

CONFEDERATED SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER 21st July 2017



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Dear Parents,

It has been a momentous year for both schools, which has included celebrations of wonderful achievements in Year 6 SATs results, successful SIAMS inspections for both schools, Carlton's Ofsted inspection confirming a 'Good' judgement and concluding with leavers' services in the local parish churches for each school. I never cease to marvel at how much our schools fit into a school year. I want to thank our parents, whose continued support enables the staff to do what they do, as well as they do.

I would also like to give a very big thank you to all of the organisations, professional coaches, parent helpers, volunteers and governors who have done a fabulous job this year.

Finally, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 5th September.

Warm wishes,
Mrs McDonald

A Prayer from KS2 by Adam Garbutt

Dear Lord

Thank you for food, water and different things we have.

Thank you for nature and countryside that people live on, like me.

Thank you for health and healthy fruit we get off trees.

Thank you for our long lives and the hospitals that save our lives.

Amen

PFA – The Parents and Friends wish to thank those who supported the Raffle and refreshments at the Summer Concert last week. The sum of £171.09 was raised for PFA funds which are used to enhance provision at the schools. Thank you.

Brass Tuition. Mr Walter invites any child in current Y2 and older who is interested in learning to play a brass instrument starting in September to let us know. Instruments are available to loan at no cost to families.

Carlton parents are cordially invited to join school worship at 10.25am each Thursday morning starting 14th September. Bilsdale parents will receive a similar invitation shortly – we are finalising the day.

Please find attached a letter from our two Governing Bodies celebrating the recent SIAMS inspections at both schools.

Invitations: We would like to clarify to all families that it is the schools' policy that distribution of party invitations or other communications between families are the responsibility of those issuing the invitation and should be handed out before or after school. No member of school staff can accept responsibility for distribution or safe delivery of these items.

Academic Year 2016/17

21st July - Last day of term

24th & 25th July - Staff training days (staff in school)

Academic Year 2017/18

4th September 2017 - Staff training day (staff in school)

5th September - Children return to school

6th September - Children return to Nursery

6th September - Information session for parents 3.20pm

11th September - Swimming and after school clubs will re-start this week (none in first week back)

We have a large amount of lost property in school at Carlton. There are some good quality items which sadly have not been named. Please will you/your child check for missing items as we will be sorting and donating to charity after half term.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING WHICH MAY BE REMOVED AT SCHOOL – EVEN IF IT'S ONLY INITIALS ON CARE LABELS THIS HELPS US RETURN THINGS.

Bilsdale and Carlton (shown in brackets) Schools have a School Uniform, we show below the requirements for those of you replacing items this summer. Please ensure that 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) blouse, 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 dress and sensible sandals may be worn in summer
- It is possible to order uniforms embroidered with the school logo and your child's initials directly from Elizabeth's Embroidery by telephone 01642 – 674973 or on their web site**

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), black sports shorts and plimsolls are necessary for all PE and games lessons stored in a drawstring bag
- Tracksuits and trainers to be worn for outdoor games only
- One-piece costumes are necessary for swimming lessons

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.

Little Owls

We will soon be saying goodbye to some of our Little Owls as they move on into school. We wish them all our best wishes for the future as they move into the next stage of their learning journey. We have a number of children already for September; if you have a young child and are interested in a nursery place during the coming school year please pop in for a visit.

We have been doing lots of gardening this term and have lots of vegetables growing in the quad. We have already eaten some of our lettuce at snack time and hope to be eating peas very soon. We have some little caterpillars in nursery at the moment and are watching them grow and change. A few weeks ago we went for a lovely walk around Carlton to find out what was happening around us in spring, and at Forest School we have watched blossom become apples on the fruit trees.

Inside nursery our favourite activities at the moment are using the beach style sand pit, big water play, listening to stories and spotting the rhyming sounds, mixing our own paint colours and building fantastic models.

Little Owls reopens after the holidays on **WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER**
Mrs Howe & Mrs Pearey

Class 2 – Carlton

We've just started our new topic Road trip USA with our first stop New York City. The children have been using the internet to research the city attractions and write postcards. We've now broadened our research to create a database about the different states. We will soon be learning about the Native American tribes, their culture and myths.

Both KS2 classes joined together for a special rehearsal with Mrs Bowden from the Sage in Gateshead. The children really enjoyed experiencing The Big Sing event and sounded great. Special thanks to Mrs Carr-Smith who has been taking our music lessons. We learned a great deal from our educational visit to the synagogue which is really inspiring our RE.

Miss Jeffries

Class 1 – Carlton

Last half term we learnt all about minibeasts. We had a minibeast hunt and discovered where they live. We recorded our data on a Tally chart and created a block graph. We also written minibeast riddles and, using clay, modelled and painted our own minibeasts.

Thank you, Class 1, for being such a fabulous class; I have enjoyed every minute teaching you.

Mrs Earl

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available at Carlton School starting at 7.45am every school day from September. Each session costs £4.00 – please contact the school for further information or to make a booking.

Instrumental Lessons in School Dr Harrison will have vacancies for instrumental lessons in school from September 2017. He is currently teaching piano, flute and saxophone although lessons in clarinet are also available.

Lessons last for 20 minutes, fees are payable half-termly in advance. Your child will need to have their own instrument on which to practise and Dr Harrison will be happy to advise you on the purchase/hire of instruments where appropriate. If you are interested please get in touch with Dr Harrison directly: Tel. 01642 598159

Email: leighharr@btinternet.com

Web site: www.harrisonsmusicservices.co.uk

Bilsdale

This half term at Bilsdale has been very busy with the children having enjoyed a lot of activities. Key Stage 1 had wonderful time learning about plants and mini beasts while Key Stage 2 have been on a road trip studying the USA. It has been delightful to see how much the children are engaging in the curriculum.

We had a delightful leavers' service for our Year 6 children and it was very moving to hear them speak so confidently and maturely about their time at Bilsdale School. We are very proud of our Year 6 children and look forward to hearing all about their next steps.

While Year 6 attended their transition days at Stokesley School we welcomed our new starters and their families. We can now look forward to the start of new learning journeys.

Last of all we would like to thank all our families for working with us.

As one of our children said, "this year has been inspirational!" to which another replied, "next year, bring it on!"

Mrs Grundmann

Information Sessions for Parents – the first sessions will take place on Wednesday 6th September at 3.20pm in both schools. All parents are welcome to come along to hear about the coming term's topic and focus, arrangements within the school week and 'housekeeping' information to help children settle back into the routines of school.

Parent Workshops will be arranged throughout the school year, more information will be shared when we have details finalised.



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