

Calder Vale St John's Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

September 8, 2017

Welcome back to school for the Autumn term 2017. I hope everyone has enjoyed a restful summer break and found at least some sunshine! Welcome to our new reception children Maisie, Ann Marie, Lily and Harry and to Betsy and Alice in nursery. We also welcome Mrs Cole, teaching assistant, to our staff team.



Lead Learners:

Reuben and Edward for their mature attitude and setting an excellent example to younger pupils. Well done and thank you boys.
Harry Cornthwaite for excellent letter formation and phonics work.

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.

Harvest Festival

This service will be on Sunday 24th September at 3pm. Delicious homemade lunches will be available in school from 12 noon. 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!'. We will also be helping in the distribution of Harvest gifts in the week following the service. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a harvest gift please let either a church warden, Rev Anton or Mrs Hesketh know.

PlayLeaders

Year 6 will be working with Mrs O'Brien to lead games and activities that encourage physical activity during the day.

School Building Work

Over the summer we have had a number of projects to improve the school building. Our library has been improved to create new storage, a better working space with new lighting and a coat of paint. There is still some work to do sorting out our library books and any budding librarians amongst our parents or carers who are able to offer some help would be very welcome.

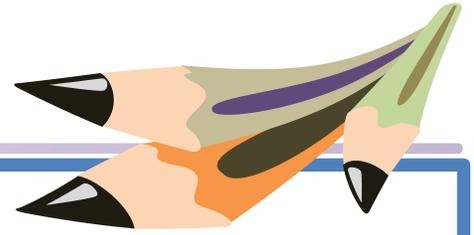
Minibus

We are always looking for additional drivers for our minibus team. The minibus helps transport children to and from school as well as for trips and visits, transport to after school clubs off site and sports tournaments. If you are able to offer to drive on an occasional or regular basis please speak to Mrs Hesketh or Mrs Kelsall in the school office.

Curriculum

Our topic for the Autumn term is 'Marvellous Me.' A curriculum leaflet with information about our topic will be sent home and available on the website. All children will have PE on Mondays and swimming on Tuesdays. We will also continue with our Relax Kids work - developing positive self-image, learning to deal with anxiety and manage feelings from Y2 to Y6. Bluebell class will be enjoying dance activities on Mondays. This term the children are all working on their singing skills in music lessons.

Extra curricular clubs - a letter has been sent home with more information regarding dance club, speed stacking club and Autumn Adventurers club this half term.



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.

18th Library Van visit to school

24th September Harvest Festival 3pm at St John's Church

29th School Association Meeting 2.30pm

18th October Governing Body Meeting – Finance and Resources committee

24th October Health Day – activities at Scorton School

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

22nd November Parliament workshops Y5 and 6

19th December Christmas Nativity

20th December Christmas Lunch followed by theatre trip

21st December School closes 1pm.

