots of sparkly making. We sewed a star and played music to help it get to sleep.

To celebrate the Royal Wedding we made shiny crowns and trumpets, then had a Royal tea party.

We start the next half term with a theatre trip to see, "What the Ladybird Heard" at Billingham Forum.

Mrs Howe & Mrs Pearey

### **Forest School**

Every Friday morning all of the Reception children go to Forest School activities. Please ensure that your child has a warm coat, extra layers, gloves, hat and extra socks OR sun cream applied and a sunhat, as appropriate, EVERY WEEK. Thank you.

Mrs Hudson

### **Parent Workshops:**