

Calder Vale St John's Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

November 23, 2017

In our worship this half term we have been learning about Christians who have used their Christian values to make the world a better place. Examples of people we have learned about are The Cadbury family, Mother Theresa, Dr Barnardo. We would like to use our Christian values of compassion, hope and friendship to help others. Please bring any items of toiletries, small gifts, tins of food into school for our Care and Share Box which helps a local charity to help the homeless and those less fortunate. Thank you.

Lead Learners

Bradley Taylor for showing courage and perseverance in swimming.
Rio Llorens for initiating conversations with others.

Parliament Workshops

Pupils worked with Rachael Dodgson on Wednesday afternoon with their friends from Scorton to learn all about our democratic process, how ideas become bills and law. They debated and voted in front of our very own 'Madam Speaker'. Do you know how many MPs we have? It really was a very interesting afternoon.

Christmas PostBox

The Christmas postbox 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. Please come along and support the fair.

Open the Book Worship

Thank you to the team who came to lead our worship on Monday with the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. The children really enjoyed the dramatic retelling and especially being involved as the hungry lion's. We hope to make this a half termly event.

Wacky Hair and Hats Day

Thank you to School Council for organising our Wacky Hair and Hats Day to raise money for Children in Need



Diddi Dance

Diddi Dance sessions run on Mondays from 11am in school for our reception and nursery pupils but are open to pre-school children too. Please encourage anyone with preschool children to come along. The Diddy Dance sessions are funded through our PE grant.



Art workshops

Year 5 pupils will be attending art workshops with their friends from Scorton next Tuesday morning at Garstang Community Academy. This is part of our transition to Year 7 programme to help pupils become familiar with the dynamics of secondary education regardless of which school they chose.

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 school in September 2018 you can apply for a place online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The closing date is 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) from 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.

Fairtrade Fairness and Chocolate Hamper

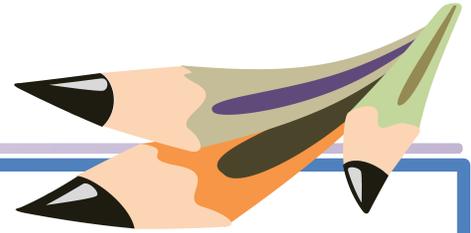
The School Association are arranging a Fairtrade Fairness and Christmas Chocolate hamper and would appreciate any donations of Fairtrade or chocolate items. Please send them into school or give to Nicky Mason. Thank you.

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

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.

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!

