

# Calder Vale St John's Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

October 14, 2016

We are currently looking at all our school values and how we can see them in our daily lives. Our whole school values are:

**courage, creativity, peace, trust, forgiveness, justice, thankfulness, compassion, friendship, hope, truthfulness, humility**

### Lead Learners:

Rio Llorens for using his communication book every day.  
Olivia Fisher & Virginia Lawrenson for outstanding effort in reading.

### Headteacher's Award -

Cara Colluney for being such a lovely caring friend.  
William and Rhys for their hard work in the garden this week.

### Read Around the World

Our new reading books arrived this week so no excuses for anyone not off on their reading travels! Please support your child by signing their reading record book each time they read for 10 minutes or more.

### Willow Class teacher

The Governors shortlisted for this and I will be spending this week and next week observing teaching of candidates before interviews are held next Friday. The position is a permanent full time post. Mr Baldwin will teach the class until the end of term.

### Christmas Cards

The children will all be making their own Christmas cards which will be professionally produced into packs of 12 with envelopes and cellophane packaging. This is an opportunity to have unique Christmas cards to give to family and friends. Designs will be available to view and order at parents evening. Please be aware this will be the only opportunity to order cards. The cost will be approx. £5.50 per pack of 12. Gift cards will also be available.

### School Council News

School Council will be selling **Tasty Tuck** again after school on Friday afternoon. Most of the healthy snacks are available for just 50p and the money is used to fund school council projects.

### Boxes of Hope

School Council have sent out letters inviting every family to contribute a 'Box of Hope' for children in Romania at Christmas. Details, from school council, are in book bags. The deadline for receiving these in school is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

### Non uniform Day

School council have decided to have a non-uniform day on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils can come in non-uniform in return for a donation of £1 or bringing in an item of Fairtrade food for a hamper raffle at the end of term. (please ensure best before dates are after Jan 2017)

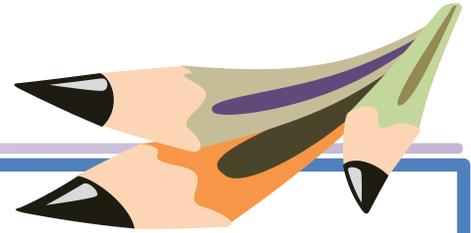
### After school care

A reminder that After School care is available at Scorton each day until 5.45. Monday nights are currently party games and pizza evenings. 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.

The **school dinner menu** for the next half term will be issued soon, please return to school before the end of the half term, it does add significant administrative time chasing up late orders and payments.

### Minibus drivers

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.



Applications for Secondary school places are now open online for any pupils in Year 6.

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

The deadline for secondary places is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

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

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### Study at your local Children's Centre while there's still chance....

If you are interested in doing any of the following courses we are aiming to start in November. Act now, this is probably our last chance to have them delivered from either RWCC in Garstang or OWCC in Hambleton –

- Supporting A Child's Learning And Development (SACLAD) Level 1 equivalent childcare course delivered by Lancashire Adult Learning
- Functional Skills in English - delivered by Lancaster and Morecambe the College

For further information

[jan.heller@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:jan.heller@lancashire.gov.uk)

Rural Wyre Children's Centre on 01995 606736

## 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.

25<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening from 4pm-6.30pm

27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October INSET school closed to pupils

### HALF TERM

7<sup>th</sup> November INSET School closed to pupils

School reopens after half term on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

9<sup>th</sup> November - Health Education day hosted at Scorton

1<sup>st</sup> December - Willow class visit to Lancashire Museum in Preston.

21<sup>st</sup> November Dance Festival performance

13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas nativity

16<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch followed by theatre trip to see Pinocchio at The Dukes Theatre in Lancaster. Return at approx. 5pm

20<sup>th</sup> December School closes at 1pm. Eucharist Service at 9.15am, Everyone welcome.

