

## The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale CE Federation Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another busy week in school with the children living out our 'KIND' vision. Thank you to all parents and carers who made it to our Parent Teacher Consultations this week, it was lovely to see so many of you at both schools and to be able to share how well your children are doing. For any parents who couldn't make it this week, please let the office know if you'd like an alternative appointment.

As you can see below, Carlton's attendance is only just above target. We've had quite a few holiday requests recently, please can I remind parents and carers that we can only authorise term time holiday for exceptional circumstances, with supporting evidence.

We also had a visit from our Local Authority Education Adviser, Mrs Marshall, this week. The focus of her visit was on safeguarding. She was very impressed with our systems and processes as well as the knowledge of our staff and how articulately the children spoke about their learning.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend, Mr. M. Scott                      Executive Headteacher

### Awards

Well done to the following children:



**Stars of the Week**— Elma, Dylan, Jessica, Daisy, Penelope, Charlie R, Harry, Henry J

**Kindness Award**— Toby, Eva, Daisy, William, Oscar, Charlie O'F, Ernie, Kitty

**Handwriting Award**— Oliver, Hugo, Zara, Isla



### Vision and Behaviour Awards

**Vision Award**— Scarlett, Eliza, Olivia H, All of KS2 from both schools, Bilsdale Y6, Honey

**Headteacher Hot Chocolate**— Scarlett, Arthur J, Eva, Penelope, Charlie R, Jake

Attendance—our whole school target is 96%.

Bilsdale— 98.4%

Carlton— 96.4% - only just above target!

### Collective Worship

A reflection on the current unrest in the Middle East:

In the Bible, Psalm 46 is a noisy Psalm.

It talks about waters roaring and mountains quaking, about wars and desolation. But it ends with God saying, 'Be still and know that I am God'. Be still. Israel and Gaza are noisy with the sounds of war at the moment... with tanks and bombs and guns and people shouting.

Wherever you are right now, close your eyes and try to sit quietly without moving... for a whole minute if you can. As you sit quietly like this, if you want to, you can say a silent prayer for stillness, for peace in the Middle East.

### Notes

#### Christmas Card Designs

Don't forget that 11.59pm tonight is the last chance for you to order your child's Christmas cards (or other gift items) via the information shared with you. Orders must be placed and paid for on the online store and will be delivered to school. Thank you.

### Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Lead for the federation is Matthew Scott. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead for Bilsdale is Rachel Grundmann and for Carlton is Diane Jeffries. The Safeguarding Lead Governor is John Ford.

If you have concerns about the safety of a child please speak to one of the staff named above. If you have concerns outside of school hours, please follow [this link](#) to the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership website.

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th October	Y6 maths club starts at both schools	Y6	Info. sent
Friday 20th Oc- tober	NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' workshops	Y2, Y5 and Y6	Info. Sent
Friday 27th October	School closes for half term	All	n/a
Monday 6th November	Staff training day—school closed for chil- dren	All	n/a
Tuesday 7th November	School re-opens for children	All	n/a
Wednesday 8th November	Flu vaccinations at both schools	All	More info. to follow
Friday 10th, 17th and Wednesday 22nd November	Bikeability—children will participate in one intensive session.	Y6	Info. sent
Monday 13th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week	All	More info. to follow
Friday 8th De- cember	Urban Kaos 'Christmas Magical Mash Up' Dance Day	All	PE kits needed in school
Wednesday 13th December	Whole Federation Nativity, 2.30pm at Chop Gate Village Hall	All	More info. to follow
Friday 15th December	Christmas lunch and jumper day	All	More info. to follow
Monday 18th December	Christmas craft afternoon	All	More info. to follow
Thursday 21st December	Panto @ Yarm	All	More info. to follow
Friday 22nd December	Carol Service – 2pm, St. Botolph's Church, Carlton  <b><u>SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION WITH FR. ROBERT</u></b>	All	More info. to follow
Friday 22nd December	School closes for Christmas	All	n/a
Monday 8th January	Staff training day – school closed for children	All	n/a
Tuesday 9th January	School re-opens for children	All	n/a

### Vacancy

We're sad to say that Mrs. Kelly-Ann Compton will be leaving Carlton at the end of October. You'll know that Kelly-Ann relinquished her midday supervisory role at the end of last term and she has now secured alternative employment in the local area. We'd like to thank her for all of her hard work over the years she's been with us, she'll be missed!



