



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 15th April 2024

Class News

Class R We have had a great start to the new term. We started the week by reading *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and decided to write invitations to the tiger asking him to have tea with us in school. We talked about our favourite fruit and vegetables after reading *Oliver's Vegetables* and *Oliver's Fruit Salad*. We ended the week by reading *Supertato*, coming up with plans to stop *The Evil Pea* and making our own *Super Veggies!* In maths we have been finding and naming 3D shapes. We have also loved seeing the chicks!

Class 1 This week Class 1 have started their new geography unit- *Paddington's Adventures*. We discussed where Paddington has come from, Peru, and where he is wanting to go on his adventures- The United Kingdom! We also made a list of items that we believe he would take with him on his voyage and then came up with some amazing adjectives ready for our character description. In maths Y1/2 have been completing their measures unit. They have been measuring in non-standard units, cm and metres. We have even compared and ordered them too. Super learning, guys! In science we have been discussing chemicals and where we would find them!

Class 2 Class 2 have had a wonderful and very busy first week back after the Easter holidays! In maths, Year 4 have been developing their understanding of decimals and using tenths and hundredths accurately. Year 3 have been comparing capacity and solving a range of one step and two step problems. In English we have begun our new novel: *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton. We have started thinking about what we would borrow and what we would use in our house if we were a borrower. In science, we began our light unit and we are looking forward to conducting an experiment next week! In PE, we have started two new units of rounders and fitness circuits. We even did our first beep test to get our week 1 scores! A super week everyone, well done!

Class 3 Class 3 have had a great first week back! We've started our new topic on rainforests and looked at the eco-systems that we would find there. We decided that they seem like very exciting places! In science we have been looking at chemical reactions and how we know that one has taken place. We investigated mixing different amounts of bicarbonate sodium with vinegar to produce carbon dioxide which we measured by capturing it in balloons. Showing that we had created the gas, as a new substance, helped us to see that a chemical reaction had happened! Finally, in English, we finished *Rooftoppers!* This week we have been writing alternative ending to the story and Miss Smith and Miss Gothard have been impressed by the variety of ideas of what a new ending for Sophie and Charles could be!

Diary Dates

16.4.24 3.30pm Cl R & 3 Parents' Evening – in person
17.4.24 3.30pm Cl R&3 Parents' Evening – online
17.4.24 KS2 Netball Competition (Team 2)
19.4.24 6pm PTA Fundraising Family Event Night
24.4.24 Class 1 Trip to Shibden Hall
6.5.24 May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
13.5.24 Year 6 SATS week
23.5.24 Choir performing at 'Calder's Big Night at The Musicals'
17.6.24 3.30pm PTA Summer Fair
5.6.24-7.6.24 Class 3 Residential Trip to Robinwood

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the summer term everyone and we hope everyone had a great Easter break! Staff have enjoyed chatting to the children about their Easter adventures this week. We are really hoping for some beautiful summer sunshine to dry out the field and so we can enjoy lots of outdoor learning and events this term - finger crossed! We have loved hatching our eggs this week and watching our chicks grow and learn- the children are fascinated (and we all think they're adorable!) It has been really nice to welcome pre-school and nursery children to visit them as well. Thank you to our CaPS PTA for funding this for us. Unfortunately, the start of term has not been without some challenges! I had some surgery over Easter that I was waiting for but at rather short notice! Thanks to all the fabulous Calder Primary staff for helping keep things going last week such as clubs, assemblies and the chicks! I am doing well now though and I am pleased to be phasing back this week. In addition, Mrs Holland and Miss Appleyard are both quite poorly this week and we have sadly therefore had to postpone the Class 2 trip to York and both Parents' Evenings in these two classes this week. We apologise for the inconvenience and are sure you will join us in wishing them a speedy recovery. We will be in touch with new dates as soon as staff are better. Thanks, *Mrs Lambert*

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Active News

Well done to Olivia and Lewis for doing a great job at ski school over Easter! Don't forget to bring any certificates or medals from over Easter (or recently) to our Friday assemblies to share any active or other achievements to be celebrated!

PTA Coach Fundraiser Quiz Night

We hope you can join us this Friday 19th April at 6pm for the PTA Quiz Night to support fundraising to pay for the coach travel on school trips. This helps us to keep the trip costs to parents down and means pupils can go on more trips! Please see the poster below.

Class 3 Residential

If you haven't already, please return your Robinwood Residential information forms to Mrs Pickup and check your payments are up to date. Any problems, please let us know. We need to get the information to Robinwood to help them plan the staffing, groups, rooms and menus. Thanks!

Summer 1 Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the summer 1 clubs so far. We've had a great first week! It's not too late to enquire with Mrs Pickup if you're still hoping for a place at one of them!

Joseph Production

Some of our wonderful pupils are part of the next St Michael's Amateur Dramatic Society's production of Joseph in May. We hope the rehearsals are going well! You can get your tickets to see them via their Facebook page [here](#).

Chicks Rehoming

Our chicks will leave us on Friday. If anyone is interested in rehoming any of them, we have 3 girls and 6 boys. Please get in touch if so!

WhatsApp Concern

It has been brought to our attention that there are some WhatsApp groups circulating that are called things like 'add your contacts' or 'all around the world' and that children can get added to these groups by their contacts or may join them innocently. These groups have hundreds of members, are sharing unsuitable content and there have been reports in the media of pornographic images being shared on some of them too. You can see a BBC news article about this here:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy0l4z8n1p9oT>

The advice from our Calderdale Council Designated Safeguarding Lead is:

The age for WhatsApp and social media is 13+ (WhatsApp having recently changed from 16) and it is advised that parents/carers follow this. If parents/carers have considered the risks of a child joining social media and are still happy to take those risks, then at the very least a parent/carer should become extremely pro-active around monitoring their child's mobile device and any use of social media, ensuring the deletion of any harmful content they find, and deleting any links to accounts, groups, or persons they do not know or have any concerns about. The National Crime Agency's CEOP Safety Centre have the following useful information for parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/>

There have been some rumours that this initially began at Calder Primary School, this is not the case as can be seen by the news article above. However, we are aware that a few of our children have been added to some of these WhatsApp groups and so want to ensure this message gets out to all parents.

We would highly recommend that parents of younger pupils consider an approach like [this](#) if at all possible.

Parenting Support Resources

These resources have been shared by Amber and her MHST team for anyone who may find them helpful:

Relationships Matter <https://relationshipsmatter.org.uk/> is a free resource which supports families and couples (whether together or separated) to understand and build healthy relationships.

Separating Better <https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/separating-better> is a new, free app for separated parents to support positive communication and better management of their relationships to reduce conflict around their children and support wellbeing.

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SCHOOL COACH FUNDRAISER! - HELP RAISE
MONEY FOR COACHES FOR SCHOOL TRIPS.

QUIZ NIGHT

FRI 19TH APRIL

6PM-8PM

@ CALDER
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Tickets £10 adults, £5 kids or
£30 family ticket
Includes quiz, bingo, food, &
prizes.

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