



# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Class News

**Class R** This week we have been developing our fine motor skills with lots of art and craft projects. We have threaded pony beads to make candy canes, decorated wooden baubles, made paper snowflakes, created Christmas wreaths and found out about the four seasons whilst making calendars. We have looked at photographs of Christmas in the past and discussed what we could see in the photographs, what looked the same as now, what looked different and why, in one photograph, we could see a family sitting around a radio. In PE, we finished our dance based on the poem 'Twas The Night Before Christmas'. We have also been working hard to complete our Rainbow Challenges.

**Class 1** This week Class 1 have been working super hard with all their end of term assessments. Alongside this, we have been sorting 2D shapes and then created our own Christmas images using only shapes! In science we have been learning how to construct a simple circuit and we even learnt the symbols and matched them to the correct part. Well done! In Forest School we have been looking at a range of different trees and identifying if they are deciduous or evergreen. Alongside this, in art we have been looking at Picasso's blue period and identifying feelings/emotions with colour. We created our own portraits of sad and happy people and used a range of different colours that portray different emotions.

**Class 2** What a busy week we have had this week! In maths, Year 3 have been consolidating their multiplication skills so they are ready to start division after Christmas and Year 4 have been finding related multiplication and division facts. In English, we have edited and re-drafted our diary entry based on 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx'. We even wrote them on tea-stained paper for an Ancient Egypt effect! In history we have learned all about Ancient Egyptian Gods and why they were so important. We also really enjoyed our Reindeer Run!

**Class 3** Class 3 have worked hard this week in English and topic to research Lindisfarne and create a fact file about it. They had some great historical enquiry questions the begin their research and worked hard to find the most reliable information to include within their writing. In PE, we continued with athletics and this week practised some field events. Mrs McVey taught us how to play 'Jingle bells' on the glockenspiels this week in music - she was very impressed on how quickly Class 3 picked it up and were ready to perform!

### Diary Dates

18.12.23 PM Classes 1, 2, 3 watching Calder High's School of Rock  
19.12.23 AM Whole School Pantomime Trip  
20.12.23 PM Christmas Class Parties  
21.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day (no money needed)  
**21.12.23 1pm \*Thursday\* School Closes**  
**8.1.23 School reopens for Spring Term**  
23.1.23 Class 1 trip to Royal Armouries, Leeds

### Merry Christmas!

I would just like to take this opportunity to say thank you for a wonderful autumn term! Our Reception and new pupils in other classes have settled in brilliantly and got involved with everything on offer!

The Nativity concert was fabulous, and I always love that all our pupils take part from Reception up to Year 6 (although it doesn't seem two minutes since Year 6 were the infants in the costumes on stage!)

My thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard to provide such a breadth of experiences for our children: from trips to visitors, a wide variety of clubs, Forest School, sports fixtures, choir performances – the list goes on!

Thank you also to all our parents and carers for supporting our school events and assemblies and for keeping up with the busy list of Christmas events – we're nearly there now!

I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and New Year break and look forward to seeing you all (full time!) in the Spring.

*Mrs Lambert*

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## Christmas Week

A reminder about all the Christmas activities we have happening in school next week:

### • **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – PTA Shop and Wrap**

Pupils can buy presents for their families for 50p per item. They may bring up to £2 to spend on up to 4 items (if we have enough). Parent and staff volunteers will help them wrap and label the presents ready to be opened on Christmas Day. Donations of items to buy, wrapping paper and bows/ribbons are welcome and if you are able to come along and help please let us know.

### • **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Panto Visit**

We will be leaving school after morning registration and pupils need to bring a water bottle (with plain, unflavoured water not juice please). We will return to school for a late lunch so pupils will have a packed lunch (please let us know if your child is school dinners but will be bringing a packed lunch from home instead of having a school packed lunch).

### • **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Parties**

Pupils can bring party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunch for an afternoon of festive fun and games.

### • **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Jumpers and Break-up for Christmas**

Pupils can wear Christmas jumpers or outfits (Santa, elves etc). No money is needed. **School closes at 1pm** but you will not be able to drive up Appleyard Road due to the buses so please park off site and walk to collect from any CLT entrance (all site gates will be open from 12.50pm).

## Active News

This week everyone took part in the Overgate Hospice Reindeer Run! Our Reception ran with Class 3, and Classes 1 and 2 ran together. Everyone challenged themselves to see how many laps they could complete - whilst also trying to keep their Rudolph noses on 😊 Well done everyone!

## Wainhouse Winners

Congratulations to Wainhouse who won the house cup this term for the most house points!

## Star Award Winners

Every term, class teachers choose a deserving winner of our school star award and this term they were given to **John in Reception, Olivia in Class 1, Ellie in Class 2 and Jake in Class 3**. These pupils have all shown consistent effort and achievement in lessons and around school since September - displaying our school values of Care, Courage and Commitment. Congratulations to all four of you! 😊

## Super Scientists

This week Class 2 had a very special science lesson up at Calder High. A few weeks ago, when they conducted their boiling experiments, the children gained an interest in Bunsen burners and how they are used. This week they had the opportunity to learn how to assemble and safely use a Bunsen burner! They could all explain the difference between a safety flame and a roaring flame. They then had the chance to use a Bunsen burner to create coloured flames. They had splints dipped in different metals that changed the colour of the Bunsen flame. It was fascinating! They then created a sparkler using iron filings. A great science lesson and everyone behaved so sensibly around the flames. Great work Class 2!

## Reception Request

Reception class would like to ask if anyone has any old items below that they no longer need, they would be grateful for their outdoor kitchen area!

- pots, pans, trays, kitchen utensils (large serving spoons and ladles would be very useful)
- Picnic/plastic plates, bowls, cups.
- Any hats or helmets (adult or child) for dressing up. Any hats welcomed, especially hats with a brim!
- They are also hoping for a couple of wooden pallets if anyone knows a source!

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# Have your say about the future of your cinema

We're excited to share our vision for Hebden Bridge Picture House — introducing a second screen in the balcony to ensure long-term sustainability of our cherished not-for-profit cinema.

This would enable us to show more blockbuster films from the date or release and a wider variety of family and children's films.

Discover the details at: [hebdenbridgepicturehouse.co.uk](http://hebdenbridgepicturehouse.co.uk)

Scan the QR code to complete our survey



## How do I share feedback?

- Via our online survey - your responses will inform the decision making process.
- During opening times pick up a copy of the survey or speak to a member of our team.
- Look out for our in person public consultation events, dates to be confirmed.
- Additionally, you can email us at: [consultation@hebdenbridgepicturehouse.co.uk](mailto:consultation@hebdenbridgepicturehouse.co.uk)



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