

Calder Vale St John's Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

September 29, 2017

Almost October! Where did the month go?
There are lots of exciting things happening as
Autumn sets in.

Lead Learners:

Lily McNutt for always being ready to learn - Lily sits attentively on the carpet, listens carefully and follows instructions well.

Izzy Woodhouse and Reuben Hill for challenging themselves in maths.

School Association

Thank you to the School Association who have donated £200 to each class. Bluebell class have invested in a new willow shelter which arrived this week.



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. The closing dates are:

Primary 15th January 2018

Secondary 31 October 2017

Coffee Morning

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

Tasty Tuck

School Council will be selling Tasty Tuck on Monday and Friday mornings. The healthy snacks are available for just 50p and the money will be used to fund school council projects.

Harvest Festival

Thanks to everyone who attended the Harvest service last Sunday and supported the school and church. The Harvest decorations looked fantastic in church and we managed to get our playground planters completed just in time despite the bad weather on Friday.

Autumn Adventures Club

The Autumn Adventures Club have been working really hard to develop our woodland area and enjoyed a campfire with marshmallows! We now have a stage area, storytelling space and a woodland kitchen.



Special thanks to Richard Woodhouse for helping the group create the shelters and stage area.

If anyone has any spare old pots and pans, utensils, bricks or slates the woodland club would like to use them - please contact Mrs Woodhouse.

School trips and visits

We have arranged for two exciting curriculum linked trips in the next two weeks. Bluebell class will be having a visit from ZooLab in school where they will learn all about animals, humans and how they move. Willow class are visiting Lancaster Maritime Museum to take part in science workshops the following week.

Christmas Cards

The children will be making their own Christmas cards which will be professionally produced into packs of 12 with envelopes. This is an opportunity to have unique Christmas cards to give to family and friends. Designs will be sent home next week and orders must be returned to school by Thursday 12th October. Cost is £5.50 for 1st pack of 12. £4.50 for additional packs. Gift labels £2.50 per pack.

School contact:

Our school office is staffed from 8.30am 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.

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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Care and Share

Thank you to those who have already donated items. 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.

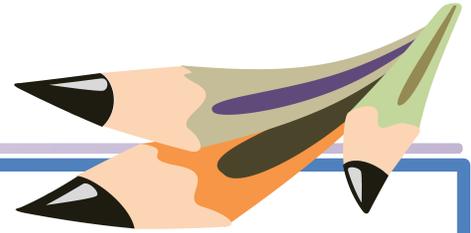
Visit to Christmas Markets in Leeds

Visit the Christkindelmarkt - traditional German Christmas market in the heart of Leeds town centre on Saturday 18th November.

£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. Nicky Mason 01995 602384 / 07870 650215

Speech and Language Therapy Drop-In Sessions

Drop in sessions are open to anyone with children aged 0-19 with concerns about their communication. Sessions are being held at Garstang Medical Centre, Kepple Lane, Garstang from 1pm - 2.30pm on the following Mondays - 9th October, 13th November, 11th December, 8th January 2018 and 5th March 2018



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.

4th October Year 5 and 6 Basketball

6th October Zoolab visit to Bluebell class

9th October Library Van visit to school

12th October Willow Class trip to Lancaster Maritime Museum

18th October Governing Body Meeting – Finance and Resources committee

24th October Health Day – activities at Scorton School

24th October Parent Consultation meetings for all pupils

25th October Governing Body Standards and Effectiveness Committee

26th October School closes for half term

27th October Staff Inset

6th November School reopens

8th November Full Governing Body Meeting

13th November Flu Vaccinations YR – Year 4

22nd November Parliament workshops Y5 and 6

22nd November Year 5 and 6 Table Tennis

6th December Year 3 and 4 Table Tennis

19th December Christmas Nativity

20th December Christmas Lunch followed by theatre trip

21st December School closes 1pm.

