



# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Class News

**Class R** This week we have been reading 'A Superhero Like You!' and we learnt that not all superheroes wear capes and there are lots of people who help us in our community. Then we visited the fire station and met some real-life heroes -how exciting! We went on the fire engine, learnt so much about being a firefighter and also had a go at putting out a fire. Alongside this, we have been reading 'Room on the Broom' in true Halloween style and we have completed many activities linked to this including making Halloween potions and writing the recipes. In maths we have been learning about the composition of 1,2 and 3. We were introduced to part whole models and found lots of ways to make these numbers.

**Class 1.** In maths we have been hopping along large number lines and playing games with dice of different values to help us add three numbers together! In PSHE we had to use super listening and communication skills to help us work together to achieve different challenges. In science we became microbiologists to find out about pathogens and carried out an experiment to find out how pathogens spread. In phonics, some of the children read a story called 'Jade's Party'. They then planned a small party for their classmates on Friday creating their own invitations, shopping lists and activities.

**Class 2** Class 2 have worked hard this week on applying their knowledge of addition and subtraction to reasoning and problem solving questions and then moving on to understanding the inverse. In geography, we looked at megacities and where they are in the world. We then compared these settlements to villages, towns and cities and then to the early settlements in the past too. During PE we put all of our netball skills to the test in our final matches. Miss Smith was impressed with all of the rules we could remember and how much progress there has been in our game play!

**Class 3** Class 3 have had a wonderful final week of the half term. They have mastered using relative clauses within their writing as well as recognising relative clauses and relative pronouns in texts. In maths we have continued our fractions unit. We have been finding and comparing equivalent fractions and then have been converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. In PE we have enjoyed our competitive hockey matches - everyone has improved so much over this half term! In music we are learning more songs to play on our brass instruments and are improving our music reading skills. Have an amazing half term break everyone!

### Diary Dates

25.10.24 Break Up for Half Term  
4.11.24 Back to School  
4.11.24 – 8.11.24 Open Week for prospective Reception pupils- please share.  
5.11.24 Class 3 Trip to Imperial War Museum  
10.11.24 Choir singing at Remembrance Service – meet at Mytholmroyd Community Centre at 1.40pm  
11.11.24 Remembrance Day in school  
11.11.24 Class 2 Trip to Herd Farm Iron Age Village  
13.11.24 and 14.11.24 3.30-5.30pm Parents' Evenings – in person. Will be available to book from 26/10/24  
14.11.24 3pm KS2 Cross Country at Stubbs Field – including qualifier opportunity for Calderdale  
15.11.24 Children in Need Day  
19.11.24 Hebden Royd Mayor visiting us  
22.11.24 PTA Family Bingo and Quiz Night  
26.11.24 Class 1 Trip to Temple Newsam  
27.11.24 1pm KS2 Cross Country Calderdale Finals at Old Brodlians \*only for those who qualify\*  
29.11.24 Calder Learning Trust is closed to pupils/students for INSET  
6.12.24 9.00am Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly – families welcome  
6.12.24 3.30pm PTA Christmas Fair  
11.12.24 2.15pm and 6.00pm Nativity Concerts  
12.12.24 School Trip to Pantomime  
13.12.24 Christmas Lunch  
16.12.24 4.30pm Calder Learning Trust Christmas Concert, more details to be confirmed.  
20.12.24 Break Up for Christmas at 1.00pm

### Happy Half Term!

It has been an extra-long half term and we know everyone is ready for a well-deserved break! Well done to our Reception pupils for making a fabulous start to life at Calder Primary and to all our pupils, teachers and teaching assistants who have settled into their new classes brilliantly! Not forgetting our wonderful breakfast, lunch and cleaning staff and Mrs Pickup for their hard work and parents/ carers for your support. What a team! Have a lovely rest and see you all on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November! *Mrs Lambert*

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## Awards

### Kindness:

Class R: Millie

Class 1: Faith

Class 2: Olivia

Class 3: Elizabeth

### Stars of the Week:

Class R: Dolly

Class 1: Rory

Class 2: Skyla

Class 3: Florence

**Well done everyone!**

## Lego Club Need More To Join

In order to be viable, we need more children to take part in Lego Club please! We have now opened it up to Class 2 as well (so Years 1-4 now). Please email us to book a place. It begins on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 3.15-4.15pm and we will confirm in the morning if it is able to go ahead – fingers crossed!

## Lost property

All named lost property will be reunited with owners today hopefully! If you are still missing something, please pop into our hall to have a look at the class lost property boxes or let Mrs Pickup know what you're missing. Half term is a good chance to check that name labels/stickers are still in or if any pen needs rewriting after a long half term!

## Active News

Our Active Leaders have set some autumn half term active challenges for everyone, using some ideas from The National Trust. Children will be bringing the sheets home tonight and we'd love you to send us photos if you try any – fun for all the family! For each one they try they will earn house points, and we will keep it open until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October for anyone who is away over half term and wants to try some when they get back.

We would also like to congratulate Mila in Class 1 on her Park Run running, she has now run the equivalent of a half marathon so far, amazing!

## PTA Family Bingo and Quiz Night

This is on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** and will be suitable for families to come along together. An opportunity to socialise and meet other families and support our PTA. Refreshments available. Tickets will be on sale after half term!

## Class 3 WWII Day

A reminder that Class 3 are dressing up as children and civilians from 1940's Britain on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Please see the emailed letter for details!

## Forest School

Next half term will be Forest School for Classes 1, 2 and 3 (Reception do it all year) so pupils will need warm coats, hats and gloves as well as wellies please for their Forest School days (or to be left in school all half term) Class 1: Wednesday Class 2: Monday Class 3: Tuesday.

## SEND Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who came along to our SEND Parents' Evenings this week – lots of useful discussions and positive feedback! If you were happy with your child's paperwork and didn't need an appointment, also not a problem! Thanks!

## Halloween Disco Thanks

It was a noisy but fun afternoon on Wednesday at our Halloween Disco, kindly organised by our CaPS PTA! Thank you so much to everyone who helped, the children had a great time! The disco also raised £240 for PTA funds towards supporting children in school.

## Rotary Shoeboxes

You will receive a letter today about this year's Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal – we have shoeboxes available from Mrs Pickup or class teachers. Please return these **on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you so much if you're able to help!



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