



Calder Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

Class News

Class R We have spent a lot of time rehearsing and performing this week - Reception were super in their first Calder Primary Nativity! We have enjoyed exploring our new Christmas Post Office role play area - we have dressed up as elves, Father Christmas and the Jolly Christmas Postman! We have weighed and posted letters and parcels and written our own letters to post and deliver. In PE we did some dance based on 'The Night Before Christmas' and in maths we have been discussing night and day. Well done for a fantastic week Reception!

Class 1 This week KS1 performed their Nativity! They all did exceptionally well and we are so proud of them. They rehearsed and put their all in to the shows! Alongside the madness of the Nativity, we have been learning about lines of symmetry and identifying symmetrical shapes. Y1 have been making patterns with 2D and 3D shapes whilst discussing the sides and vertices. In PSHE we have been learning about good choices and how we can make them throughout the day. Well done, Class 1.

Class 2 What a wonderful week Class 2 have had! We really enjoyed performing The Grinch and learning our BSL signs for the songs. In English, we have written some great descriptive sentences! We ensured that we up-levelled the sentences to include the most emotive adjectives! In maths, Year 3 have been multiplying two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers. Year 4 have been multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 - even going into decimal numbers! In science we have been making circuits and learning how to draw them accurately with the scientific symbols.

Class 3 It's been a busy week for Class 3 with Christmas rehearsals and performances! I'm so pleased with the great job they did - well done, Class 3! As well as this we started working on athletics in PE ready for the competition in the early Spring term. During PSHCE, we looked at how to tell the difference between real and false news stories and what to do if we're unsure about any news that we see or hear. We've also drafted, edited and written our news reports on Ernest Shackleton and the Endurance crew returning to England after their mission to Antarctica. In music with Mrs McVey, Class 3 have been composing their own songs to perform soon!

Diary Dates

13.12.23 Christmas Lunch
14.12.23 Reindeer Run for Overgate Hospice
15.12.23 9am End of Term Assembly
18.12.23 Shop and Wrap
18.12.23 KS2 watching Calder High's performance of School of Rock
19.12.23 Whole School Pantomime Trip
20.12.23 1pm Christmas Parties
21.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day
21.12.23 1pm *Thursday* School Closes
8.1.23 School reopens for Spring Term
Please see 'Christmas at Calder Primary' below for all the details of events.

Christmas Performances

Congratulations to all our amazing children for two fantastic Christmas performances this week! Reception and Class 1 were fabulous in their Baarmy Bathlehem Nativity, the choir sang beautifully and Classes 2 and 3 were wonderful when retelling The Grinch. Well done everyone! Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in putting the production together too!
Our school councillors collected £348 for the charity Winston's Wish
www.winstonswish.org Thank you so much for your generous donations.

Celebration Assembly

Our end of term Celebration Assembly will be held next week at **9am on Friday 15th December** in the Primary School Hall. All families are welcome to join us. If your child received the Termly Star Award in July and you have not yet returned it to school, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Golden Book Awards

Kindness Awards:

Class R: Harriet N
Class 1: Emma
Class 2: Effie
Class 3: Willow

Stars of the Week:

Class R: Elizabeth H
Class 1: Grayson
Class 2: Florence P
Class 3: Billy

Tenpin Bowling Team

Well done to Stanley, Lilla, Effie and Skyla who represented us at the Calderdale School Games KS2 Tenpin Bowling Competition in Halifax this week. They showed fabulous teamwork and determination, racking up some great scores – amazing!

Christmas Fair

Thank you to our PTA and all their helpers who organised a brilliant Christmas Fair after school last Friday and raised an amazing £1,545.44. It was a great festive event and we hope everyone who was able to join us enjoyed it.

Shop and Wrap

On Monday 18th December we will be holding our PTA Shop and Wrap shop where pupils get chance to buy presents for their family and friends. Please can we ask for donations of unwanted gifts and suitable items for siblings, female and male relatives – the perfect chance for a pre-Christmas declutter!

Calder Learning Trust Clubs for Year 5/6

A reminder that Year 6 pupils are invited to join Calder High for Football or Netball on Mondays, Rugby on Wednesdays and Hockey on Thursdays 3.15-4pm. All of these clubs are open to both boys and girls in Year 6 and will run until Easter. In addition, Mrs McVey would like to remind Year 5/6 that they are welcome at band (instrument players) on Mondays and CLT choir on Fridays. Both these clubs are 8.15am in Calder High – pupils can arrive at Calder Primary at 8.10am to make their way up.

Lost Property

All lost property will be put on our playground on Friday 15th December to browse. Alternatively, please come in or get in touch if you have lost something specific.

After that, any unnamed uniform will be washed and added to our PTA uniform shop. Thanks!

Mobile Phones

We have had some reports this week of pupils being upset by communications on mobile phones outside of school time. If your child has a mobile phone at home, or perhaps one on their Christmas list, it is recommended that you talk with your child about responsible phone use, set boundaries for using it – such as not in bedrooms- and have regular, open communication with them about it. There is some useful advice from UK Safer Internet Centre [here](#) and specifically about WhatsApp (which often seems to cause the most difficulties) from the NSPCC [here](#)

Forest School News

This week our Forest School Assembly was in our frosty Forest School area instead of the hall! We took our handmade wooden tree decorations and chose a spot to hang them and decorate the site for everyone this festive season!

Uniform & PE Kit

We would like to politely remind parents of our school uniform policy and request your co-operation in maintaining the high standards we are proud of. PE Hoodies are for PE lessons only please. We have a wide selection of pre-loved uniform for sale in school including tights, socks and wellies as well. If you need any help with uniform, please speak to Mrs Pickup.

