

# Calder Vale St John's Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

September 22, 2017

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

### Lead Learners:

Ann Marie Fowler for hard work in number recognition and formation.

Leon Linskey for making lots of effort in our maths work.

### Headteacher's Award

Thomas Cornthwaite for excellent swimming

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

### Visit to Christmas Markets in Leeds

Visit the Christkindel markt - traditional German Christmas market in the heart of Leeds town centre - Saturday 18th Nov  
£12 per person, leaving Calder Vale village around 8am.

Please leave your name, contact number & how many seats you would like on the coach if you are interested . . . if there is enough interest for the trip to go ahead you will be contacted.

Calder Vale School Association

Contact Nicky Mason 01995 602384 / 07870 650215

### Harvest Festival

This service will be [this 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 - Campfire Praise at 1pm, Harvest vegetable animal sculpture competition (make an animal from vegetables and fruit and bring to church) a photographer from Studio Photography, Poulton will be taking family photos during the afternoon (cost £10 8'x6'). 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. We request that children wear their school uniform for the service. Thank you for your support.

### Information for parents and carers of children with special educational needs:

The Information, Advice and Support (IAS) Team are running free courses across Lancashire for parent carers of children and young people who have or may have special educational needs or disability (SEND).

We are aiming to outline SEN Support, look at the Local Offer, discuss who might be involved with their child and do some jargon busting. We will look at the Common Assessment Framework and Team Around the Family and touch on the Education, Health and Care Plan process but the main aim is to clarify school support and the graduated response. We will also look at what support is available from other agencies.

The course is for one day from 9.30am to 2.30pm Refreshments will be provided, parent carers are to bring their own lunch.

The venues are

Preston - County Hall 9th October 2017

Lancaster - Lune Park Community Centre 17th October 2017

For further information and to book places, please direct parent carers to Tel 01772 532509 or email [FIND@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:FIND@lancashire.gov.uk).

Places are limited so will be allocated on a first come basis.

#### 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.

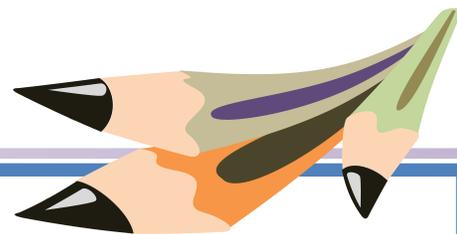
01995 603016 [bursar@caldervale.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@caldervale.lancs.sch.uk)

#### Care and Share

We are collecting items for a charity 'Care and Share' in school. Donations of toiletries which will be sent to help homeless people in Lancaster can be sent into school for the next few weeks.

#### Speech and Language Therapy

Would you like to talk to a Speech and Language Therapist about your child's talking, understanding, speech sounds, social skills? Drop-in sessions are being held at Ryelands House, Owen Road, Lancaster on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm - 2.30pm, 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 3pm - 4pm, 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 1pm - 2.30pm and 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm - 2.30pm. Also at Ashton Community Care Centre, Pointer Court, Off Ashton Road, Lancaster on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 3pm - 4pm, 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 3pm - 4pm and 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 3pm - 4pm. Sessions are open to anyone with concerns about their child's communication.



## 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.

