



# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Class News

**Class R** This week Reception have had a super busy week! They were absolutely amazing in our Nativity play! They sang the songs and danced beautifully; I was extremely proud. Alongside this, they sat so wonderfully during the panto yesterday. They loved getting involved and dancing along to the songs. Reception have been very festive this week and have completed lots of Christmassy crafts such as cards, winter tree art (learning about deciduous and evergreen trees) and used a range of objects to make their pictures come to life! Well done, Reception!

**Class 1** In maths we have been identifying, sorting and naming shapes as well as looking at lines of symmetry. In History we created a timeline of the events of The Great Fire of London. The children were able to recall many of the events and details and impressed Miss Moran with how much they have learned! Class 1 performed fabulously in our Nativity and they should all be very proud of themselves! Their behaviour was super on our trip to Huddersfield for the pantomime and we all enjoyed the show.

**Class 2** This week Class 2 have been learning about reading co-ordinates from a grid during maths. We linked this to our map reading work from geography last half term. Everyone worked hard to remember to read the X axis first, then the Y axis. In Science, we looked at the life cycle of a flowering plants and were amazed at how many ways we came up with for how seeds could be dispersed to a new place once they were ready. During History we completed a research task around Stonehenge. We worked hard to come up with our historical enquiry questions and talked lots about how these were important for historians to consider before starting research, just like we did! Then we used chromebooks to research Stonehenge and answer the questions we chose. Finally, Class 2 have been fantastic during our Nativity performances and at the pantomime! They have really impressed Mrs Dean and I with how they have handled such a busy week! Well done, Class 2!

**Class 3** Class 3 have had a great week this week! They performed confidently during our Nativity performance and then thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime. Well done to Year 6 for being great buddies to the Reception children. In maths we have revised our short division and even moved on to looking at remainders. We have also looked at strategies for answering two-mark questions during assessments. In English we have practiced our editing and publishing skills. In History we researched key events during World War 2 and then presented these on a timeline of our own design. A great week everyone, well done!

### Diary Dates

**16.12.24** Last KS2 Football Club \*choir members won't be able to attend this\*

**16.12.24** 9am Reindeer Run for Overgate Hospice

**16.12.24** 4.30pm Calder Learning Trust Christmas Concert, choir singing.

**17.12.24** 9.00am Shop and Wrap (pupils can buy small items for family and friends) Donations needed please!!

**18.12.24 PM** End of Term Fun and Games

**20.12.24 Break Up for Christmas 12.15pm- 1.00pm**

**6.1.25** Back to School

**Please see the Christmas at Calder Primary information at the bottom of this newsletter for more information about all the events up to Christmas, thanks!**

### Merry Christmas!

This will be our last Calder Primary Newsletter of 2024! Next week there will be an end of term highlights newsletter from The Calder Learning Trust. We have had a wonderful start to this school year. All our Reception pupils and other new pupils have settled in brilliantly, and our Nativity concert was a fabulous showcase of this with everyone taking part confidently. Amazing!

Yesterday we took everyone to the pantomime in Huddersfield. Our annual whole school panto trip is a great tradition and fosters the relationships in our school family, which is very important to us. Reception sat with their Year 6 buddies and Year 5 sat with Year 1 (on the front row!) – with everyone else in between! We all enjoyed singing, dancing, cheering and booing! We have 1 final week of term left and then we hope everyone has a lovely Christmas break with chance to rest, recuperate and spend time with their family and friends.

*Mrs Lambert*

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## **Awards (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December)**

### **Kindness:**

Class R: Josephine

Class 1: Riley

Class 2: Liora

Class 3: Lewis

### **Stars of the Week:**

Class R: Dolly

Class 1: Sam-Jak

Class 2: Reuben

Class 3: Lilla

### **Stars of the Autumn Term 2024:**

Class R: Marcel

Class 1: Niamh L-N

Class 2: Chloe

Class 3: Amelia

**Well done everyone!**

## **Smartphone Free Childhood**

Following our letter on smartphones, you might be interested to know that there is a programme on Channel 4 available to watch now called 'Swiped: The school that banned smartphones' which is a really interesting watch for parents/carers about teenagers and phones, and how families would go back and change things at a younger age if they could.

