

# Calder Vale St John's Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

December 15, 2017

Isaiah 9:6

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

### BCYberwise Information

Pupils in years 4,5,6 attended workshops this week in staying safe online. Please talk to your child about this and how they can ensure that the things they do and post online are safe. During the workshops it was clear that a number of pupils have access to platforms such as Instagram and Snapchat which have an age restriction of 13 years. It was also evident that pupils use chat rooms to communicate with people they do not know. We have discussed this in school and regularly remind children of how to keep safe. Further information is available <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> We have also sent out a paper document with safety tips.

### Church Services

21<sup>st</sup> December Carol Service in St John's 7pm  
Christmas Eve - Crib Service at 5pm with a candle lit walk through the woods from the Methodist Chapel to St John's with carols en route!

### Governing Body

We have a vacancy for a new member of the Governing Body. Please contact Mrs Hesketh for more details.

### Christmas Nativity

Our Nativity, 'Baubles', will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm in St John's Church. All children need to be at school by 6.15pm. We will change the children in school and then walk to church for the performance. Please could the bell ringers be at school for a rehearsal at 5.45pm. Refreshments will be provided after the performance, kindly donated by the School Association and Mr Cave ( an ex pupil who was evacuated to Calder Vale during WW2)

### Lunch and theatre trip

We anticipate returning at approximately 4.45pm when children will be dropped off at the **Calder Vale Club Car Park NOT school**. **Nursery children will return to school for the afternoon with Mrs Southward and Mrs Kelsall and should be picked up at 3.30pm. There is no school bus service, mini bus service or taxi service on this day.** Special thanks to the School Association who have contributed £10 per head towards the cost of this trip.

### End of term

Our end of term service will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9.15. Everyone is welcome to join us to celebrate our Autumn term achievements and remember the reason for Christmas. Children are able to come in party clothes for the last day of term and we hope to have a very special visitor before the end of the morning! School will close at 1pm. **Please note that the school bus service and minibus service will not be operating on this day.** If you need help with transport please contact the school office as soon as possible.

**School reopens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

On behalf of all the staff and Governing Body we wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

### Pupil Premium Grant and free school meals

Registering for free meals could raise an extra £1,300 for your child's school, to fund valuable support extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed in the form. It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible.

### Wraparound Care

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.45 am each day and is FREE!

After school care is available at Scorton School until 5.45pm every day (Friday 4.30) Activities, games, indoor and outdoor play, crafts and a healthy snack are provided. There is a charge for this service.

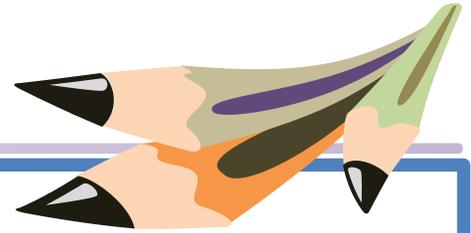
Please contact Calder Vale office to book.

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**School and Academy Places September 2018** - if you have a child due to start primary or secondary school in September 2018 you can apply for a place online at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools). The closing dates are:  
Primary 15th January 2018

### Speech and Language Therapy Drop-In Sessions

Open to anyone with children aged 0-19 with concerns about their communication. The next session will be held at Garstang Medical Centre, Kepple Lane from 1pm to 2.30pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.



## DIARY DATES:

Occasionally it is necessary to change the dates of some events. We do our best to provide as much notice as possible but ask for your understanding when events have to be changed. Thank you.

19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Nativity

20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch followed by theatre trip

21<sup>st</sup> December School closes 1pm. Eucharist service at 9.15am, everyone is welcome to attend followed by a visit from a special visitor!

21<sup>st</sup> December St John's Church Carol Service at 7pm.

