

Calder Vale St John's Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

February 24, 2017

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

Lead Learners:

Virginia and Olivia for their positive attitude to learning and aiming high in preparation for assessment.

Edward, for an excellent 500 word story to enter into the Radio 2 competition.

Poppy and Tobias for awesome enthusiasm in reading, writing and maths.

Headteacher's Award

Cara Colluney for being a great friend in nursery, sharing and playing beautifully with everyone.

School Council News

School Council have organised a World Book Day celebration event on Friday 3rd March. All children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring along a pre loved book to swap at our Bookathon! Children are invited to donate £1 which will be used to buy new books for our school library. There will also be a second hand book stall after school. These events will all support our reading development in school this year.

The School Council have also decided to support Red Nose Day and will be selling red noses - more details to follow.

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

Curriculum News

We are working towards the Step into Quality Mark for learning outdoors in Key stage 1. Mrs Woodhouse and Mrs Southward are busy making changes and improvements to our key stage 1 outdoor learning area. Early Years was strongly praised in our recent Ofsted report and we hope to build upon this by working towards this new award. The assessors should be visiting school before the end of the year.

Bag of Worries' - The School Nurse will be in school to talk to children in Y 2 as part of our personal and social health education.

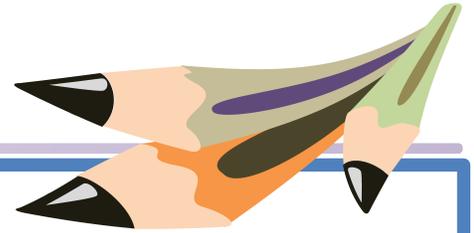
On Tuesday we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake themed assembly. Please inform us in school if you do not wish your child to have some pancake to eat.

On Wednesday we will host a short service for Ash Wednesday, led by Rev Anton to mark the beginning of Lent.

Sports News



Well done to the football team who played brilliantly - working as a team to come third in their group at the tournament this week. Thanks to Mrs O'Brien for accompanying the children to this event.



Church Events

This Sunday - All Age Family Service in St John's church at 5pm. 'Pizza & Praise, Prayer & Pepperoni'. The new AV System will be launched at this service of songs with all-age activities and family tea. Everyone is welcome to attend. Thank you.

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.

Minibus - we are still hoping that more volunteers for driving our school minibus can be found. Driving on a regular or occasional basis would be helpful. Driver training takes approximately 2 hours and we are hoping to book this very soon.

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

27th February visit from the school nurse 'Bag of Worries' talk to Y1 and 2

3rd March World Book day

15th March Full Governing Body Meeting

22nd March swimming gala (no swimming 21st march)

26th March Mothering Sunday

27th March Y5 and 6 Handball coaching

31st March School Closes for Easter at 1pm