## **Christmas Fair**

Thank you to our Calder Primary PTA and all who helped them with organising and running our Christmas Fair, it was a lovely Christmassy evening! They raised an amazing £1451.35! PTA paid for our coach costs for our Panto Trip yesterday. Without their help, the trip would have been another £20 more per child!

## **Christmas Jumpers on the last day**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, we are wearing Christmas jumpers or Christmas outfits (or non-uniform for anyone who doesn't celebrate Christmas). Non-uniform can be worn with the Christmas jumpers too. We are collecting for Overgate Hospice in Calder Primary to go with our Reindeer Run collection. Please donate on Parent Pay. Thank you!

## **Choir Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Our choir are singing in the Calder Learning Trust Christmas Concert on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 4.30-6.00pm. Uniform and a Christmas headband/tinsel welcome. Children will wait with Miss Appleyard after school until the concert begins. They will not be able to go to Football Club as they will be running the order of events along with the Calder High students. Tickets for the event are now sold out. If you are not watching, please collect your child from Calder High main entrance at 6.00pm.

## **Active News**

We have had a very active, busy week preparing for and performing our Nativity Concert with all our actions. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

## **Spelling Shed**

Following feedback from some families at Parents' Evening, we have purchased a licence for an app/website called Spelling Shed. This is like Times Tables Rockstars but for spellings, where pupils can practice their class weekly spellings and high frequency words with games and challenges. This will run alongside our current paper spelling lists – giving families the opportunity to choose which will work best for themselves for learning spellings. If you are happy with how you currently do it, that is great! We are currently setting it all up, and hope to share more information with you soon. Thanks!

## **End of Term Reports**

An end of Autumn Term report will be sent out next week before we finish for Christmas. This will give you information on your child's attainment and progress for the Autumn Term and their next steps. There may be some areas that they would benefit from more practice of at home to help them feel confident in Spring. We will also send home their Autumn term attendance overviews.



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**Calder Primary House Cup Winners Autumn 2024: Stoodley!**

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## Christmas at Calder Primary 2024



<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<p><b>Non-Uniform Day</b> Please bring a chocolate or sweet donation (or £1 towards the chocolate shopping) for the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair</p>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<p><b>INSET Day</b> The Calder Learning Trust is closed for all pupils and students in both Calder Primary and Calder High.</p>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<p><b>9.00am Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly</b> Join us for a special assembly where we decorate our Christmas tree and turn the lights on together as well as sharing some Christmas tree trivia and some favourite Christmas songs to start the festivities!</p>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<p><b>3.15-5.30pm Calder Primary PTA Christmas Fair</b> in our Calder Primary building. There will be stalls, crafts, games, cakes, hot dogs, mulled wine and more! Please can we ask for donations of small toys/prizes for games, clean teddies and bottles (e.g. wine, soft drinks, ketchup, shampoo) for the tombolas, outgrown/unwanted Christmas jumpers, food/drink items for the luxury hamper raffle or pledges of cakes/baked goods for the café.</p>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<p><b>2pm 'Christmas Counts' Nativity in The Calder Learning Trust Theatre.</b> Please see the letter for how to book tickets. Please use either Midgley Road or Brier Hey Lane gates <b>to enter the site from 1.50pm</b> (it is not possible to use Appleyard Road gate entrance to arrive at this time). Pupils will return to their classrooms afterwards, please collect them from Calder Primary as usual. There is no cost for tickets, but we will hold a charity collection at the end if you are able to donate.</p> <p><b>Costumes</b> <b>For Reception and Class 1:</b> any extra costume information will be sent home by Miss Moran this week – this would only be things to wear under the main costumes which we already have in school. <b>For Classes 2 and 3:</b> pupils will need to wear a pair of pyjamas. These need to be 2-piece, long-legged pyjamas. Christmas ones are ideal, but any will be fine. No onesies, dressing gowns or oodles please as it can get hot under the stage lights! No slippers needed.</p>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<p><b>6pm 'Christmas Counts' Nativity in the Calder High Theatre.</b> Please come to the theatre for <b>5.40pm</b> for pupils to arrive and change as appropriate whilst you take your seats. All gates will be open at this time. <b>All pupils are needed to attend. If your child is unable to, please let us know as soon as possible it affects roles and rehearsals.</b> If you are not watching, please collect your child from the theatre main entrance at <b>6.45pm</b>.</p>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<p><b>Whole School Pantomime Visit</b> This year we are trying Laurence Batley Theatre! We will be leaving after an early lunchtime and pupils will need to bring a water bottle. Please pay via Parent pay. We aim to be back <b>for 5pm</b>, traffic depending. Please be mindful of blocking the entrance to the site for the coaches, there should be more capacity in the car park at this time of day if needed.</p>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<p><b>9.00am End of Term Assembly</b> - Families are welcome to join us to sing some Christmas carols together and listen to some festive performances from some of our musicians as well as our end of term award presentations. <b>If your child was awarded the Star Award at the end of the Summer Term, please return these to school by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.</b></p>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<p><b>Christmas Lunch</b> All pupils are invited to join us for our Primary Christmas Lunch. If your child usually has packed lunches and would like to take part, please email Mrs Pickup. Please get any outstanding Christmas Lunch orders back to Mrs Pickup as soon as possible.</p>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<p><b>9.00am Reindeer Run</b> We are once again taking part in Overgate Hospice's Reindeer Run. Pupils are sponsored to take part in this fun, active challenge to support our local hospice. Sponsorship forms will be coming home with pupils -antlers to wear are provide by Overgate! Pupils will wear their PE trainers which should be in school anyway. Please bring any sponsorship money back by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.</p>

