

CONFEDERATED SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER 26th January 2018



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Dear Parents,

A belated 'Happy New Year' to you all. You may have noticed our PCSO, James Crawford, visiting the school recently. PCSO Crawford has been supporting the school and local community regarding pupil safety immediately outside Carlton & Faceby School. Alongside the Parish Council, they are looking into ways to improve safety for our children entering the school grounds from the village. I will update you when I have more information.

You will be receiving an information letter regarding absence and attendance. The Local Authority and the Department for Education set all schools a minimum expected target of 95% attendance over the school year. Attendance is important because your child can not learn if they are not in school. If your child had an attendance figure of 90% every year of their primary school life they would miss over a year of their schooling. In Autumn Term absence was 3.89% at Bilsdale and 4.8% at Carlton and we need your help to raise our schools' attendance rate. Parents of any child whose attendance is below 90% (referred to as persistent absentees) will receive a letter of concern asking them to attend a meeting with a senior member of staff to discuss the reasons for the low attendance and ways in which we can work together to ensure it improves quickly. Thank you for your support in helping to raise our overall school attendance. Children only have one chance in school and every second counts. If you would like any support or advice regarding attendance then please contact school.

Best wishes,

Mrs McDonald

Thank you to the Barker family who once again kindly donated two lovely Christmas trees to our schools. All of the staff at both schools wish to thank parents for their generosity at Christmas – we are enjoying all the lovely gifts. Thank You.



Candlemas is a Christian holiday celebrated annually on February 2. Candlemas primarily focuses on Jesus' early life. Many Christians believe that Jesus' mother Mary presented him to God

at the Temple in Jerusalem after observing the traditional 40-day period of purification (of mothers) following his birth. Snowdrops are known as Candlemas Bells because they bloom early in the year, even before Candlemas, and symbolise hope according to Christian belief.

Can you help please?

If any families or friends are having a clear-out or just too many things we would really appreciate some board games, dominoes, playing cards etc to put into our wet playtime collections which have become a bit depleted and in need of different activities to keep the children occupied when they are not able to have break time outside.

All donations will be gratefully received if you can please leave them for Mrs Martin or Mrs Mitchell to put into the classrooms.

Thank you.

Academic Year 2017/18

2nd February - PFA meeting 3.30pm at Carlton everyone is welcome to attend

12th - 16th February - Half Term

19th February - School re-opens

12th - 16th March - Y5 & Y6 children residential visit to East Barnby

30th March - 13th April - Easter Holiday

16th April - Staff Training Day

17th April - Children return to school/preschool

7th May - Bank Holiday

14th - 18th May - KS2 SATs Week

*Information will be sent separately

Tuesday clubs at both schools will be **KS2 Homework Clubs** for self-led completion of RM Maths (if can't access at home), homework and reading. Year 6 pupils will have SATS support with their teacher. The clubs will run from 3.20 to 4.00pm prompt beginning 16th January.

Simon Carson School Sports is running at Carlton every Wednesday from 3.30 until 4.30 please contact the office if your child would like to join.

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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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.

Class 1 Carlton & Bilsdale

In Class 1 we have been thinking about what childhood is and how we have grown over time. We have been singing our favourite nursery rhymes and creating mnemonics that can help us to remember common exception words. By looking through our family photographs we have been sharing our special memories with our friends. Our trip to Preston Park Museum was a fabulous way in which to compare and describe changes over time. We travelled back in time to 1854, where we were arrested and played games and sang songs from the Victorian era. During the 'Toy Workshop' we experimented with various toys from days gone by. The museum also had the most magnificent Lego exhibition which we thoroughly enjoyed!

Miss Lowe, Mrs Grundmann & Mrs Allison



Preston Park Museum
Visit 25 January 2018



Class 2 – Carlton and Bilsdale

We've travelled back in time again to study the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings, the Traders and Raiders. The children have been able to make links with the Romans as they have asked and answered the questions what happened to the Romans and what happened next in Britain? Our two Viking visitors enthused our learning and were very impressed with the children's questions, participation and behaviour. We have been hearing that some families have been to the Jorvik centre in York. A great place to visit. Thank you for your support.

Questions to ask your child:

Who was St Bede?

How did King Alfred burn the cakes?

Tell me the story of King Arthur and the sword in the stone.

Miss Jeffries & Mrs Grundmann

The Brain

All the children in both schools have been learning about the brain, emotions and how to build learning power. Mrs Doonan, our Educational Psychologist who led the parent session on Emotional Coaching, has explained to the children how the brain works and the different jobs it does with emotions and thinking skills. We have been talking about feelings and strategies to help us feel calm. Alongside this, we are working with the children on ways to further develop their learning power, what makes a good learner and the skills and emotions that are involved when facing challenges and "getting stuck". These ideas and strategies will continue to be developed during the next few months and delivered to the children in an age appropriate way. Our aim is to help the children see themselves positively as learners with the willingness to learn and resilience to tackle challenges.

Miss Jeffries

We would like to encourage parents to take advantage of free eye tests for their children.

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 EVERY WEEK. Thank you.

Mrs Hudson

Parent Workshops: The next workshop will be on Reading and Phonics. We will give parents the date as soon as arrangements have been finalised.