

CONFEDERATED SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER 30th September 2016

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first Headteacher's Newsletter of the new academic year. I will be writing to you regularly throughout the year to let you know important information about what has been and will be happening in our schools.

It has been wonderful to see the positive attitude of the children right across the school since they returned from their summer holidays. Both Little Owls and Reception children have settled in quickly, as have the new children who have joined us in other year groups. The children have begun the year full of enthusiasm for their learning and have swiftly felt secure within their new classes and with their new teachers. Many parents and visitors to our schools have commented on the calm and purposeful atmosphere that will enable the children to progress so well.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs McDonald

A Prayer for the New School Year

Lord, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.
Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us.
Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.
Open our hearts and minds to new friends and give us enthusiasm in our learning
Inspire me to do my best this year!
Amen

After School Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer 2 further clubs starting from next week.
KS1 Art Club will be offered by Mrs Mellor and Mrs Cooke on Wednesdays 3.30 - 4.30
KS2 Golf will be offered on Fridays 3.20 - 4.20
Please see the additional details which are attached. Requests for places should be made promptly please.

Sport

We are really proud to announce that our schools have had our gold kitemark approved again for both schools!
This is a great achievement which reflects the commitment of our staff and children.
One of the Comments from validator was "Another year, another Gold! Great efforts all around in sport and PE from a great school!"

Academic Year 2016/17

14th October Harvest Service at St. Botolph's Church
17th October Multiskills (KS1)
19th October Carlton parents' evening
20th October Bilsdale Parents' evening
24th-28th October - Half Term
4th November - Y1-Y6 Parents Workshop 3.20 at Carlton
19th - 30th December - Christmas Holidays
2nd January 2017 - Bank Holiday
3rd January - Staff training day
4th January - School reopens for Spring Term
20th - 24th February - Half Term
10th - 21st April - Easter holidays
24th April - Staff training day
25th April - School reopens for Summer Term
1st May - May Day Bank Holiday
29th - 2nd June - Half term
21st July - Last day of term
24th & 25th July - Staff training days
***Information to follow**

Reminder

For the safety of everyone, bikes and scooters must not be ridden on any part of the school grounds and paths please.



'Believe and Achieve'

<http://bilsdalecarltonschoools.co.uk/>



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We have gone live with our new school website. Please have a browse and look out for updates.

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.

Breakfast Club There is a breakfast club available at Carlton School starting at 8.00am every weekday. Each session costs £3.00 – please contact the school for further information or to make a booking. As the staff have to come in early to run this provision, we request that parents book in advance, preferably notifying by Friday any provision required the following week. Cancellation of booked/regular sessions should be notified by 3.30pm the day before at the latest please.

Class 1

What a fantastic start to the new academic year we have had in Class 1! We have all settled in really well and are enjoying our learning. Our topic this half term is 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers', a topic all about animals. At Carlton we have been extremely lucky and have already had a couple of animal visitors. Alex introduced us to Alfie the tortoise and Miss Treloar brought in her African land snails. The children were able to touch, observe and describe the snails as well as make their own snail and tortoise shells!

Can I remind you that homework is given out on a Monday and should be returned the following Monday. Please also ensure that reading books and logs are brought in every day, as well as school diaries. May I take this opportunity to thank you for welcoming me to the Confederation and I look forward to supporting your child's learning.

Mr Pickard

TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF LOST PROPERTY PLEASE NAME ALL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS

PE A number of children have not brought PE kit into school since the start of term. We ask that everyone has correct kit next week please. Children should be wearing plain white T-shirts and black shorts for PE. They will also need a warm tracksuit as we will be going outside during the winter months; either trainers or plimsolls can be worn, although KS2 will need trainers for on the field. This kit should be in school every day and children will be expected to wear it for school sports, even if they are doing Simon Carson Sports after school (there is no need for different kit for SCSS).

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 simple but effective!

We also ask that sensible school shoes are worn – trainers are for sport only please.

Class 2

What a lovely start to the new school year! The children have settled well and made a keen start particularly with our topic, A Child's War. Thank you for your support with Evacuation Day with children's costumes. The events of the day really made the children think about leaving home and the effect of the war on children. Similarly, reading extracts of Anne Frank's diary, responding to air raid sirens and sampling wartime food is helping them appreciate the world they live in now. As the children's cooking was so successful, the recipes for Woolton Pie and eggless cake will be coming home. Y5 and Y6 children are good at peeling and chopping vegetables! I hope you are enjoying the homework projects. Some promote family conversations sharing wartime memories, asking questions or finding out about local history. Please send these in as soon as they are done.

Miss Jeffries and Ms Jackson (Class 2 Teaching Assistant)

Information Workshops for Parents

It was lovely to see parents and governors attending the first of our half-termly workshops. The feedback from everyone who attended was most encouraging. Feedback from parents will help us to plan the content for our future workshops. The topic for our next workshop will be 'Phonics and Spelling'. This workshop will be helpful for parents of children in Year 1 to Year 6. It will be held on Friday 4th November at 3:20. We will endeavour to arrange our workshops on Fridays (Confederated Day) and provide attending parents with child care. We look forward to seeing you there!