

Calder Vale St John's Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

October 21, 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:

Lily McNutt for handling and using scissors correctly and carefully.

Isabelle Woodhouse for excellent work on fractions.

Headteacher's Award -

Olivia Fisher for additional work in maths - great attitude to learning Olivia!

Please remember in your prayers this week the family of Pippa Cole, a pupil in reception at Scorton, who is very poorly in hospital.

Sports' News - Congratulations to Basketball team who won their group at the tournament held at Garstang Community Academy this week. Mrs O'Brien particularly mentioned Paige and Robert for their enthusiasm.

Please check at home for school team kits as we now have none of the new kits in school! They should be returned asap.

New website

Our new website is now launched please take a look. We hope you think this new design reflects our forward looking and thinking school. We will of course be adding to the pages throughout the year.

www.caldervale.lancs.sch.uk

Family Service at St John's Church this Sunday at 5.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along to this family friendly service. There will be opportunities for children to be involved in readings, singing and drama if they wish.

Willow Class teacher

Interviews are taking place today (Friday) for the teaching vacancy in Willow class. We will inform parents of the outcome as soon as possible.

Parents' Evening - Please ensure you have booked an appointment to discuss your child's progress on Tuesday. Thank you.

Boxes of Hope

Thank you to those children who have brought in a 'box of Hope' this week. The deadline for receiving these in school is Tuesday 25th October.

Non uniform Day

School council have decided to have a non uniform day on Wednesday 26th 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 Jan2017)

The **school dinner menu** was sent out this week, 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.

Health Education day

Our annual health day will be held at Scorton on the Wednesday after half term. Children will be visiting the Life Education Bus, taking part in workshops, PE sessions and learning how to keep themselves safe and healthy. The school bus and minibus will pick up and take home as usual to and from Scorton. Please let us know if transport for any other children is a problem before half 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 Association Christmas Prize Bingo

The School Association are holding a Christmas Prize Bingo at Calder Club on Friday 11th November 7.30 pm. Any donations of Christmas related prizes may be brought into school or handed to Pam Miller or Nicky Mason. Please support if you are able to.

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

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

The deadline for secondary places is 31st October 2016

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

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

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

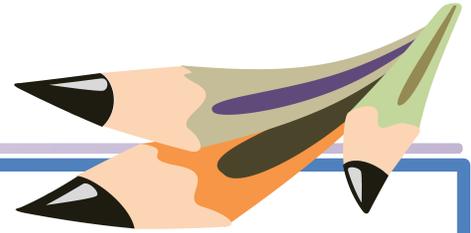
If you are interested in doing any of the following courses we are aiming to start in November. Act now, this is probably our last chance to have them delivered from either RWCC in Garstang or OWCC in Hambleton –

- 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
Rural Wyre Children's Centre on 01995 606736

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.



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.

25th October - Parents' Evening from 4pm-6.30pm

'Boxes of Hope' to be sent into school before half term please.

Non uniform Day - please bring a Fairtrade item for the School Association Christmas Raffle

27th and 28th October INSET school closed to pupils

HALF TERM

7th November INSET School closed to pupils

School reopens after half term on Tuesday 8th November

9th November - Health Education day hosted at Scorton

11th November - Prize Bingo at Calder Vale Club 7.30 pm

1st December - Willow class visit to Lancashire Museum in Preston.

21st November Dance Festival performance

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

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

