

Calder Vale St John's Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

December 1, 2017

*"Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe
Christmas perhaps means a little bit more ..."* -

Dr. Seuss

Lead Learners:

Maisey Fowler for excellent contributions to class discussions on toys from the past.

Thomas Cornthwaite: for successfully working in maths and English

Christmas Post Box will be available from 1st December for pupils to post any Christmas cards to members of the school community. It will be emptied daily and deliveries to classrooms will take place each afternoon.

Christmas Fair

Calder Vale Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 2nd December in the village hall with a visit from Father Christmas, games and stalls. Thank you to the School Association who have organised a chocolate raffle and to the Christmas Craft Club who have made lots of gifts for the event. Please come along and support the fair.

Christmas Lunch and theatre trip

Letters have been sent out this week regarding the Christmas Lunch and theatre trip. We will be joining our friends from Scorton for a traditional Christmas lunch with carols and crackers followed by an afternoon at the pantomime Aladdin in Lancaster. We anticipate returning at approximately 4.45pm. Special thanks to the School Association who have contributed £10 per head towards the cost of this trip.

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.

Mad Science

Years 2 -6 attended a Mad Science workshop today with friends from Scorton. We are hoping to offer Mad Science after school clubs in the new year. Your child has a letter regarding this club. There is a cost and the club will take place at Calder Vale.

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. 01995 603016 bursar@caldervale.lancs.sch.uk

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

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.

Speech and Language Therapy Drop-In Sessions

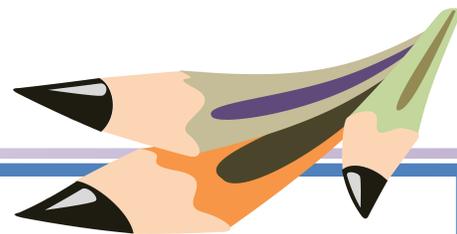
Open to anyone with children aged 0-19 with concerns about their communication. The next session will be held at Garstang Medical Centre, Kepple Lane from 1pm to 2.30pm on Monday 11th December 2017.

Save a life - give blood

Thursday 7th December

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.

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!

21st December St John's Church Carol Service at 7pm.

