



# Calder Vale St John's Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

May 5, 2017

### Lead Learners this week are:

Robert Miller for excellent work in science and understanding forces.

Emily Gerrard for amazing swimming this week.

### Borwick Hall residential trip

All parents and carers should now have received copies of medical forms and details of the visit. Please contact the school office if you have not received these. All outstanding payments are now due. Thank you.

### Online safety

Latest Ofcom research shows that 81% of 5-15 year olds have access to a tablet at home and 40% of 3-4 year olds and 66% of 5-7 year olds go online. We know that children need support in these environments to get the best out of the internet and to stay safe.

Ensure that you talk to your child about how they use the internet. Tips for opening a conversation include:

1 Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

2 Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

3 Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.

4 Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.

5 Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online?

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

Calder Vale Children's Festival is on Saturday 10th June beginning at 11.00am. All the children who belong to St John's School and Nursery are welcome to join in and details will follow soon.

Our main fundraising event is a **Family Bingo Evening held at Calder Vale Club on Friday 12th May - 7.00pm for 7.30pm 'eyes down'!** It would be great to see everyone there and very helpful if you could donate a bingo prize or raffle prize. Please send prizes to school: these can be items such as chocolates, toiletries, toys or anything else which is new. Many thanks

### Curriculum News

A day in school is full of learning and as such we know that children are tired at the end of the day. Please ensure that your child is getting enough sleep at night and getting to bed early enough to ensure they are ready for the next day.

We are looking for a variety of metal objects to create a street/junk band orchestra in school. Particularly useful would be metal bin lids - if you have one spare please send it into school. Thank you.

**SPORTS DAY** - change of date. Due to Year 4 Creative Arts Day at Garstang being held on the same day we have moved our sports day to Thursday 6th July from 1.15pm.

**Sainsbury's Vouchers** can no longer be collected from Sainsbury's, but they can still be donated to school until 30th June. Remember, every voucher counts towards brand new cooking and sports equipment, and experiences.

#### **Save a life - give blood**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 1.45pm - 3.45pm and 4.45pm - 7.15pm at Garstang Country Hotel and Golf Club.

#### **Lancaster University Community Day 2017**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 11am to 4pm

Go along to Lancaster University campus for a day of fun science, amazing technology, music and dance, sports and games and hands-on activities. It's all free!

#### **Lancaster Girls' Grammar School Open Evening**

The Open Evening for Year 5 girls will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm to 8pm. This is an opportunity to look around the school and talk with pupils and staff. There will also be three talks by the Headteacher about admission arrangements during the evening; 5.30pm, 6.15pm and 7.00pm.



## 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 -**

**Sports' Day will be held at Calder Vale School this year on 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**End of year pantomime will be performed by the children at the village hall on 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATS week  
18<sup>th</sup> May - Animation workshops in school Y3 -6  
Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May Y5 and 6 residential visit to Borwick Hall

School closes Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May for half term  
26<sup>th</sup> May Staff training Day School closed to pupils.

5<sup>th</sup> June- school re- opens

6<sup>th</sup> June- Governing Body meeting (standards and effectiveness)

8<sup>th</sup> June- individual school photographs

13<sup>th</sup> June- Governing Body meeting (finance and resources)

27<sup>th</sup> June - Full Governing Body meeting

30<sup>th</sup> June - Lancashire Science Festival Y3-6

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July - Bikeability for Y6 pupils

5<sup>th</sup> July Y4 creative arts day

6<sup>th</sup> July Sports' day

21<sup>st</sup> July - School closes at 1pm.

