

Calder Vale St John's Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

December 2, 2016

Christmas around the world

Norway - Did you know --- Norway gives a huge Christmas tree to the UK every year. The tree is given as a present to say 'thank you' for the help that the people of the UK gave to Norway during World War II. The tree stands in Trafalgar Square in the middle of London.

Lead Learners:

Lily and Cara in nursery for telling a brilliant story beginning with 'Once Upon a Time'.
Jessica for amazing letter formation when writing her name.
Ché for an imaginative piece of creative writing.

Headteacher's Award -

Kyle, Poppy and Bradley who were brilliant readers this week.

Ofsted Inspection

Thank you to all the children, staff and governors for their support during our Ofsted Inspection on Wednesday. We are unable to share the outcome of the inspection at this stage but I can say that the inspectors were very complimentary about the attitudes and behaviour of all the pupils. Thanks also to parents and carers who were able to log onto the Parent View portal and leave feedback.

Christmas Cards

Please send payment into school in the next few days to ensure you have your cards in time to write and send. There are still quite a number of unpaid for packs. Thank you.

Guinea Pigs

Would you be able to care for our school guinea pigs over the Christmas holiday? We need volunteers to look after the guinea pigs over Christmas.

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.

Christmas Fayre St John's Church.

THIS SATURDAY - 3rd December. The School Association will be having a stall and the School Council will be running a Christmas game. A visit from Father Christmas is booked for the afternoon. Adults £1.50 - includes mince pie and tea / coffee. Children free - includes a drink and a biscuit.

Messy Church

Messy Church will be held at the Methodist Church on Sunday 4th Dec 4.30pm. All ages welcome. There will be games, craft activities, story and food. Followed by the Blessing of the Crib in Mill Square at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

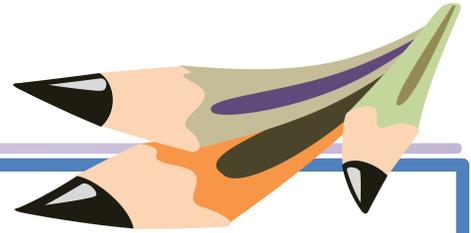
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After school care

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.

This SATURDAY ! St John's Church Christmas Fayre
2pm in the village hall

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

19th December Christmas Party

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

