

Calder Vale St John's Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

September 2, 2016

Welcome back to school for the Autumn term 2016. I hope everyone has enjoyed a restful summer break and found at least some sunshine! Welcome to our new faces - Cara in nursery and Mr Baldwin teaching in Key Stage 2.

Thank you for ensuring children are in school on time and looking so tidy in new uniforms. Please could all families check that uniform is fully named and labelled - we had to recycle a huge amount of lost property at the end of last year.

Harvest Festival

This service will be on Sunday 18th September. All children are expected to attend this service and will have a part in leading the service. This is an important part of the church year. We will also be helping in the distribution of Harvest gifts in the week following the service.

School Council

The following children were elected to serve on the School Council this year:
William Leece (Chair), Rhys Swindlehurst (Vice Chair), Virginia Lawrenson (Secretary), Che Strachan (Treasurer), Scarlett Mason, Isabelle Woodhouse, Alex Fisher and Bradley Taylor.

Eco Committee - We are hoping to apply for an Eco Award this year in recognition of the ways in which our children care for the world around them and use the outdoor environment. We will be looking for Eco leaders to help take the school forward towards this award but would welcome support from any interested parents who would like to join our Eco Committee.

PlayLeaders

Year 6 will be working with Mrs O'Brien to lead games and activities that encourage physical activity during the day. They have already organised ordering of new equipment and are eager to get us all fit and active.

School Building Work

Over the summer we have had a number of projects to improve the school building. A new boiler has been installed (work should be complete in the next two weeks - let's hope the weather stays warm!). A heat exchange unit has also been installed to try to eliminate some of the damp problems in the oldest part of the building and create a better learning environment.

The outside woodwork has also been repainted.

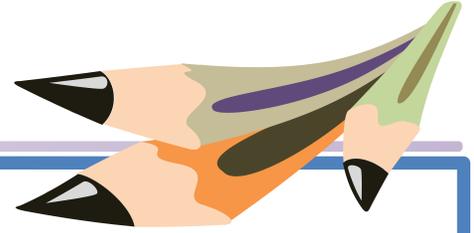
Curriculum

Our topic for the Autumn term will be 'Who do you think you are?' The focus subjects will be science and history.

All children will have PE on Mondays and swimming on Tuesdays. Ukulele lessons will take place for Y4,5 & 6 on Tuesday afternoons following swimming.

This half term we are able to offer clubs in dance (Tuesdays) and French (Friday morning from 8am). A letter has been sent home with more information.

We would like to invite all parents and carers to join us on Friday 9th September at 3pm for our end of week Celebration's worship which will be followed by cake and coffee and a chance to meet your child's teacher.



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.

6th September - School Association Meeting. Everyone welcome to attend 8pm at Calder Vale Club.

9th September 3pm Join us for Celebration's Worship followed by coffee and cake.

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

22nd 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.

