



Calder Vale St John's Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

November 16, 2017

Next week we will be welcoming Deacon Jane and Steve Elliott, two of our school governors, and a team of volunteers to lead our Open the Book Worship. The children will enjoy 'Opening the Book' to a drama of a Bible story.

Lead Learners:

Robert Miller for extra effort in reading
Evelyn Hall (nursery) for learning to write her name

Headteacher's Award

Alex Fisher at handbell ringing club for trying something new and showing great resilience to master a new skill and then discovering he really enjoyed trying something new.

Parliament Workshops

Years 5 and 6 from both Calder Vale and Scorton schools will meet Rachael Dodgson from the Parliament Education Unit. Rachael will deliver an assembly to all the pupils looking at how Parliament works before Y5 and 6 participate in two workshops:

- 'Campaign for Change'
- 'From Bill To Law'

This is part of the personal social education curriculum and understanding British Values.

Christmas Cards

Orders of the children's fantastic Christmas card designs have now been delivered to school and invoices sent out in book bags. Upon receipt of payment we will send orders home with pupils. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising event.

School Council News

Thank you to school council for organising Wacky Hair or hat day today. We raised lots of money for Children in Need and had a great time giggling at the crazy hairstyles.

Hand Bell Ringing Club - this new club proved to be great fun - the children attending used handbells and by the end of the session could play *O Come all Ye Faithful!* Pupils from Y2-6 are welcome to attend on Wednesday after school until 4.30pm.



You need good concentration to play at the right time and strong arms!

Guinea Pigs

We need volunteers to look after the guinea pigs at weekends and over the Christmas holidays, please contact Mrs Kelsall in the office if you are able to help at all.

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. The closing dates are:

Primary 15th January 2018

Beauty and the Beast

This classic story is on stage at Garstang Community Academy presented by Garstang Theatre Group and with Scarlett Mason (Year 6)

29th November to 2nd December.

Tickets are available via Nicky Mason at school

Fairtrade Fairness and Chocolate Hamper

The School Association are arranging a Fairtrade Fairness and Christmas Chocolate hamper and would appreciate any donations of Fairtrade or chocolate items. Please send them into school or give to Nicky Mason. Thank you.

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 11th December 2017.

Save a life - give blood

Wednesday 22nd November

1.45pm - 3.45pm and 4.45pm - 7.15pm

Country Hotel & Golf Club, Bowgreave, Garstang



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.

20th November Open the Book Worship

22nd November Parliament workshops Y5 and 6

28th November Y5 visit to Garstang Academy for art workshop

1st December visit from Mad Science

4th December Christmas story workshops morning at Scorton

19th December Christmas Nativity

20th December Christmas Lunch followed by theatre trip

21st December School closes 1pm.

Eucharist service at 9.15am, everyone is welcome to attend followed by a visit from a special visitor!

