

Calder Vale St John's Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

September 16, 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:

Olivia for excellent listening in every lesson.

Bradley Taylor for writing super sentences with clear finger spaces.

Headteacher's Award -

Che for his mature attitude in dealing with a problem

Congratulations to Edward for gaining a Distinction Award in his recent violin exam.

Harvest Festival

THIS SUNDAY! 10am.

All children are invited to attend this service and will have a part in leading the service. This is an important part of the church year. Gifts of Harvest boxes with fresh or tinned produce would be very welcome at the service. We will also be helping in the distribution of Harvest gifts in the week following the service. Please could children wear full uniform.

In music this term we are having a change from ukulele to percussion. The music service have loaned us a variety of percussion including some very large drums! We look forward to listening to some performances later in the year.

School Improvement Plans

A copy of our School Improvement Priorities has now been sent out- this highlights the ways in which we aim to move our school forward to greater success.

One of the priorities will be to develop a greater and deeper love of reading for all our pupils. We will be launching various activities to promote this throughout the year but will start next week with 'Read around the World'. All pupils will have a reading passport and gain reading miles for every 10 minutes of reading time completed.

Governing Body

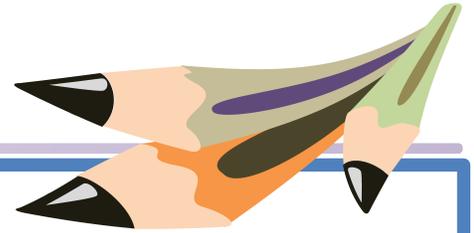
We have two vacancies on the Governing Body. The role is open to any parent or community member who would like to support the school in the next stages of its development. The Governing Body is a very supportive and friendly group and welcome new Governors with a variety of backgrounds and skills. If you would be interested in the role, or know of someone who might be please contact Mrs Hesketh or Stuart Ingleson, Chair of Governors for an informal discussion. Thank you for your support.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Thank you to Virginia and Sophie who are representing Calder Vale at the Dance Festival in Blackpool. They have rehearsals until mid-November followed by a performance on the stage at the Winter Gardens. Thank you to Mrs O'Brien for giving up her time to rehearse the group.

Good Luck to the football team who will be playing at Myerscough next week.

French Breakfast Club started last week with a delicious spread of pastries and pain au chocolat! Thanks to Mrs Woodhouse for her time in running this club.



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.

30th September Reception Y1 and Y2 visit to Blackpool zoo to support their science work on habitats.

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

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

21st November Dance Festival performance

13th December - Christmas nativity

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.

