



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone! It has been so lovely to see everyone again this week and welcome all our new pupils too. We have loved hearing from the children about their adventures over the holidays and they have settled into their new classes so well!

Our diary dates will be back on the newsletter and website from next week, we are just confirming some of them including trips, visits and visitors.

We thought this 'who's who' below for this academic year might be useful to help you know who know who will be working with your child and some key contacts.

Thanks, Mrs Lambert

Who's Who

Reception Class

Teacher: Miss Appleyard

Class 1 (Y1/2)

Teacher: Miss Moran

Reception and Class 1 Teaching Assistants: Mrs Henderson, Mrs Morris, Miss Ambler and Mrs Ekis

Class 2 (Y3/4)

Teacher: Miss Smith

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Dean

Class 3 (Y5/6)

Teacher: Mrs Holland

Teaching Assistant: Miss Gothard

Head of Calder Primary: Mrs Lambert

Assistant Head of Phase 1 (Reception to Year 4): Mrs Kennedy

Assistant Head of Phase 2 (Years 5-8): Miss Downes

SENCO: Miss Gregory

Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Lambert, Mr Pollard, Mrs Kennedy and Miss Downes

School Administrator: Mrs Pickup

Breakfast Club Staff: Mrs Morris, Miss Ambler and Mrs Ely

Lunch staff: Miss Devine, Mrs Cathcart, Mrs Majid

Cook: Mrs Peacock-Doherty

Mental Health Support Team: Jess Hudson

School Lunches and Snacks

It has been great to see everyone enjoying their school lunches so far this week!

At the end of last term, the children gave some feedback on the lunches and were so pleased to see their ideas and suggestions being taken on board! We will do this again later this term as Stacey, our cook, found this really helpful too. We encourage all our pupils to have our school meals which are cooked by Stacey in our Calder Primary kitchen every day. Please see the information on the next page if you think you might be eligible for Free School Meals. All Reception to Year 2 children have free meals through the government scheme which is universal and you don't need to apply for this.

If you prefer to send a packed lunch for your child, we ask that these contain a balance of food groups and avoid foods high in sugar and salt, for example chocolate coated bars or pepperami type processed snacks. We also ask that all lunches are **nut free** as we have a pupil with severe allergies. There are some good packed lunch ideas [here](#).

Pupils in Reception and Class 1 receive free fruit as a snack each morning and pupils in Classes 1, 2 and 3 are welcome to bring their own fruit or vegetable snack for morning break times too.

All children under 5 receive free milk each morning and then there is a small charge to continue this for the rest of the year if you would like.

All children need a named water bottle in school every day please which they can fill up throughout the day.

You said... Where do we find lost property?

We said... We have lost property boxes in each class; please ask if you'd like to look or have lost something!

Please name everything including shoes, clothes, bags, lunchboxes, coats and water bottles ☺ to help us reduce the lost property piles!

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Well done everyone!

We would like to say an extra well done to all our new pupils this week for a fantastic first week in school – quickly settling in, making new friends and getting stuck in to everything!

Reception: Dolly, Emily, Millie, Milo, Josephine, Eilo, Barney, Marcel, Ted, Nicolo and Kimberley

Class 2: Lottie

Class 3: Elsa

Well done everyone – a great start!

Free School Meals

At this time of year, we always share the information on applying for Free School Meals (this is different to the universal infant free school meals that all infants receive automatically). If you think you might be eligible, or just want to check, more information can be found [here](#).

Please do register if you are entitled to this (even if you don't want the meals!) as it also then enables you to access support with local holiday clubs and can fund additional resources and support for your child in school- as well as meals when they are in KS2. We are always happy to help if you have any queries or need any additional help or guidance.

Drop Off and Collection

A reminder for drop-offs and pick-ups please:

- Children are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school and we have a bike rack outside our main entrance for this, where you can also add a lock if liked.
- Wherever possible please park offsite and walk to collect children – parking is possible on local roads and Moderna. You can cut across the park or high school site if you are parking (or live) on or near Midgley Road.
- If you are driving onto site and parking: please use the lane at the far right of the bus lanes, behind this or the car park. **Please don't park blocking the entrance on the corner, on the left alongside the playgrounds or in the bus lanes** as secondary buses and The Ark transport can be running late and need access to swing round, park and move through.
- In the mornings only at 8.40am: You are welcome to use the first bus lane for quick drop-offs (no parking or getting out please)

Tapestry

Next week our Reception parents will receive information about how to set up their Tapestry online learning journey accounts. If your child is in Year 2, they will be moved off Tapestry from next week.

Active News

We love to share active news from both in school and out of school and children are welcome to bring certificates or awards to Friday Assemblies each week. Some choose to do this on a quiet in-school week, and others prefer to wait for a larger parent/carer assembly – up to them!

Golden Book Assemblies

We hold these every week in school and then once a month approximately with families. These are at 9am on Fridays and we will email you on the Thursday if your child is receiving a certificate, although everyone is welcome to attend. Our PTA often provide refreshments too so it's a good chance to get to know other parents and carers. Our first Family Golden Book Assembly will be **Friday 27th September**.

🏟️ GIRLS CRICKET SKILLS SESSION 🏟️

🕒 5-6pm, Friday nights (starting 13th Sept)

🎵 Warm up to your favourite music + build on your cricket skills with Coach Sophie

📍 At Mytholmroyd Community Centre

👉 15 slots available

💰 £3 a head to cover hall hire

🎯 Aimed at girls in Years 5-8 looking to learn cricket basics and have fun

After a successful outdoor season, Sophie (Captain of Royd Rebelles women's cricket team and mum to Maggie & Doug) will be running an indoor training session for girls in school Years 5-8.

Beat the winter blues, have some fun, make new friends and learn new skills 🤝 🎯

To book please contact Sophie on 07834533799



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