

Calder Vale St John's Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

January 19, 2017

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

Share your smile with the world. It's a symbol of friendship and peace. Christie Brinkley

Lead Learners:

Scarlett Mason for exceptional effort with her writing.

Lauren Cowell for excellent maths work - matching numeral to quantity.

Headteacher's Award

William Leece for positive thinking in a difficult situation.

Borwick Hall visit.

Letters have been sent this week, please return the reply slips as soon as possible.

Treetops Tuesdays

All children aged 0-4 are welcome to come along from 1.00pm to our Treetops Tuesdays with some outside exploration in the woods combined with activities inside during the colder weather.

Curriculum News

You may notice some changes in our Early Years and Key Stage 1 outdoor area over the next term. We are working with consultants from Lancashire to gain the Step into Outdoors Quality Mark Award.

Willow Class have made a great start to the 'Bright Sparks' topic with studies of what is at the centre of the earth and making volcanoes.

School Association

Please come along to the next meeting at 9.30am on Friday 27th January - in St John's Church with coffee and cake. Drop the children off and enjoy a quiet coffee whilst sharing some ideas for fundraising. The Association provides social and fund raising events for every pupil - please support the small group of parents who run this group.

Recycle and reuse

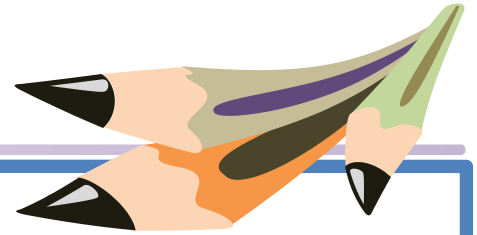
Do you have **any unwanted Christmas gifts** - we will happily recycle them into tombola and raffle prizes! Please bring any contributions into the school office.

Please send into school any used **batteries** for our recycling collection.

Sainsbury's voucher collection starts again in the next few weeks. Over the last few years this scheme has enabled us to add to our PE, playtime and gardening equipment. Please ask family, friends and neighbours to collect the vouchers and bring them into school. Thank you.

Ofsted report

Thank you for all the very positive comments received from you following distribution of the Ofsted report. In school we are very pleased with the outcomes and that the inspectors were so positive in their praise for Calder Vale School. The points for development had already been identified in the current school improvement plan and we will continue to work on these throughout the year.



Church Events

THIS SUNDAY - Sunday's All Age Praise and Worship at 5pm with family tea in St John's Church.

Jam Club (Jesus and Me) will be held at Calder Vale School on Friday 27th January 3.30-4.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this club with games, crafts, activities and songs.

We are hoping to introduce a new school worship assembly called 'Open the Book' using drama to bring Bible stories to life. This is a very popular worship at Scorton and we would like to develop the same theme at Calder Vale. In order for 'Open the Book' to be successful it needs a small group of volunteers who are willing to lead the assembly. The group from Scorton are able to offer support to get things going. Please contact Mrs Hesketh or Deacon Jane if you are able to help.

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..

Advance notice – Mothering Sunday 26th March. All our children will be taking a leading part in the service at St John's

23rd January Standards and Effectiveness Governing Body Meeting

27th January School Association coffee and cake meeting 9.30am St John's Church

31st January Resources and Finance Governing Body Meeting

9th February Young Voices Concert in Manchester

13th – 17th February Half term

20th February School Reopens

15th March Full Governing Body Meeting

26th March Mothering Sunday

31st March School Closes for Easter at 1pm

