

CONFEDERATED SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER 30th November 2017



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Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Marianne Doonan's Emotion Coaching training session last Friday. The Governors and leaders of our schools are passionate about supporting our children and families in sustaining children's emotional and behavioural wellbeing. It would be wonderful to see as many as possible on Monday 11th December, when Marianne will return to Carlton to lead a workshop around anxiety and resilience.

A reminder that as the weather has deteriorated, all children should be wearing a coat and hat to and from school as, on dry days, pupils will be expected to go outdoors at playtime and lunchtime. Please also make sure that they are wearing a sweatshirt or cardigan as both of our school buildings are stone built and difficult to heat quickly.

The last three weeks of term are exceptionally busy, but teaching and learning continues so please support your child/ren by ensuring they arrive at school no later than 9:00 am.

I hope to see as many as possible of you at the Nativities and Candlelit Service (St. Botolph's) in December.
Mrs. McDonald

The Advent Wreath is a traditional devotion, involving an evergreen wreath with four candles attached and a central candle for Christmas. One candle is lit on each Sunday of Advent and prayers are said.



Candle	Theme
1 st (3 rd Dec)	Hope
2 nd (10 th Dec)	Peace
3 rd (17 th Dec)	Joy
4 th (24 th Dec)	Love
5 th (25 th Dec)	Jesus

Academic Year 2017/18

- 4th December - Last swimming session until New Year
 - 5th December - Sportshall Athletics at Stokesley School
Parents of participating children to collect at 3.00pm
 - 7th December - Bilsdale children entertaining Pensioners Party at Chop Gate Village Hall 5.15pm
 - 8th December - Quartet visiting school
 - 11th December - Marianne Doonan 2nd Parent Workshop - Emotion Coaching 9.00 at Carlton
 - 11th December - KS2 children singing Carols at Lord Stones
all families very welcome to come and support 2.30pm
 - 14th December - Children's Christmas party organised by PFA 5.00 to 7.00pm at Chop Gate Village Hall
 - 15th December - School Christmas Lunch. Wear your Christmas Jumper and make a donation to charity.
 - 18 - 22 December Last week of term NO CLUBS incl. SCSS
 - 19th December - Bilsdale Midcable Chop Gate School Nativity at Chop Gate Village Hall 2.00pm*
 - 20th December - Carlton & Faceby School Nativity at St Botolph's Church 2.00pm*
 - 21st December - Little Owls Christmas Songs 9.30am *
 - 22nd December - Confederated Day. Candlelit Carol Service at St Botolph's Church, Carlton 2.00pm. Last day of term.*
 - 25th December - 5th January - Christmas Holidays
 - 8th January 2018 - Staff Training Day
 - 9th January - School re-opens (Tuesday)
 - PLEASE NOTE NO CLUBS DURING FIRST WEEK BACK
 - 15th January - Swimming restarts
 - 26th January - NSPCC '**Speak out. Stay safe.**' Assembly. *
- *Information will be sent separately



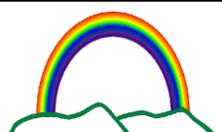
KS2 set out on their Pilgrimage to Faceby

We visited the Church of St Mary Magdalene



After hot chocolate, we walked back to Carlton for lunch.

There will be no after school clubs during the last week of term. Also, after Christmas, Tuesday clubs at both schools will be **Homework Clubs** for completion of RM Maths (if can't access at home), help with homework and reading. The clubs will run from 3.20 to 4.00pm prompt beginning 16th January.



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Little Owls Preschool

Earlier this term we went for an autumn walk around the village, collecting beautifully coloured leaves and lots of conkers! We have been reading 'Stick Man' and made our own stick family. It was lovely to pick apples from the school trees and make crumbles with them. Our new topic asks, 'Why do we sleep at night?' reflect that; exploring bedtime, the night sky and Another request please for our woodwork bench – key stage 1 children access this as well as nursery children and we get through lots of wood. If anyone has any unwanted offcuts of wood from a DIY project please think of us!



