



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone! It has been so lovely to see you all again this week and welcome our new pupils too. We have loved hearing from the children about their adventures over the holidays. This week we have also welcomed back Mrs Dean full time from maternity leave. Our diary dates will be available on the newsletter from next week and on our website, we're just awaiting a few to be confirmed.

We thought this 'who's who' for this academic year might be useful to help you get to know everyone and know who is working with your child or children!

Mrs Lambert

Who's Who

Head: Mrs Lambert

Deputy: Mrs Kennedy

Curriculum Leader: Miss Smith

SENCO: Miss Gregory

School Administrator: Mrs Pickup

Breakfast Club Staff: Mrs Summerscales and Mrs Morris

Cooks: Ms Pegg and Mr Travis

Mental Health Support: Amber Wrigley

School Intervention Tutor: Miss Graham

Reception Class

Teacher: Miss Moran

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Kendall Mon-Wed and Mrs Morris Thurs-Fri.

Class 1 (Y1/2)

Teacher: Miss Appleyard

Reception and Class 1 Teaching Assistants: Miss Harrow and Mrs Ekis

Class 2 (Y3/4)

Teacher: Mrs Holland

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Dean

Class 3 (Y5/6)

Teacher: Miss Smith

Teaching Assistants across school

Miss Gothard, Miss Knowles, Mrs Corbett, Mrs Henderson

School Lunches and Snacks

It has been great to see everyone enjoying their school lunches so far this week. As well as children being able to see all the fresh options on offer, which will help them with menu choices in future too, the catering staff can also get to know all the children and adjust portion sizes to suit, particularly for our older pupils. We encourage all our pupils to have school meals which are cooked in our kitchen every day.

Please complete school lunch orders as soon as possible when you receive them to help Mrs Pickup with this logistically challenging job! It is also really helpful if you can complete the order with your child so that they are happy with their options.

This week was Week 4 (apologies for the confusion on this) on the rotation.

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.

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 1-3 are also 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. All children need a named water bottle in school every day (with water in please!)

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. Please name everything including shoes, bags and water bottles ☺

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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 – settling in, making new friends and getting stuck in to everything!

Reception: Oliver, Isabelle, Rory, Easton, Niamh D-G, Elizabeth H, Oscar, Samuel-Jak, Mila, Bealey, Dottie, Niamh L-N, Harriet N, Hugo and John.

Class 2: Beau

Class 3: Jobey, Freddie, Edie and Dylan

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 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 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, Russell Dean and Moderna. You can cut across the park or high school site if you are parking on 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 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.
- 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) for example for older pupils.

Emails Home

Our email system will only send emails to one contact per child automatically. However Mrs Pickup has a list of children who need 2 copies sending, for example where parents are separated, and she then sends these out additionally. If you're not sure if Mrs Pickup has this information for your family and you need this service, please get in touch with her to check or let her know. Thanks!

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.

We'd like to congratulate Reuben for being chosen to receive the golden boot trophy at football at his first training session back this week!

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 you 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 29th September.

Reminders

- Please come into the playground or right up to the gate for collection at home time.
- A reminder please that we ask children to put their packed lunch on the trolley every morning.
- Children need a named water bottle in school EVERY DAY! 😊
- For any contact with school please email primary@calderlearningtrust.com in the first instance or telephone us.

Calder Primary School (CaPS) PTA

The first CAPS event will be a Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 29th September at 9.30am** (following Friday Assembly). Cake donations welcomed please 😊 It's a good chance to meet some new parents as well as fundraising.

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Mental Health Support

Hello.

Welcome back to a new academic year. My name is Amber and I wanted to take the time to introduce myself and explain more about my role and how I can support staff, pupils and families at Calder Primary. I am an Education Mental Health Practitioner. I am part of the Calderdale Mental Health Support Team (MHST) service delivered by Northpoint. My role focuses on delivering interventions and promoting strategies that focus on positive mental health in all areas of life, including at school and in the community. Here are a few examples of what I do:

- Deliver evidence-based 1:1 interventions to young people and parents focused on supporting mild to moderate emotional and mental health difficulties.
- Support school staff to develop a whole school approach to mental health.
- Offer timely advice and signposting to parents and professionals.
- Deliver workshops for parents, pupils and staff.

Please speak with your child's teacher, Mrs Pickup or Mrs Lambert if you have any further questions about my role, have any concerns about your child/children, if you are interested in learning more about the parent workshops or if you have suggestions for what you would like to see covered. I am looking forward to working alongside the school this year!

Amber Wrigley

Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) Calderdale Mental Health Support Team (MHST)



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