If you know anyone who may be interested in becoming our new cleaner and caretaker, here is the link to the vacancy <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/job/carlton-faceby-cleaner-caretaker>

## News from the Classes

### Bilsdale

We have had another busy and productive week at Bilsdale. KS2 have completed the writing unit on Skara Brae and are now ready to work on editing and redrafting ready for publication. They have become skilled at the art of persuasion. In History KS2 have looked at how Stone Age tools and weapons improved, developed, and became more sophisticated and efficient over time. KS1 have started working on their recount of their trip to Beamish and have been able to develop their understanding of the past. In Science KS2 have researched animal diets and have looked at how in the wild, animals' diets change over the year with the seasons due to certain foods becoming available or unavailable. KS1 have continued their work on plants finding out about bulbs and seeds. KS2 were able to take part in a virtual session about Judaism and synagogues asking some excellent questions and learning a lot from the answers. Both KS1 and KS2 have worked on safety in computing; KS1 have worked on the importance of keeping information, such as their usernames and passwords, private. KS2 worked on identifying secure sites by looking for privacy seals of approval and the benefits and risks of giving personal information and device access to different software.

### Carlton Class 1

A wonderful week! We have had the most lovely week in Class 1, a particular highlight has been the range of Autumnal resources we have had to explore and engage in. Our conker run in the quad was a huge hit, all the children loved covering their conkers in paint, then rolling them down the ramp and watching as the paint made beautiful patterns on the paper. We have also enjoyed opening up a pumpkin and exploring the insides! Some children chose to take a seed from inside home with them, to have ago at growing their own pumpkins. We are already looking forward to next week.

### Carlton Class 2

We have had another great week of learning in Class 2! In Maths, we have been ordering and comparing numbers. On Wednesday, Year 2 enjoyed the challenge of supporting Year 1 when identifying which quantity was greater, explaining their reasoning. Everyone was able to use the language of 'more than' and fewer than' in the context of quantity. In English, we have been learning to proofread our independent writing and ensure the correct use of capital letters and full stops.

As part of our work in Computing this week we have enjoyed learning about online safety. We listened to the story of 'Smartie the Penguin' before making Online Safety Flap Books. In our art session, we continued to learn about the work of James Rizzi. We had great fun creating a 3D effect by layering.

We would like to thank Dylan and Elma for creating their own natural potions at home inspired by their work in Forest School. Well done everyone for a super week!

### Carlton Class 3

We have had another enjoyable week in Class 3. The children have been eager to continue with our writing unit on Skara Brae and are now challenging themselves to further deepen their sentences, adding a growing and impressive range of adventurous vocabulary. As our work on the Neolithic period of the Stone Age is ending, we had messy fun creating clay Bell Beaker Pots, adding linear repeating patterns to decorate. Our history theme has certainly captured the children's imaginations and we are excited to continue the journey into the Bronze Age. Well done to those children who have had creative fun at home, building their own versions of Stonehenge!

In Science the children have studied their food diaries and thought about which food groups they perhaps need to increase, ensuring they get a healthy and balanced diet throughout the week. We have explored animal's diets and have looked at how they have adapted to catch and eat their food or prey. Using four-figure and six-figure grid co-ordinates to find locations on maps has been the geography focus this week, with the class having fun identifying Ordnance Survey symbols and plotting the course of a dragon across an imaginary landscape.

One of our favourite lessons of the week has been a virtual meeting to discover more about Judaism and synagogues. The children enjoyed discovering the answers to questions they had compiled prior to this event.

After meeting 'Buddy', the NSPCC mascot, the children thought about who their trusted adults are, how those adults make them feel and the many ways we can stay safe, both in and out of school and online. Some incredibly mature discussions and ideas were shared, and our school values and ethos shone through.

### Carlton Class 4

Keeping safe has been a theme this week. Online safety is our focus in computing. The children have played a game to remind themselves of safety features such as passwords, PEGI ratings and secure websites, and then created their own game. There were interesting discussions and ideas about the positives and negatives of location apps as to whether they kept someone safe or revealed their location putting them in danger. The children have also considered who their trusted adults are and considered ways to stay safe in different situations. These conversations will continue over the next few weeks as we approach darker evenings, Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night.

The children enjoyed our virtual meeting with Deanna from Newcastle Synagogue especially the opportunity to answer their questions. She enriched the children's understanding, helped with our pronunciation of Jewish words and read the Shema prayer in Hebrew.

Miss Baxendale is our music specialist who comes in on Fridays and is teaching the children to play either the flute or the clarinet. The children have learnt how to put their instrument together and take it apart. They have practised blowing to make a sound and they are looking forward to playing notes this week.