Mrs Howe & Mrs Pearey

Bilsdale

Class 2 were very sad to leave the Romans at the end of last half term but they quickly engaged with our new topic Predator. Studying different predators and their hunting methods has led to many wonderful opportunities for writing and the children have particularly enjoyed writing some Haiku poems. They have also worked on a report about a predator which they skilfully turned into impressive leaflets which are on display in the classroom.

The children have explored the world of terrestrial predators, flying predators and aquatic predators. They have researched the food chain of various predators and can talk about producers and consumers. They have written computer programs and explored different skeletons. The highlight of the project so far has been making clay models of eagles and dissecting owl pellets. The way they were able to focus and move their learning forward was most impressive and it was hard to get everyone out of the door at the end of the day.

Mrs Grundmann

Class 1 at both schools have been very busy on a journey through the galaxy. The topic began with a crashed alien space ship and the discovery that there was a lost alien somewhere around school. They all enjoyed the story of Beegu and made some wonderful models of which they used to do some excellent writing. Everyone worked as a team to make a huge silver space ship. The children have worked very hard to find ways to help the alien find its way home including sending light signals and messages. They have learnt to wire a circuit, name the planets and be space engineers and build a moon buggy; they have also found out about different astronauts and their explorations of space. They are now finding out about stars and constellations as we start our journey through Advent and into Christmas.

The reception children have made an excellent start to school life and have impressed us all how well they have settled into school.

Mrs Grundmann, Miss Lowe & Mrs Allison

Teacher2Parents

We are running a 30 day trial of a text service. Each family's first mobile contact number will be the recipient. The text will generally come through as 'Carltonfb' but if we wish to allow you to reply it will appear as a mobile number. We will send more details shortly but in view of the current weather conditions we have put this in place at very short notice. We would be interested to receive any feedback from parents once this is underway. Thank you.

Breakfast Club is available at Carlton School starting at 7.45am (or later) every school day from September for a trial period. Each session costs £4.00 per hour and must be pre-booked. Please contact the school for further information or to make a booking. Further information regarding the 7.45am start will follow.

Class 2 – Carlton

We have had a fascinating few weeks with our 'Predator' topic. Studying animals and their hunting techniques has inspired our writing creating leaflets and writing haiku poems. The children have researched food chains, created food webs, written computer programmes and drawn birds in flight. Dissecting an owl pellet was voted the best lesson ever. The children were absolutely amazed finding skulls and bones inside such a small pellet and didn't want the lesson to end!

The children at both schools have been involved in a number of great sporting activities over the past few weeks. We are particularly proud of their enthusiasm, determination, and behaviour showing their ability to work as a team and display outstanding sportsmanship. A special well done to Adam and Harrison who made it through to the second round of the cross country and were well placed in their events.

Miss Jeffries

KS2

Our RE lessons have been joint on Fridays. The children created some beautiful artwork based on different places of Christian pilgrimage. Everyone enjoyed experiencing a pilgrimage of their own when we walked to Faceby church. They have documented the experience in some wonderful recounts: "It was a very nice journey I hope to do again.....Many fields later we saw St Mary Magdalene church shining in the distance.....I had a great time.....It was a lovely trip and I learnt a lot about pilgrimage I had an amazing pilgrimage."

Many thanks to Andrea Wheatley and her family for their warm welcome at church, informing us in its history, playing the organ and making us hot chocolate at the village hall.

We are now looking forward to working on our nativity plays and being part of all the wonderful activities going on in school to celebrate Advent and Christmas.

Miss Jeffries & Mrs Grundmann

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Mary and Joseph are beginning their journey to many of our children's homes on Friday.

Thank you for hosting them and we look forward to seeing the dairy recording their journey around Bilsdale and Carlton Schools' families.

Forest School

Every Friday morning all of the Reception children go to Forest School activities. Please ensure that your child has a warm coat, extra layers, gloves, hat and extra socks EVERY WEEK. Thank you.

Mrs Hudson

Parent Workshops The next workshop is 'Emotion Coaching' with Marianne Doonan on Monday 11th December from 9.00am at Carlton. Everyone is welcome.