

# Calder Vale St John's Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

December 8, 2017

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

Dr. Seuss

### Lead Learners:

Alex Fisher for creating a detailed and persuasive poster in his homework task.

Ann Marie Fowler for being a lovely friend.

We have several children with chicken pox at the moment Please be vigilant for the first signs of this illness. Symptoms may include:

- Fatigue and irritability one to two days before the rash begins
- Itchy, red rash that progresses to tiny, fluid-filled blisters on the trunk, face, scalp, under the armpits, on the upper arms and legs, and inside the mouth
- Fever
- Feeling ill
- Decreased appetite
- Muscle and/or joint pain
- Cough or runny nose

Children can return to school when the pox have scabbed over.

Thank you

### BCYberwise Information

Workshops for pupils in Y4,5,6 are being held next Tuesday morning at Scorton. Transport for all children will be provided in the school minibus. Many of our children may be receiving tablets, phones, laptops, ipads, x-boxes etc for Christmas and it is essential that they are able to behave safely online. [There is a parent and carer drop in session from 9-10 at Scorton for all parents in any year group to call in and pick up advice leaflets or speak to an online safety specialist.](#)

### 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 when children will be dropped off at the Calder Vale Club Car Park NOT school.** Special thanks to the School Association who have contributed £10 per head towards the cost of this trip.

### Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to St John's Christmas Fair on Saturday

### Mad Science

The deadline for applications is extended to next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please do not let cost be the reason for your child not to participate as we will be able to help financially if this is a barrier. We are hoping to offer Mad Science after school clubs in the new year.



### 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.

### 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 or secondary school in September 2018 you can apply for a place online at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools). The closing dates are:

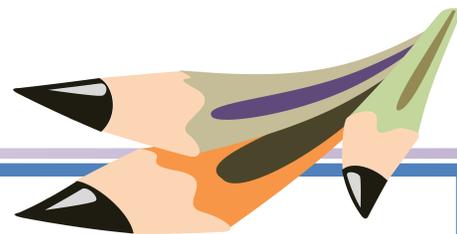
Primary 15th January 2018

### 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.

### Last day of term

Please note that the school minibus and Calder Vale bus will not be running on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Please could parents make arrangements to collect children from school at 1pm. If this is difficult please contact the school office.



## 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.

12th December – Y4,5,6 Cyberwise workshops

19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Nativity

20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch followed by theatre trip

21<sup>st</sup> December School closes 1pm. Eucharist service at 9.15am, everyone is welcome to attend followed by a visit from a special visitor!

21<sup>st</sup> December St John's Church Carol Service at 7pm.

