

CONFEDERATED SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER 3rd February 2017

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Dear Parents,
Dare I say it feels like spring is in the air? I can hear birds chirping and the sunshine is gleaming through my blinds as I sit here typing this short note to all of you.

So far this term I have seen some fantastic castles made by our younger children. Class 1 is bursting with creativity as the children have produced some wonderful art work. Meanwhile, our older children have educated me about the dangers of sailing too fast in icy waters! I have also had the pleasure of reading some fabulous pieces of writing (some of which are in this newsletter).

Our Confederated Choir is sounding beautiful every Friday afternoon. It's thoroughly enjoyable listening to the children sing with such enthusiasm. I'd like to thank Mrs Carr-Smith for dedicating her time to teach the children to sing every Friday.

Warm wishes,
Mrs McDonald

A Prayer from Key Stage 2

Dear Lord,

Please care for our loved ones for Valentine's Day. Let us pray for those working outside in the cold weather. Help us to care for all of the new animals as spring approaches us. Help us also to love those who live on the streets and have no food or water.

Amen

What's been going on in . . . Key Stage 2

In Class 2, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been doing a topic called 'Frozen Kingdom' which included learning about the Titanic and expeditions to the North and South Pole. We have been writing letters, reports and our own diary.



Did you know . . .

If a piece of ice is less than five metres big, it is classed as a growler. If it is more than five metres it is an iceberg?

We have been learning about Robert Falcon Scott and attempting his style of diary writing in our book.

By Scarlett Mellor and Esther Lane

Academic Year 2016/17

17th February - RNLI visit
20th - 24th February - Half Term
3rd March - World Book Day*
3rd March - Marie Kilgallon Workshop - handwriting and writing*
17th March - Red Nose Day*
24th March - Bikeability*
31st March - Bikeability
10th - 21st April - Easter holidays
24th April - Staff training day
25th April - School reopens for Summer Term
1st May - May Day Bank Holiday
4th May - School Photographer at Carlton
29th - 2nd June - Half term
21st July - Last day of term
24th & 25th July - Staff training days
*Information to follow separately

Tree of Life

The Tree of Life (a special activity) was meant for Year Six. It helps you express your inner memories where you can reflect your past and create your future.

The lad who came into school brought us brownies, short bread and blackcurrant. She was really kind and comforting which was nice and when someone spoke all her attention was on them.

Lia Brass



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 - 3.00pm - Tuesday to Thursday additional paid Childcare

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

We were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Hudson last week. We are pleased that she will be leading Forest School on Friday morning. We would also like to welcome Mrs Cavana-Pearay to Little Owls.

Our Cornerstones topic asks: Did Dragons exist? We have been exploring the world of dragons, unicorns and castles through play and stories. We have also been finding out about Chinese New Year.

This term in our schools we have learnt all about the Polar Regions; including the Titanic and Captain Scott's expedition. At the beginning of the term we learnt about icebergs and glaciers. We made our own icebergs by freezing water. In Maths we have learnt about shapes and angles, fractions and decimals. In RE we learnt about charities and what they do to help people. In topic we learnt about food webs and temperatures. We have had a very nice term so far and with innovate week coming up it can only get better.

Written by Matthew Ryan, Sam Gaskin and Joe Cook



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.

Afterschool Clubs.

There will be no Thursday after school club at Carlton until further notice. We are sorry if this inconveniences any parents.

PFA news

A BIG thank you to all of you for your help and support with the Christmas party and fair. The children had a great time and we have raised a total of £1,391.50. The coffee afternoon on the last day of school was a nice way finish the term for everyone.

Please join us for our next PFA meetings to plan further social and fundraising events. Both meetings will be at Carlton School.

Friday 10th February 3.20pm

Wednesday 29th March 3.20pm

Sharon and Tanya

Information Workshop for Parents.

A date for your diary: our next parent workshop will be on Friday March 3rd at 3:20. It will be led by Mrs Kilgallon with a focus on writing and handwriting. Childcare will be provided. This workshop will be of interest to all parents so please come along and join us. It was lovely to see so many parents at our last workshop.



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