



# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Class News

**Class R** This week, Reception have been learning all about nocturnal animals. Our focus text has been 'Owl Babies'. We discussed what habitat owls live in and then discussed what other nocturnal animals live in a woodland habitat. During our Muddy Monday session, we created our own nests for the owl babies and their mummy. We thought about different natural materials that would work and made a cosy nest for them to sleep in. We have created owl pictures by ripping up pieces of paper and adding white paint, pom poms and tissue paper. Our cutting skills are getting better each week! Alongside all this, we have written our own sentences about the owl babies and thought of adjectives to describe mummy owl. What a super week!

**Class 1** What a busy but fab week we have had! In maths we have been partitioning numbers in different ways and working together to complete some tricky number challenges. We visited Temple Newsam and took part in a super workshop all about The Great Fire of London. We became bakers and found out how the fire started in Pudding Lane. We were fire detectives and fire fighters, pulled down buildings using fire hooks and axes, we blew up buildings to stop the fire from spreading, danced like fire and dressed up as Charles II and Samuel Pepys! We also managed to spend some time on the farm to help consolidate our science learning this half term. The staff at Temple Newsam were very impressed by the children's knowledge and the way they conducted themselves during our visit too!

**Class 2** This week in English we have moved onto looking at the features of persuasive writing to help us create an advert for Ug's new trousers! We have also recapped our knowledge of parts of a plant within science and in PE we have put our attacking and defending skills to the test in some mini games! In DT we practised our chopping and slicing skills ready to make soup next week. We discussed knife safety and got to apply the 'bridge', 'claw' and 'fork secure' methods to help us successfully cut our vegetables down into more manageable sizes. What a busy week!

**Class 3** Class 3 have had a great week this week. In English we have continued reading Goodnight Mister Tom and we have compared different characters throughout the story. In maths we have learned new methods for multiplying three-digit numbers by two-digit numbers. Everyone should continue to practice their times tables at home - this will make the process of multiplying bigger numbers easier! In history, we learned about rationing and The Blitz and created a non-chronological. In DT, we used the basic bread recipe that we learned last week and adapted it to create our own recipe. A great week everyone, well done!

### Diary Dates

- 29.11.24 Calder Learning Trust is closed for INSET
- 2.12.24 Key Stage 2 watching Calder High show.
- 4.12.24 1-3pm KS2 Cross Country Calderdale Finals at Old Brodlians \*only for those who qualify\*
- 5.12.24 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- 6.12.24 9.00am Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly – families welcome
- 6.12.24 3.30pm PTA Christmas Fair
- 11.12.24 **2.00pm and 6.00pm** Nativity Concerts
- 12.12.24 School Trip to Pantomime, **arrive back 5pm**
- 13.12.24 \* **Extra date\*** 9am End of term Assembly, families welcome
- 13.12.24 Christmas Lunch
- 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)
- 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!**

### You said...

It would be useful to see the lunch menus and know which week we are on please to help with planning evening meals. As we order ahead, we can lose track of which week it is on the rotation.

### We said...

Our menus are on the website [here](#) and we have also added which week is which now up until Christmas. Mrs Pickup will shortly be sending out the Spring menu choices and then we will update the website page from January with these menus and which week is which again. Hope that helps!

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### Awards

Our printer is broken so we decided to rehearse the Nativity songs instead today and will hopefully award our certificates for this week on Monday!

### Active News

Well done to Dolly and Eilo who brought their Kixx Football certificates to assembly today to proudly show us!

Congratulations to Eilo in Reception who attended a Manchester City training session last weekend and was scouted for their development squad – the only one chosen out of 100 children!

Well done to Poppy and Ellie who brought in their bronze and silver dancing medals today, amazing!

### PE Kit

Please can all children have their PE kit in school every day. This half term they need their outdoor kit: a school or plain red PE t-shirt, warm black jogging bottoms, trainers and a PE hoodie or plain black or red warm hoodie. They also need wellies and warm hat, scarf, gloves and coat for Forest School.

### Mobile Phones

It has crept in that more and more children in Class 3 are bringing a mobile phone to school each day – we have a lot more phones than we do children who are walking home independently. We have reminded children that they do not need to bring them unless they have a specific reason which is usually walking home without parents or if they are staying late to a Calder High club and ask for your support with this too, please.

There have been some problems again this week on WhatsApp in Class 3 which has highlighted the importance of parents checking phones on a regular basis and having regular conversations with children about what they are doing on their phones and how things are going – not just when things go wrong as this is often too late. We have talked to children about this again too and highlighted the importance of switching off and enjoying phone-free time in the evenings and not having phones at bedtime/overnight as this can affect their sleep and learning too.

### Class 2 DT Skills

As you may have heard, Class 2 are researching, designing and cooking soup in DT this half term. They have been working on their skills this week! If it would be possible, Miss Smith would like them to continue practising their peeling skills (peeling carrots or potatoes using a vegetable peeler) and chopping/slicing skills (chopping potatoes, carrots, onions etc. They will still need some supervision and help with this. In school we use [these knives](#) if this is helpful but other knives with suitable parental supervision could also be used at your discretion. Perhaps they can use their skills to help cook tea this weekend!

### Class 2 Spanish Shop

Next week Class 2 will be having a pretend shop in their Spanish lessons to apply their Spanish speaking skills! Miss Newton has asked them to bring in an item or 2 to 'sell' such as toys/teddies on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please note they are not actually selling their items and will be bringing them home again, but please don't send anything too precious as they will be being handled.

### Kooth

As part of PSHE this week, Class 3 have learnt about Kooth. Kooth is a free, safe, and anonymous online platform where young people can access mental health support whenever they need it. Delivered in partnership with the NHS, Kooth is free and available to anyone between the ages of 11-18. Kooth is available at [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) if the children wish to use it. We wanted to let you know as well so that you could discuss this with your child or if they talk to you about it.

### Mary Poppins

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Key Stage 2 will be watching Calder High's dress rehearsal of Mary Poppins in the theatre in the afternoon. Some of our children with additional needs who usually wear ear defenders for loud performances may wish to bring these on Monday. They aim to be finished in time for 3.15pm, but if they are a few minutes late coming out this may be why!



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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. 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.</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. Donations of items to buy (for mums/dads/siblings etc), wrapping paper and bows/ribbons are welcomed please to help make it possible. 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>	





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# *Christmas Fair*

School Hall, Friday 6th Dec 3:15-5.30

Stalls, games, raffle, refreshments and much more...

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