

CONFEDERATED SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER 21st October 2016



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Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of our first half term. It certainly has been a productive half term and wonderful to see the children enjoying such a creative approach to their Cornerstones topic. I have enjoyed seeing all of the wonderful topic-related projects being brought into school. Both children and parents must have worked with great energy to produce fabulous examples of learning to share with friends and teachers back in school. Many thanks for all of your effort and support in working on our topics with your children. Next term is expected to be a festive frenzy of fun, with nativities, a day trip to Beamish and a Christmas fair (watch this space . . .)! We are trying our best to keep you all informed of events, and any unavoidable cancellations, so please bear with us if things don't always go as planned.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs McDonald

School Council

Congratulations to our newly elected School Council: Joram Franke, Esther Lane, Sam Gaskin, Lewis Maynard, Magnus Garshol-Roy, Addam Cook, Avagrace Cavana-Pearey, Amos Lane, Scarlett Cundall. Their first meeting will be with Miss Jeffries on Friday. Watch out for their news, suggestions and events.

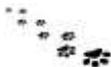
Bilsdale

KS2 finished their Child's War Topic with a VE party. The children all delivered speeches confidently and shared a lot of knowledge. KS1 have ended their animal topic with a project looking after some unusual pets and this had led to some wonderful writing and art work. It has been fantastic to see how engaged all the children have been with their learning. Thank you to all of you who have supported your children with homework projects the children have really enjoyed sharing their learning. We are all looking forward to starting out new Cornerstones topics after half term.

Academic Year 2016/17

24th-28th October - Half Term
31st October Multiskills (KS1) re-arranged date
1st November - School Photographer at Bilsdale
2nd November - Y1 Hearing Screening at Carlton
4th November - Phonics/Spelling parent workshop
5th November -Sports Committee Fireworks Display on the school field at Carlton at 7pm *
9th November - Parent information sessions*
18th November - Y1, Y2 & Y3 Flu vaccinations
12th December - Christmas at Beamish
14th December - Carlton Nativity
15th December Bilsdale Nativity
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
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**

Class 1



Thank you all for your support in our 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic. The children had a great time learning about different types of animals and their body parts. The homework projects have been incredible and are on display in our classroom.

Our topic next half term is 'Splendid Skies'- a topic all about the sky, seasons and weather. In preparation for this you may want to make a weather chart across half term or make a kite to fly!

Please continue to practice counting in 2's, 5's and 10's as well as reading at home as much as possible.

Mr Pickard

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.

Sport

After half term all children will be learning gymnastics and dance skills during PE lessons. Appropriate PE kit must be worn for lessons- this is a plain white shirt and black shorts. If your child does not have this kit it would be beneficial to acquire it during half term. Mr Pickard will no longer allow children to partake if incorrect PE kit is worn unless an appropriate reason is given.

Thank you for your support - Mr Pickard

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.

A prayer for autumn

**Thank you for Harvest and the autumnal changes
Like the loss of green on the trees.**

**Thank you for the berries, conkers, chestnuts and acorns,
And for helping the animals and us prepare for winter.**

Help us keep safe through half term when the nights are getting darker and colder.

Amen

Doris Doughty

Class 2

War is over! Thank you for coming to celebrate our street party with us. The children have clearly enjoyed the topic sharing their work with pride. We have discovered some great speech writers as well as speakers, diarists, historians and singers. I have been particularly pleased with the home learning projects with the children involving family members, carrying out research and presenting their work in their own way. Next half term our topic is 'Potions'. This is a science based topic. *Get ahead!* Over half term start reading stories with potions e.g. *George's Marvellous Medicine*, *Harry Potter*. On the first day back, if you have any unusual shaped bottles please bring them in for an art lesson. We will need them just for one day.

Many thanks,

Miss Jeffries and Ms Jackson (Class 2 Teaching Assistant)

Information Workshops for Parents

Just a reminder that our next workshop will be held on Friday 4th November at 3:20. Once again Mrs Kilgallon (Literacy consultant) will be leading the workshop. The topic for our next workshop will be 'Phonics and Spelling'. This workshop will be helpful for parents of children from Year 1 to Year 6. We will endeavour to arrange our workshops on Fridays (Confederated Day) and provide attending parents with child care. Mrs Kilgallon has prepared a booklet of information for parents to take home so that you can support your child with phonics and spelling homework. We look forward to seeing you there!

We'd like to give a warm welcome to Mrs. Hussain who will be joining us on Friday afternoons (fortnightly – starting 11th November) to teach Music. Mrs. Yarushin will teach French lessons alternate weeks to Mrs. Hussain. This will mean that our children will receive one hour of each subject fortnightly so children have the opportunity to deepen their understanding and skills during the extended lesson times. Children have already met Mrs. Hussain when she visited school this week.



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