

# CONFEDERATED SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER 22nd December 2017



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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful today to reflect proudly on a busy and productive term for everyone across both schools. Of course, none of this can happen without our dedicated team of staff who look after your children on a daily basis. Can I also add my personal thanks to parents and helpers who have supported across both schools this term, not forgetting the parents who have supported the Christmas events, including the PFA for all of their efforts to raise money for our schools.

As the term comes to a close, we wish Mr. Comasky all the best as he moves on to new ventures.

I will have seen many, but not all of you, at our end of term events, so I thank you here for your continuing support, wish you a restful Christmas, and look forward to seeing you and your children in the New Year. I would like to wish all of our families a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year. We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Festive Wishes,  
Mrs McDonald

## Bursting with Pride

We are very proud of the children in both schools with their nativity services. The children worked really hard learning lines and songs and saved their best performance for the service. The quotes below show how much the children enjoyed it.

*"At the start of the play I felt nervous and in the middle I felt good but after I felt happy because my mum said she was proud. My favourite part was the very start because I said the first word and the very end because I said the last line."* Lucia

*"I felt proud of myself when I spoke the angel lines with Ava and Angel Gabriel, Maryann. My favourite part was the singing. I felt nervous as the parents were watching me."* Mabel

*"This year in our nativity I was Joseph. When we went to do the dress rehearsal it was freezing. At the beginning I was nervous because it was my first time being Joseph. The songs we sang were very good."* Adam

*"I was proud of everyone."* Lewis

*"I worked very to learn all my lines and to remember where I had to walk. I enjoyed being the star and loved the costume especially my lights. I was very proud of myself for singing a solo."* Alfie

*"I enjoyed the doing the nativity I worked hard to learn all my words. I think I was very brave to do a solo. I loved my costume and I had a great time."* Scarlett

*"I was very proud saying my lines and I thought I spoke very clearly. I knew all the words to all the songs and I sang like a king. I knelt at the manger and gave the baby a gift of myrrh."* Anthony

## Academic Year 2017/18

**8<sup>th</sup> January** - Staff training day

**9<sup>th</sup> January** - School reopens for Spring Term

**11<sup>th</sup> January** - parent information sessions with class teachers

**15<sup>th</sup> January** - Swimming and After School Clubs will restart this week, unless we have to notify any changes

**12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February** - Half Term

**7<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents' Evening \*

**30<sup>th</sup> March - 17<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter holidays

**16<sup>th</sup> April** - Staff training day

**17<sup>th</sup> April** - School reopens for Summer Term

**1<sup>st</sup> May** - May Day Bank Holiday

**28<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Half term

**Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> June** - Phonics screening check \*

**20<sup>th</sup> July** - Last day of term

**23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July** - Staff training days

**\*Information to follow separately**

## Class 1

The children have celebrated the end of the 'Moon Zoom' topic and have really enjoyed a vast amount of learning. The classroom areas have been very busy and the children continue to amaze us with their love of learning and the way they work independently to pursue their own interests and questions. We have been very impressed with how well the children's letter formation and handwriting has progressed. It has been amazing to see their knowledge of shape and space develop and how skilfully they could all apply this knowledge and understanding to their Christmas art and craft activities including snowflakes that started as a hexagon folded into a trapezium, then a rhombus and finally a triangle. The term has ended beautifully with all the children taking part in the Nativity and celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.

Festive wishes from Miss. Lowe and Mrs. Grundmann

### Little Owls Preschool

If you are interested in a place for one of your children our sessions are as follows:

**9.00am - 12.00 noon** - Monday to Friday funded Pre-School

**12.00 - 1.00pm** Lunch Club which will cost £2.10 for 2-course lunch & £4.00 child care

**1.00pm - 3.15pm** - Tuesday to Thursday additional paid Childcare

All sessions are only available during school term time and not on Training Days.

**Brass Tuition.** Mr Walter said goodbye to the children last week, as he has retired from the North Yorkshire Music Service. Mr. Rhodes will teach brass from January which means there may be a change in timetable. We will update you as soon as we have more information.

### Breakfast Club

There is a breakfast club available at Carlton School starting at 8.00am every day of the week. Each session costs £3.00 – please contact the school for further information or to make a booking.

### Posada

Thank you to all the families who welcomed the Posada into their homes. We enjoyed reading about Mary and Joseph's visits. The stories, time and effort the children put in were very touching.

Parents are cordially invited to join school worship at 3:00 each Thursday afternoon starting 18th January. It would be lovely to see you.



Our topic this half-term has been all about sleep and night. We were very lucky to have parents who came into talk about working at night time as a doctor and in the police - thank you very much. We ended the topic with a 'snuggle day' and wore our pyjamas to nursery! The children enjoyed our Christmas post office, which gave lots of mark making opportunities. We ended term with a Christmas singalong and stay and play – the children did some fantastic singing, helped by the Reception children, and we had lots of fun making Christmas crafts.



Year 6 pupils singing for their pudding!



### Information Session for Parents.

A date for your diary: there will be an information session for parents on Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:20. It will be led by class teachers. The sessions will be relevant to all parents so please come along and join us.



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