



Dear Parents

Faith - Hope - Trust

It is lovely to see snowdrops in our gardens. Known as Candlemas Bells, because they bloom early in the year, snowdrops symbolise 'hope' according to Christian belief. Candlemas is a Christian holiday celebrated annually on February 2 which primarily focuses on Jesus' early life. Many Christians believe that following his birth, Jesus' mother Mary presented him to God at the Temple in Jerusalem at Candlemas.

We have been fortunate in having experienced no extreme weather yet this winter. However, as nature can catch us out with a sting in the tail, please find attached a reminder of arrangements should snow or ice affect the schools.

Half term is almost here, I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy break.

Warm wishes,
Mrs. McDonald

Academic Year 2019/20

Friday 14th February – School Closes for Half Term

Monday 24th February – School Reopens

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

9th – 13th March – East Barnby (Y5 & Y6)

Friday 20th March – NSPCC assembly and workshop

Monday 30th March – Skip 2B Fit

Friday 3rd April – School closes for Easter

Monday 20th April – Staff training day

Tuesday 21st April – School Reopens



Please check your child's ParentPay accounts and clear any outstanding balances before the start of next half term. Do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions about your accounts which should be up to date on Mondays for the previous week.

Please can we remind Parents that school meals should be paid for in **advance** and should not have a negative balance.

EYFS

This half term our topic has been "What happens when we go to sleep?". We have been talking about people who work at night time and even changed part of our room into a police station. We had to solve the mystery of missing bedtime bear! Thankfully through the great detective skills of the children he was found camping in our wildlife garden. The children are now enjoying taking him home to share their bedtime routines and favourite bedtime story.

The children were very inspired by the planetarium visit; they enjoyed learning the names of some of the constellations and watching a real rocket launch into space.

We built our own space dome den to do some star gazing, making telescopes and creating cosmic splatter paintings.



Class 1

Are you ready for take-off Class 1?

10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1...Blast Off!

Class 1 are thoroughly enjoying their new spring topic based on Space Exploration. We have already found out some amazing Space Facts including, the names of the planets and their order in the Solar System.

We are enjoying having the opportunity to be Space Researchers and finding out lots of amazing facts about astronauts and the first man to step on the Moon.

We are continuing to enjoy our love of reading and have enjoyed reading Beegu and Here come the Aliens.

We would like this opportunity to say a big Thank You for the fantastic space projects, books and resources that the children are sharing with each other from home.

"I liked learning about the moon." Seth

"I enjoyed learning about the phases of the moon." Henry

"I love the space topic, I like doing about Armstrong." Rupert

"I liked learning about Neil Armstrong." Ben

"I liked it when we learned about Mars." Henry

"I liked doing work about Neil Armstrong." Harry

"I liked when I learnt about the moon." Felicity

"I liked the demonic, so we can remember the order of the planets." Archie

"I liked when we learned about Neptune." Alex

"I really enjoy when people bring space things in from home." Kitty

"I like learning about the Solar System." Felix

"I like when we learn about the moon." Verity

"I like our space topic because it tells you interesting facts about space and you can learn things like constellations." Alice

"I have enjoyed learning new facts and phases of the moon." Ryan

"I have enjoyed learning about space and when we learnt about planets." Honey



Class 2

We have been amazed by the children's knowledge, enthusiasm and interested in our topic Stargazers. A lot of original and creative homework projects have been brought in and shared with others: homemade planets, rockets, lunar scene, astronaut helmets and a moon rover. We know they have been keeping their moon diaries and stargazing too. Thank you for your support with these.

The children loved going inside the Cosmodome, an inflatable planetarium where we were taken on a virtual journey to the different planets and then shown the constellations. It was a fascinating and awe inspiring experience.

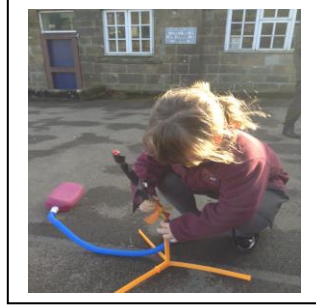
In class, the children have created artwork and mnemonics to help them remember the order of the planets. Using different size fruit to represent each planet, we counted out steps to show the relative distances from each planet. Another amazing moment! We have learnt about the planetary motion, how we get day, night and year length. The moon has been inspiration for poetry, artwork and newspaper articles about the lunar landing. Some great pieces of work.

If you are looking a day out during half term then the Life Centre, Newcastle has a space section with a planetarium and replica of the International Space Centre. There is also a planetarium and observatory at Wynyard Park.
<https://www.life.org.uk/> <https://gostargazing.co.uk/events/locations/wynyard-planetarium/>

After half term our next topic will be Time Travellers all about ourselves growing and changing.

Bilsdale

As part of Innovate week the children at Bilsdale had a rocket day. They conducted a science investigation to cause a lid to be pushed off a container. Each child designed and made their own rocket which they tested outside. Everyone worked as a team, supported each other and really enjoyed their learning. Rockets are now being modified as the children realised what slowed them down and what made them go further and fast.



CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

[Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)



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



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The Carlton & Faceby and Bilsdale Church of England Federation

6th February 2020

Dear Parents

In anticipation of wintery weather we would like to remind you of our procedures, particularly for those of you who are new to the schools.

If the Meteorological Office is forecasting snow, we would ask parents to please listen to BBC Radio Tees, TFM Radio or check the schools' website for possible school closure announcements.

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

School subscribes to a text messaging service called Teachers2Parents. We have used this successfully for over 12 months. If you get a text from the mobile number '07786201170' this will allow you to reply to us (this is not activated for anything other than responses), if you get a text from 'CarltonFby' you will be unable to respond.

The service is delivered electronically to the school admin system (not a mobile phone) so will not be seen immediately. Messages for preschool or either school can be emailed to admin@carltonfaceby.n-yorks.sch.uk although this is not routinely monitored evenings and weekends it will be checked if the schools are closed due to the weather.

If it is not possible to travel to Chop Gate but Carlton is still open please take your child/ren there if you are able to, as members of Chop Gate staff will be travelling there, and vice-versa if Carlton is not accessible.

Please be aware that before and after school clubs may be affected by bad weather conditions – we some-times need to be extra cautious to ensure children and staff can get home safely.

PLEASE MONITOR CONDITIONS AT YOUR 'HOME' LOCATION & CONSIDER YOUR FAMILY'S SAFETY ABOVE ALL ELSE WHEN DECIDING WHETHER TO TRAVEL – CONDITIONS CAN VARY WITHIN SHORT DISTANCES

Arrangements for Confederated Days

We request that wherever possible parents from the village take their children to meet Oggy's Bus at Chop Gate Village Hall so he doesn't have to stop on the main road outside school; he arrives at approximately 8.20am and leaves at 8.30am.

We request that families travelling with Coathams liaise directly with them to make suitable arrangements, there are sufficient seats on Oggy's Bus for the Raisdale children to travel with him if necessary but parents would need to meet him at the Village Hall please.

If Oggy or Coathams tell us that the main road is unsuitable for the mini bus/taxi to travel, we request that you transport your own child/ren to Carlton or, if conditions do not allow this to be done safely, you return home and let us know that the children will not be coming.

If the weather deteriorates throughout the day, parents may be contacted as we may need to transport children back to Chop Gate early. Please ensure that we have a contact number where you can be reached on that day – it is a good idea to put this in your child's planner on the appropriate date. **Please could you also indicate who will be collecting your child from the village hall.**

Please remember that we respect your decisions regarding weather related transportation however we request that if school is open a note giving reasons for non-attendance is provided.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K. McDonald