

Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

Class News

Class R Reception have had a super start to the new year and have settled back into the routines really well. In topic, we have been finding out about birds in preparation for The Big Schools' Birdwatch - we even have a bird hide in our role play area! In maths we have been introduced to zero - we have played memory games, dice games and continued to develop our subitising skills. In RE we have been thinking about special places and in PE we have started gymnastics by creating sequences of different types of jumps.

Class 1 This week in maths Y1's have started their place value unit. We have been learning with tens frames, part-whole models and more! Y2 have been finishing off their 3D shape learning by counting edges, faces and vertices. We have started our new geography topic 'where we live' and learnt all about rural and urban areas. We sorted pictures into the correct columns and discussed whether we live in an urban or rural area. In science we have been learning about conductors and insulators! We recapped our learning of circuits and then discussed what a conductor is and what it does. Super learning this week 😊

Class 2 Class 2 have had a super first week back! In English, we have been writing some great descriptive sentences. We chose our adjectives carefully and we are going to use these when writing our stories next week. In maths, we have started learning different methods for solving division calculations and problems. We really enjoyed our two new P.E units this week. We have started line dancing and tag rugby - both of these were new for many of us and everyone was so enthusiastic! In history, we learned the 8 steps of mummification and even acted each step out ourselves! Well done for a super week everyone!

Class 3 Class 3 have had a great first week back! We've got stuck into our new class book 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell. Using the book we developed some expanded noun phrases to put into character descriptions. Alongside this, we've started our 'Beautiful Biomes' topic by recapping our knowledge on the Earth's equator, tropic lines and hemispheres to help us understand a range of climate zones. In computing with Miss Haran we have been looking at what makes a good website and in PE we are starting our dance unit. It seems like there are some exciting things to come this half term!

Diary Dates

15.1.24 to 18.03.24 3.15-4.15pm KS2 Dodgeball Club
17.1.24 3.15pm Class 2 Times Tables meeting
18.1.24 2.50pm HX7 Cross Country League
23.1.24 Class 1's trip to Royal Armouries
25.1.24 2.30pm Parent meeting about supporting positive mental health.
2.2.24 9am Golden Book Assembly- families welcome
2.2.24 NSPCC's Number Day
5.2.24 Children's Mental Health Week
6.2.24 Class R's trip to Cromwell Bottom
9.2.24 Break up for half term
19.2.24 Back to school
22.2.24 Class 3 Mental Health Workshop
15.3.24 9am Golden Book Assembly and End of Term Awards – families welcome
22.3.24 9am Easter Egg Hunt- families welcome followed by refreshments and Easter competition entries to view.
22.3.24 3.15pm Break up for Easter
8.4.24 Back to school
16.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – in person
17.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – online

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year. It has been great to see all the children back this week - refreshed and ready to get stuck into their new topics! This week in assemblies we have been talking about the new year and setting some resolutions or goals. Rather than a resolution to give something up (which is statistically more likely to fail!) we have talked instead about trying something new or a positive goal for themselves.

We have some exciting things planned for the upcoming spring term. After a long autumn term, this is quite a short term with only 5 weeks until February half term and then another 5 weeks to Easter! So, it might be a busy one!

Mrs Lambert

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Golden Book Awards

Kindness Awards:

Class R: Niamh L-N

Class 1: Milo

Class 2: Liora

Class 3: Sasha

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Oscar

Class 1: Mary

Class 2: Stanley

Class 3: Alex

Super Smart!

This week we have been really impressed with how smart our pupils look and how almost all of them now have their equipment, PE kits and reading books in school every day – thank you, we really appreciate it! If you ever need any help or guidance with any equipment, please just ask. We have lots of uniform, PE kit items, wellies, shoes, socks, tights and coats in our pre-loved stock.

Applications for Reception 2024

A reminder that applications for Reception for September 2024 close on **Monday 15th January**.

Clubs

A clubs letter for this term will be coming out next week, we are just finalising some details!

PTA Lottery

You can support our fabulous Calder Primary PTA by playing the school lottery! Just visit www.yourschoolottery.co.uk and search for Calder Primary. You can set up as many tickets as you would like by automatic payment. We have had Calder Primary family and friends winning amounts from £4 to £25,000 in the past! You can also get family and friends involved too if they would like. Thanks!

Number Day

On **Friday 2nd February** we will be taking part in the NSPCC's Number Day, organised by Miss Appleyard. This is a national celebration of maths in a positive, fun way as well as a way to fundraise and support the NSPCC charity. Please see the letter emailed out next week for all the details.

Children's Mental Health

Following feedback from parents and carers in our recent survey, in February Class 3 will be working with our Mental Health Practitioner Amber and Time Out Calderdale and will be taking part in a 'Kindness, Friendship and Social Media' workshop as well as some sessions on resilience and confidence – thinking ahead to SATS, transition to high school and more. Throughout the year there will be different sessions for different classes.

Amber will also be running a session for parents on how you can support your child with their mental health and we hope you can attend. It is not just for parents who feel that their child might need support at the moment, it will be a useful introduction for all parents on positive strategies to support all children as they grow and change.

This year Children's Mental Health Week runs from **Monday 5th to Friday 9th February** and the theme is 'Your voice matters'. Next week our School Councillors and Active Leaders will begin planning for the week with Miss Smith. so all ideas welcomed!

Cross Country

The next Cross Country League race is on **Thursday 18th January** at Stubbs Field for Years 3-6. We will meet at 2.50pm for a 3pm start, due to the darker evenings in winter. It should finish by 4pm.

We would love to see more runners taking part – whether they have done it before or this is their first time! Please let Mrs Pickup know if your child would like to join in. Parents will need to arrange for their child to be collected and taken up to the field and to be supervised.

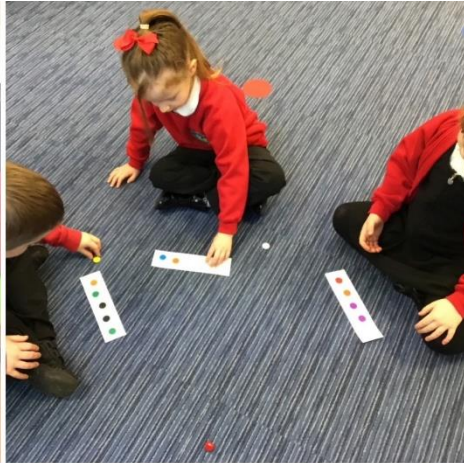
Times Tables Meeting

Mrs Holland is holding a short meeting for parents and carers of Year 3 and 4 pupils on **Wednesday 17th January** to explain the national Multiplication Check that all Year 4 pupils sit, how we help pupils with this and how you can support this at home. We know some Year 4 parents will have attended last year, but you are welcome to attend again and ask any questions you might have.

Snow!

In the event of snow or ice resulting in a school closure, we will update you on our Facebook and X pages and our school website. There is no longer a Calderdale school closures website service.

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