Our uniform is:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo (not hoodie)
- White polo shirt with the school logo
- Black school trousers, skirt, smart culottes or pinafore dress
- Black, white or red tights or socks
- Smart black school shoes or black school boots in winter (not trainers or Ugg boots please)

For PE, pupils require the following in school every day please:

Indoor

- Red PE t-shirt with school logo
- Black shorts

Outdoor

As above plus:

- A warm jumper: red Calder Primary PE hoodie or plain red or plain black.
- Black jogging bottoms
- Trainers (trainers are preferable to plimsoles as they provide more support and grip)
- Sports socks in black, red or white

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Reindeer Run

Overgate has teamed up with Santa this Christmas to bring you a fun-filled fundraising event but just like the big man, we can't take on the festive season alone! We need reindeer recruits to get active this December and take on The Overgate Reindeer Run to support local families spending their last Christmas together.

How does it work?

Our Reindeer Run is a sponsored walk or run just for primary schools in our community. Overgate supply you with everything you need to take part:

Reindeer antlers & nose for every child
Sponsorship envelopes for the pupils to collect money from family and friends

A certificate for each reindeer recruit
We will also visit your school to tell the children the difference their support will make to Overgate this Christmas.

Can you help us?

All our Calder Primary pupils will be taking part on **Thursday 14th December**. Please collect sponsors if you are in a position to be able to do so. Overgate and very grateful for all donations, whatever people are able to give. Please return sponsorship forms by Monday 18th December.

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Donations needed for Shop and Wrap please!

 Christmas at Calder Primary 2023 	
Friday 1st December	9.00am Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly 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!
Friday 1st December	3.15-5.30pm Calder Primary PTA Christmas Fair in our Calder Primary building. There will be stalls, crafts, games, cakes, refreshments and more! Please can we ask for donations of small toys/prizes for games, bottles for the tombola and food/drink items for the luxury hamper raffle.
Wednesday 6th December	2pm 'Baarmy Bethlehem' Nativity in the Calder High Theatre . Tickets available from Mrs Pickup – please see the letter for details. Please use either Midgley Road or Brier Hey Lane gates to enter the site from 1.50pm (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.
Wednesday 6th December	6pm 'Baarmy Bethlehem' Nativity Show in the Calder High Theatre . Tickets available from Mrs Pickup. Please come to the theatre for 5.40pm for pupils to arrive and change as appropriate whilst you take your seats. All gates will be open at this time. All pupils are needed to attend. If you are not watching, please collect your child from the theatre main entrance at 6.45pm .
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Lunch 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.
Thursday 14th December	Reindeer Run 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 and noses are provide by Overgate!
Friday 15th December	9.00am Carols, Music and Awards Assembly - join us to sing Christmas carols together and listen to some festive performances from some of our Calderdale Music Trust students 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 13 th December.
Monday 18th December	9.30am 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 too. Donations of items to buy, wrapping paper and bows/ribbons are welcomed please to make it possible. If you would like to come along and help please let us know, we would be very grateful!
Tuesday 19th December	Whole School Pantomime Visit We will be leaving after morning registration and pupils will need to bring a water bottle. Please pay via Parentpay. We will return to school for a late lunchtime so pupils will have a packed lunch (please let us know if they are school dinners but wish to bring their own packed lunch instead)
Wednesday 20th December	1pm Christmas Parties Pupils can bring in their party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunch for an afternoon of fun and games.
Thursday 21st December	Christmas Jumper Day Pupils are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers or Christmas outfits if preferred (Santas, elves etc) Pupils may wear non-uniform items with their Christmas jumper or outfit! No money is needed. 1.00pm Break- up for Christmas Lunch arrangements will be confirmed by email this week. All site gates will be open from 12.50pm, 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. After-school providers have been told our finishing times but please liaise with them about your arrangements. Calder High finish at 1.20pm. Toys and Games Pupils may bring a toy or game in to share with friends, no electronics such as consoles or phones please.
<p><i>We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again on</i> Monday 8th January 2024!</p>	

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Happy New Year – Holiday Club



All activity and lunch money **MUST** be paid up front with the booking form

Fees (Reception children upwards)

School Hours (9am – 3.30pm) £23.50 **Full Day** (7.30am – 6pm) £35.00
(Includes breakfast and tea)

2024

Hot lunches available to buy - £2 for 2 courses, or bring a packed lunch.

Please circle the activity cost if you wish to take part in the activity and enclose the money with this form.

	ACTIVITY 	Extra cost of activity	Hot Lunch £2 per day	SESSION REQUIRED
Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	Local Winter Walk - taking photographs for your calendar Wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather. Crafts – 2024 Calendar & New Year Resolutions Wreath			
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Winter Baking – Snowman Biscuits (AM) Fun in the Sports Hall with Emma, Sports Coach (PM) Indoor activity – wear loose clothes and pumps/trainers. All equipment supplied.	£4.50		
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Balloon Modelling Winter Messy Play  Cornflour slime & snowball play tray			
Friday 5 th January 2024	Cinema – Film TBC <i>(Please arrive no later than 9.30am – home before 3pm)</i> Visit the Piece Hall and the Library Travel by bus. Bring packed lunch/drink in a small backpack. Wear suitable clothing for the weather.	£8.50		

Child(ren)'s name(s) Age(s)

Date..... Money enclosed Booking taken by



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DECEMBER

9.30-12noon
CALDERDALE MUSIC
THE OLD COURT HOUSE
BLACKWALL
HX1 2DL

CHRISTMAS FAIR



SANTA|STALLS|MULLED WINE|MINCE PIES|CAROLS|GAMES|CRAFTING



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