

Calder Vale St John's Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

December 9, 2016

Christmas around the world

In China, only about one percent of people are Christians, so most people only know a few things about Christmas. Because of this, Christmas is only often celebrated in major cities. In these big cities there are Christmas Trees, lights and other decorations on the streets and in department stores. Santa Claus is called 'Shen Dan Lao Ren' and has grottos in shops like in Europe and America.

Lead Learners:

Paige for learning all her lines for our nativity straight away!

Alex for adding details to his independent writing to make it even more interesting and exciting for the reader.

Olivia for excellent art work this week.

Headteacher's Award -

Poppy for showing a growth mindset attitude in learning all the lines for her solo in the Christmas play.

Christmas Nativity

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our nativity, 'Straw and Order', on Tuesday evening 6.30pm in St John's Church. We will be having an 'open' dress rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon at 2pm for anyone who cannot attend in the evening.

The School Association are providing refreshments after the nativity and would welcome any donations of cakes or mince pies and help to serve. Thank you.

In our **personal, social and emotional learning** we are learning about self-regulation. Your child may talk about being or feeling yellow/green/blue/red. We are encouraging our children to have a positive outlook but also to be able to recognise emotions in themselves and others and the effects this can have on our own behaviours. If you would like more information about this please contact Mrs Hesketh in school.

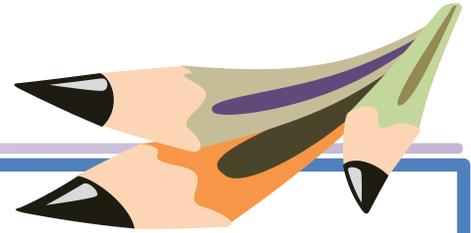
Internet safety

Please share with your child the Acceptable Use Policy regarding use of ICT equipment in school. This is an ongoing but important part of our safeguarding and child protection work in school.

Church services over Christmas

20th December 7pm Carol Service at St John's, Calder Vale.

24th December 3.30pm Nativity Procession from Calder Vale mill to church for 4pm Crib Service.



Primary admissions for those children aged 4 between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 are open and the deadline is 15th January 2017.

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After school care

A reminder that After School care is available at Scorton each day until 5.45. A drink and snack are provided as well as activities. Please note that a charge is payable and invoiced monthly. If you would like to take advantage of this service please book through Calder Vale School office.

URGENT CALL - Minibus drivers needed!

We need to extend our fleet of volunteer drivers for the school minibus. If you are able to offer to help either to drive regularly or on a casual basis we will provide training (MIDAS) at school. Please contact Mrs Kelsall in the office for more information. Many thanks to our current volunteer drivers for their support.

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.

13th December - Christmas nativity in St John's church 6.30pm

16th December Christmas Lunch followed by theatre trip to see Pinocchio at The Dukes' Theatre in Lancaster. Return at approx. 5pm to Calder Vale Club Car Park

19th December Christmas Party

20th December School closes at 1pm. Eucharist Service at 9.15am, everyone welcome.