## Amazon Wish Lists

We're always looking for new ways to keep our learning environments as up to date and appealing as possible, particularly in terms of new books. Each class teacher has provided a list of books which we'd love to add to our class libraries and we have popped them onto an Amazon wish list, in addition to our own investment in new reading material.

We'd like to suggest that perhaps, rather than bringing sweets or cakes when it is your child's birthday, you may like to buy a book from our wish list. We can then name it so that it's a permanent reminder of your child's special day.

Alternatively you, or family and friends, might like to buy a book as a donation to our class libraries. We're always very appreciative of any new material for the children. Thank you in advance!

Class 1 wish list—[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/38P02L2MODMMF?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/38P02L2MODMMF?ref_=wl_share)

Class 2 wish list— [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3J2NFXCAPY3X0?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3J2NFXCAPY3X0?ref_=wl_share)

Class 3 wish list— [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1D1LRFQKJAL0V?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1D1LRFQKJAL0V?ref_=wl_share)

Class 4 wish list— [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/27YYASPC0H143?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/27YYASPC0H143?ref_=wl_share)

Bilsdale wish list— [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/LP095CM3BW3V?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/LP095CM3BW3V?ref_=wl_share)

## Virtual Visit

KS2 were very lucky to have a virtual visit with Deanna Van der Velde, a member of the United Hebrew Congregation in Newcastle, all about their current RE topic of Judaism. The children asked some fantastic questions and lived out our vision of being 'Kind and Accepting'.





## KS1 Beamish Trip



## Autumn fun in Class 1



## Fantastic KS1 art





## OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2023 HALF – TERM KIDS CLUBS








<u>DAY</u>	<u>Primary School</u>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Stokesley
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Great Ayton Roseberry



 **07966626816**  **Contact Mark Shimwell**

A variety of sports, football, multi-skills, fun, games, music, etc

**ONLY £15 for 1 child, £25 for two siblings, £35 for three siblings**

    **Bring packed lunch & drinks**    

 **Drop off between 9-10am / Collect between 2-3pm** 

**LIMITED SPACES - PLEASE BOOK TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

**For boys & girls aged 4-11**





Free half term netball camps



**FUN AND FREE HALF TERM HALLOWEEN CAMPS**

**GRANGETOWN NETBALL**

Friday 3rd November  
Y5 & Y6 9-12pm  
Y7 & Y8 1-4pm

Email: [grangetownnc@hotmail.com](mailto:grangetownnc@hotmail.com) to book your **FREE** place!

Grangetown Youth and Community Centre, TS6 7HP



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Do you, or does someone you know, have a child due to start school in September 2024?

The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale CE Federation

Executive Headteacher - Mr. M. Scott



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OCTOBER ★

Is your child starting school in September 2024? Come and see our nurturing learning environments where children thrive. Call us to make an appointment to visit our wonderful schools.

"This is a truly inclusive school. Leaders have high aspirations for all pupils and the curriculum reflects this."

*Bilsdale Midcable Chop Gate CE School OFSTED, May 2023*

"Pupils enjoy being part of their school community. Staff and pupils describe the school as like being part of one big family."

*Carlton & Faceby CE School OFSTED, January 2023*



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## Could you, or someone you know, become a School Governor?

Our governing body are recruiting for Foundation Governors. Their appointment is made through the parish and diocese. If you, or someone you know, would like more information the following events are very useful. Anyone wishing to put themselves forward can contact the school office for more information.



**inspiring  
governance**

Do you want to make a positive impact in the lives of young people?  
Are you committed to making a difference in your local community?

## Could you be a Foundation Governor?



For a brief introduction to the role in the York Diocesan context, please see:  
<https://www.inspiringgovernance.org/york-diocese/>

Interested?

Join us for one of the online Inspiring Governance  
"Lunch and Learn" sessions below to find out more.

Open session - all welcome

Session for school/Trust staff

🕒 17th October 2023, 12.30-1.30

Please register via the link  
below/QR code to obtain  
the Zoom login details

[bit.ly/foundationgovernor17](https://bit.ly/foundationgovernor17)



🕒 19th October 2023, 4.30-5.30

Please register via the link  
below/QR code to obtain  
the Zoom login details

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As well as lots of time for Q&A, the session will cover:

- ✓ The role of Governor/Foundation Governor
- ✓ What you can bring to the role
- ✓ The benefits of volunteering
- ✓ Diversifying governance and the "Everyone on Board" campaign
- ✓ An introduction to [Inspiring Governance](#) and the help it can provide

We look forward to seeing you!