

Calder Vale St John's Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

March 17, 2017

This half term we will be thinking about the value of compassion

Lead Learners:

Emily Gerrard for working so hard on her handwriting and beginning to join letters.
Willow Class for their excellent performance in the maths competition in Lancashire - coming first on Tuesday and Second in the week overall.

Headteacher's Award

Scarlett Mason for giving up her own time to practice piano every day. I have really enjoyed hearing your music progress this week.

Curriculum News

As part of our continued **focus on reading** for pleasure and introducing new authors this year we have arranged for our key stage 2 pupils to work on a Shakespeare play in a day (Macbeth) with a professional stage actor. This will take place on 23rd March.

Relax Kids - the children will have two sessions working with a 'Relax Kids' mentor this term. These sessions will help all our children to become emotionally resilient, encourage social empathy, build self-confidence and affirmation skills.

Scholastic Book fair

The Book Fair will be in school next Thursday and Friday. World Book Day tokens can be used at the book fair. There are lots of exciting titles to select. All money raised from this will be used to purchase new titles for our library.
We also have also a competition, details have been sent home with a book token for the winner. Thank you to Mrs Richmond for organising this event.

Governing Body News

At the Governing Body meeting this week our Chair of Governors, Stuart Ingleson, informed the Governing Body of his intention to step down at the end of this academic year. Stuart has been a governor at Calder Vale for 8 years and has been a decisive, efficient and, above all, well-informed Chair. We would like to thank Stuart for all the time he has invested in Calder Vale School, its staff, parents, and most of all its pupils.

This news also means that we have two vacancies for Governors. Please contact school if you would like to consider joining the governing body or know someone within the community who could support school in this way.

Social Media

The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But how do you keep track of what they're doing and make sure they're staying safe?

Whether you're an online expert or you're not sure where to start here are 4 key tips help you:

- explore the online world together
- talk to your child about staying safe online
- manage the software and tools your family use
- agree rules about what's ok and what's not

For more advice try

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Mothering Sunday

The Mothering Sunday service will be held at 5pm on 26th March in St John's Church. All the children will have a part in leading the service. Please let us know in school if you are unable to attend. Thank you.

After School Clubs

There will be no Go Outdoors Club on Monday 27th March and no SATS booster group on Tuesday 28th March due to Pupil Progress Evening.

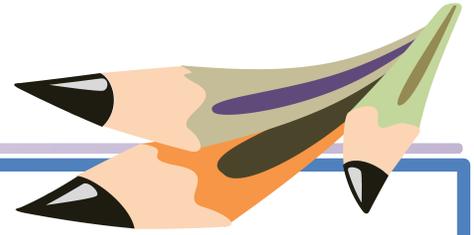
PE Lessons

Please could all children ensure that they have trainers in school for PE lessons every Monday and Thursday afternoon. Thank you.

School Council News

Red Noses now on sale!

Sainsbury's Vouchers are now being collected in school. Please ask friends and family to save them. Thank you.



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.

22nd March Swimming Gala (no swimming 21st March)

23rd & 24th March Book Fair

24th JAM Club after school

26th March Mothering Sunday 5pm

27th March Y5 and 6 Handball coaching

28th Pupil Progress Evening

31st March School Closes for Easter at 1pm

18th April School re-opens

