

CONFEDERATED SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER 25th May 2017



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“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so also you must love one another.”

John 13: 34

Dear Parents,

It feels like we are racing towards summer but we have lots to do first. Well done to Year 6 and Year 2 for their efforts in end of year tests but remember regardless of the outcomes you are still precious, special individuals and the future of this world is safe in your hands.

Well done Class 1 at Bilsdale who lead our attendance this school year with 95%, however we need to ask everyone to make a big effort to reduce absence and lateness to minimise its disruptive impact on learning. The DFE collect absence data three times each year through the School Census, with schools expected to achieve less than 5% absence.

Let's hope the glorious weather continues so do remember sunhats, cream and water bottles! I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 5th June.

Warm wishes,
Mrs McDonald

Dogs on School Premises

It has been brought to our attention that a number of dogs are being brought to school as children are delivered or collected. North Yorkshire County Council regulations require us to remind you that dogs are not allowed on any school premises or grounds because of Health and Safety, even if they are on a lead, with the exception of guide or other assistance dogs.

Access to School Grounds

We have been made aware that the grounds at both schools are being used at times when the schools are closed.

School grounds are not open areas for public use.

The health and safety of our pupils and staff is paramount; damages to equipment are costly and incidences of dog fouling (which we have unfortunately experienced) are unpleasant to deal with and a significant health risk.

Attendance

We politely remind you that teaching starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.20pm. A significant number of children are arriving at school late and/or being collected late in the afternoon.

We do have to monitor lateness so would appreciate you help with addressing this please as it is disruptive to teaching and can be unsettling for the child. Please collect your children promptly at the end of the day, particularly after clubs, as staff have preparation work, meetings etc to attend to; we request that a message is written in planners if someone other than their own parent is collecting children.

May we remind you that a written explanation for absence from school is required upon return – this does not have to go into great detail but schools are expected to record reasons for absence accurately and retain this information for inspection by the appropriate LEA officials who inspect registers annually.

Academic Year 2016/17

26th May - Y6 'Leap of Faith' high ropes visit 9.00 - 12.00

26th May - Ascension Service at St Hilda's, Chop Gate 2pm

29th - 2nd June - Half term

6th June - Ben's Cake Sale at Carlton for 'EmilGo' Appeal

16th June - Sports Day 9.30 -11.30

30th June - Visit to Newcastle Reform Synagogue Y1-Y6*

4th July - KS2 participation in 'Big Sing', Sage, Gateshead*

11th July - Confederated Summer Concert 6.30pm*

12th -14th July -Y6 transition days at Stokesley School

18th July - Carlton Leavers Service at St Botolph's Church*

20th July - Bilsdale Leavers Service at St Hilda's Church*

21st July - Last day of term

24th & 25th July - Staff training days

***Information to follow separately**

Thank you – to the parents who have been helping with the growing projects in our schools particularly for the generous donations of plants etc, this is greatly appreciated.

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 IT IT'S ONLY INITIALS ON CARE LABELS THIS HELPS US RETURN THINGS.

The Department for Education requires Local Authorities to implement government amendments to the regulations regarding the taking of Leave of Absence in term-time, which came into force on the 1st September 2013. **The new law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time.** Headteachers would not be expected to class any term time holiday as exceptional. Therefore Headteachers will only be able to grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and this will still be at the discretion of the Headteacher. **Please respect the requirements placed on schools through this legislation and ensure that you apply at least 6 weeks before the first date being requested.** Thank you.

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 recently sent out their own Newsletter. They have been busy making changes to the outdoor area which is now a lovely beach! There is a wish list of items to use outdoors – if you have any spare that you could donate they will be very grateful:-

A water butt Plastic drainpipes Metal pans/baking trays
Smooth pieces of wood for the woodwork bench (we use lots!)

Class 2 - Carlton

Visiting Strikes Garden Centre was very informative and the children have used their gardening skills planting a variety of seeds. We have observed plant growth, carried out experiments and learnt about plant lifecycle. We would like to thank Mr Jinks who helped to plant our new plum tree. The children are really enjoying *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett identifying the changes in the characters and this is inspiring our writing. Keep reading and gardening over half term Class 2!

Class 1 – Carlton

Scented Garden

In English, this half term, Class one have read *Jack and the Beanstalk* and have practised our writing skills when writing our own version of the story. We have researched to answer questions we posed about plants and have written non-chronological reports, which answer these questions. In Science, we have explored our school field and observed and drawn different tree types and flowers. We have also planted seeds and observed their growth. In RE we have explored music to see how Christians show they care and we have role-played our own version of the Good Samaritan.

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.

Bilsdale

This half term both Key stage 1 and 2 have been learning about plants and have spent a lot of time in the school garden planting and caring for a variety of plants. KS1 have planted lots of herbs and flowers. KS2 have planted a variety of vegetables and a plum tree. The children are looking forward to seeing how much their plants grow over the holiday.

'Social Networking'

Parents of children in North Yorkshire schools are increasingly using social networking sites such as Facebook to talk to their friends. Sometimes parents have used these sites to criticise or make inappropriate comments about schools or even individual teachers. Making defamatory comments on the internet has exactly the same serious legal consequences as if they are made directly to someone else. Legal action could be taken against the person who has made the online comment. Similarly threats of violence can lead to criminal proceedings under the Malicious Communications Act 1988. If you have any concerns about anything which happens in school please speak to your child's class teacher or the Headteacher who will do their best to resolve things. If you are still unhappy we have a complaints procedure which will ensure that your concerns are investigated thoroughly and appropriate action taken.

Information Workshop for Parents.

A date for your diary: our next parent workshop will be on Friday 9th June at 3:20pm. This will be led by Miss Jeffries with a focus on subtraction in Maths. Childcare will be provided. This workshop will be of interest to all parents so please come along and join us. Thank you to those parents who attended our last workshop.



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