

# Calder Vale St John's Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### September 15, 2017

This week we have been thinking about being thankful for all we have.

#### Lead Learners:

Maisey Fowler for brilliant phonics - recognising all the sounds we have learned so far and beginning to blend them into words!  
Poppy Woodhouse for never giving up on a challenge.

#### Headteacher's Award

To Betsy and Alice for a fantastic start to nursery.

Children in nursery and reception have worked together this week to make a waterfall! They must have been inspired by the weather!



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  
Secondary 31 October 2017

#### School Council

This week in school the children have talked about their school council plans for the year ahead. The following pupils were elected for the year 2017/2018

Chair: Scarlett Mason  
Treasurer: Edward Commander  
Scribe/minute taker: Paige Walden  
Vice Chair: Izzy Woodhouse  
Members: Leon Linskey, Reuben Hill

Thank you to Clare, Rio's mum, who has been helping to sort out books in our library. We are gradually making progress to ensure that the space is appealing and has a good selection of books for all ages and interests.

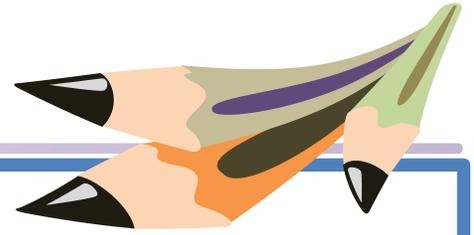
#### Minibus

Thank you to Steve, father of Maisey and Ann Marie in reception, who has joined our minibus driving team. Mrs Carvin and Mrs Mather also passed their MIDAS driver training this week!

#### Harvest Festival

This service will be on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm. Delicious homemade lunches will be available in school from 12 noon. Members of St John's have planned lots of activities during the day to celebrate Harvest. This is an important part of the church year and we hope all of our children will be able to come along with their families and take part in the service. Traditionally pupils have donated a harvest gift box of fresh and/or tinned food. Our theme this year will be 'Go Fairtrade Bananas!'. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a harvest gift please let either a church warden, Rev Anton or Mrs Hesketh know.

If your child is unable to attend the harvest service please let us know in school asap!



#### School contact:

Our school office is staffed from 8.30 to 4pm by Mrs Kelsall. Outside of these times staff are usually in school but may not always hear the phone. On Tuesdays the office is unstaffed all day and therefore if you telephone school your call may not be answered immediately. There is a message facility but if you are making an urgent call please try again to ensure you speak directly to a member of staff. Similarly any email messages sent to bursar on Tuesdays may not be picked up until Wednesday morning.  
Thank you for your understanding.

#### Coffee Morning

Scarlett Mason (with a little help from her family) is hosting a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 11am in Calder Vale Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along.

#### 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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## 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.

24<sup>th</sup> September Harvest festival 3pm at St John's Church

18<sup>th</sup> October Governing Body Meeting – Finance and Resources committee

24<sup>th</sup> October Health Day – activities at Scorton School

25<sup>th</sup> October Governing Body Standards and Effectiveness Committee

26<sup>th</sup> October School closes for half term

27<sup>th</sup> October Staff Inset

6<sup>th</sup> November school reopens

8<sup>th</sup> November Full Governing Body Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> November Parliament workshops Y5 and 6

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.

