

# FEDERATED SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this academic year, it is with great pride that I can look back at the many achievements of the children. They have worked so hard!

The many values that have been displayed throughout the year have shown through in the behaviour of the children as we end this term: perseverance when tackling a particularly tricky problem whether it is in class or a disagreement between friends; courage in coping with changes and, crucially, love and honesty towards all members of the school community.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support this year. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without you and your co-operation.

Finally, I would like to wish all children who are leaving us at the end of this academic year all the very best on their journey. I know that they are well prepared for the next step and that they will go on to achieve great things in the future.

Have a wonderful summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 4th September.

Best wishes,

Mrs. McDonald

## **Academic Year 2018/19**

3<sup>rd</sup> September - Staff Training Day

4<sup>th</sup> September - Children return to school

## Swimming

Weekly swimming has continued to go from strength to strength with many of the children making significant progress. Some of our swimmers took part in Aqua Splash whilst others took part in the interschool's swimming gala and were a credit to our schools. Most importantly, during the weekly swimming lessons, or whilst competing or participating in events the children have displayed the Olympic values of Friendship, Respect Excellence, Determination, Inspiration, Courage and Equality. We could not ask for more and we look forward to the start of another wonderful year of swimming in September.

In September, we will be changing some of the activities we offer, both in school time and as after school clubs.

**Monday** – Swimming

**Tuesday** – Art Club with Mrs. Cooper & Mrs. Thomas at Carlton  
Homework Club with Mrs Grundmann at Bilsdale

**Wednesday** - Simon Carson at Carlton team work/sports skills

**Thursday** – Homework Club with Miss Jeffries at Carlton

**Friday** – Choir with Mrs. Carr-Smith at Carlton

We will confirm times, number of places and costs (if any) after the holiday – **THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS DURING THE FIRST WEEK BACK.**

**Breakfast club** will continue at Carlton School. Each session is available to start at 7.45am (or later), costs £4.00 per hour and must be pre-booked with at least one day's notice.

Please contact the school for further information or to make a booking. Childcare vouchers through several schemes can be accepted.

We politely remind parents that Bilsdale and Carlton (shown in brackets) Schools have a School Uniform, we show below the requirements for those of you replacing items this holiday. **Please ensure that all clothing and footwear are clearly marked with your child's name.**

- Burgundy (Royal blue) sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan (not hoodies)
- Grey or navy skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts
- White or yellow, (white or blue) shirt or polo-shirt
- White, grey or black socks or tights
- Sensible flat, black school shoes (boys & girls) NOT trainers which are for sport only please
- A cotton type gingham dress and sensible sandals may be worn in summer

**Uniforms embroidered with the school logo and your child's initials can be ordered directly from Elizabeth's Embroidery by telephone 01642 – 674973 or via their web site (passwords - 2007BB or bilsdale)**

For reasons of safety only small stud earrings may be worn in school and these must be removed for sport; NO nail varnish or 'tattoos' are to be worn and hair adornments should be small and simple but effective! All children should have PE equipment in school throughout the week:

- A white T-shirt (not football type shirts) and black sports shorts are necessary for all PE and games lessons, stored in a drawstring bag
- Black or Navy Tracksuits & trainers worn for outdoor games only
- One-piece costumes are necessary for swimming lessons

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.

## **KS2**

We have been incredibly busy and hard working. The children enjoyed our "Beast Creator" topic identifying the range of minibeasts in both schools, making a wormery, inventing bug hotels, writing insect themed limericks and kennings. We calculated that there are approximately 1, 091,520 worms on the field at Carlton and 150,008 at Bilsdale - ask the children how we calculated this. Seeing the insect collection at the Dorman Museum was fascinating. Looking at the creatures close up inspired our art work.

The children were very interested to learn more about Islam and look at the inside of a mosque. "I loved it when we went to the mosque because it was interesting to hear their perspective," said Richard. They explained the importance of family, respecting parents and being a good citizen.

Our trip to The Sage, Gateshead was described by one pupil as "mind blowing". They loved the auditorium and being part of Big Sing joining in passionately and remembering the words to all 14 songs! Once again, their behaviour and enthusiasm was exemplary.

All the children have worked hard this year and their efforts have paid off with the progress that they have made. We are proud of them all. Our Y6 have been outstanding both in their academic progress with fantastic SATs results but also in their positivity and kind and caring attitude. They have been superb role models to others and we wish them every success at secondary school.

Mrs. Grundmann and Miss. Jeffries

## **Charity Day**

Thank you for supporting our charity fundraising event. KS2 children gave clear and detailed presentations about the seven charities that they had chosen and were fabulous at organising and running the stalls. We raised an amazing £374.26 in just over an hour. Even more amazing when the games were just 20p a go! We have rounded this up so that each charity receives a £54 donation.

**THANK YOU!**

Mrs. Grundmann and Miss. Jeffries

## **Pied Piper**

What a wonderful performance! Thank you for your help with the costumes. They really made a difference to our dress rehearsal; the children stepped it up as they got into character. The performance was another step up with clear voices, good acting, lovely solos and super singing. We've seen some hidden talents come forward and huge leaps in confidence from being on stage. Well done everyone! An extra thank you to Mr. Jinks for filming the show; the children enjoyed watching themselves.

## **Little Owls**

We had a nursery trip to Billingham Forum theatre to see "What the Ladybird Heard" at the start of June. It was an excellent production and much enjoyed by the children. For our topic, "How many pebbles on the beach," we turned the outdoor area into the seaside. With rock pools, deckchairs, an ice cream shop and of course, lots of sand. We have also been busy growing vegetables and have harvested peas and garlic. We are waiting to see if the tomatoes go green before the end of term!

## **Transient beachcomber art**

We have fairly high number of children already in nursery for September and the coming school year. Spaces are filling up, so if you would like your child to start nursery this year please let us know as soon as possible even if it's not until next Easter.

We had a lovely Leavers' Party, to say goodbye to our children moving on to Reception classes. It is lovely to see the children ready and excited for their move to 'big school'. Good luck everyone!

Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Pearey

## **KS1**

Our 'Beachcombers' topic has been a huge success, a great follow-on from 'Land Ahoy!' It has given rise to a true understanding of plastic pollution in our oceans. The children have felt so passionate about this that they wrote to Sir David Attenborough and were jubilant when we received a signed reply. We were on a 'persuasive letter' roll and wrote to McDonalds and Embleton Dairies too about changing their single use plastic straws to paper straws. Did you know - scientists suggest that by the year 2050, there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish?

The children thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Runswick Bay and were great explorers of rock pools. We found crabs, limpet shells, seaweed, sharks teeth (sharp stones), anemones to name but a few! We used 'Lenny Litter Picker' to clean the beach - we use Lenny so we keep safe when picking up litter!

## **Goodbye!**

I knew this sad day would come,  
And now we have to part,  
But know that every one of you  
is forever in my heart...

I have loved every day, Carlton and Bilsdale  
Oh, how my heart sings;  
But now our year together is done  
Go...Go spread your splendid wings!

What a year!

Love from, Miss Lowe

## **Sports Day**

Sports Day was an enjoyable event; it was wonderful to witness everyone supporting one another. There were champions galore everyone displayed a true sense of comradeship. Thank you to the adult helpers and the spectators who cheered tirelessly! A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Wheatley and Mrs. Barrass from the PFA, for their ice-cream treats - they were eagerly received! We were proud of each and every one of the children.