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>4.30-6.00pm Calder Learning Trust Christmas Concert</b> Our choir will be singing, along with other acts from pupils, students and staff from The Calder Learning Trust. Tickets for parents/carers are £5 on <a href="#">Ticket Source</a> which include refreshments.. Children will be staying after school to rehearse, so if you are watching please come straight to the theatre for 4.30pm. Or if you are not staying, please collect your child at 6.00pm from the theatre.
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.30-11am PTA Shop and Wrap</b> Pupils can buy presents for their families for £1 per item – they may bring up to £4 to spend on up to 4 items (if we have enough). Parent and staff volunteers will help them wrap and label the presents too. <u>Donations of items to buy (for mums/dads/siblings etc), wrapping paper and bows/ribbons are welcomed please to help make it possible.</u> The perfect chance for a pre-Christmas sort out of unwanted gift items or good quality items or if you're able to donate any simple gift items from stores such as Home Bargains for children to choose and shop for! If you would like to come along and help wrap please let us know, we would be very grateful!
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Afternoon: End of Term Fun Games</b> We will have some fun games and activities to enjoy for the end of term. No special clothes/items needed.
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> Pupils are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers or Christmas outfits if preferred (Santas, elves etc) if they would like to. Pupils may wear non-uniform items with their Christmas jumper or outfit or if they don't celebrate Christmas. <b>£1 donation for Overgate Hospice:</b> please either donate in cash or by ParentPay. <b>Toys and Games</b> Pupils may bring a toy or game in to share with friends, no electronics such as consoles or phones please. <b>12.15-1.00pm Break Up for Christmas</b> Due to the buses, Calder High School will now finish at 12.15pm. We have advertised 1pm for Calder Primary for some time and know that parents will have made arrangements for this. Similarly, if you have children in Calder High who you are collecting as well or if older siblings collect younger ones, you may wish to collect at 12.15pm. <b>Therefore, parents can collect Calder Primary pupils from 12.15-1pm as is convenient for you.</b> Pupils will all get a morning snack from our kitchen to keep them going. Please note that <b>you will not be able to drive up Appleyard Road due to the buses so please park off site and walk in to collect from any CLT entrance.</b> In the summer we still had cars driving onto site and getting into difficulties with buses including cars getting clipped and people getting stuck for a considerable amount of time! After-school providers have been told of our finishing time but please liaise with them about your child's arrangements to confirm.
<b><i>We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025!</i></b>	