



NEWSLETTER



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Diary Dates

Monday 6th November

Staff Training Day
(school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 7th November

SCHOOL REOPENS

Wednesday 8th November

Nasal Flu Immunisation

Reception visit to St Martin's Church

Friday 10th November

9:05am – 9:30am

Class 2 Family Worship

Tuesday 14th November

9:00am – 10:00am

Bread Making Family Learning (repeated at 3:15pm – 4:15pm)

Wednesday 15th November

9:45am – 10:45am

Eucharist Service at St Martin's Church

Thursday 16th November

Bun fundraiser at breaktime

Friday 17th November

Children in Need (wear pyjamas/onesies – children can wear uniform if they prefer)

9:05am – 9:30am

Class 1 Family Worship

9:40am – 10:40am

Bread Making Family Learning (repeat)

Thursday 23rd November

9:00am – 10:00am

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

Friday 24th November

9:05am – 9:30am

Class 6 Family Worship

Monday 27th November

9:00am – 10:00am

KS1 Computing Family Learning

Tuesday 28th November

9:00am – 10:00am

KS1 Computing Family Learning (repeat)

What a wonderful first half term we have had! The children have all settled in to their new classes and are enjoying their learning and activities. So many of our children have displayed our CARING vision so far this year. Here are a few examples of how:

Confident	Year 1 and 2 children have enjoyed showing their work to their grown-ups in our Topic Showcases.
Aspire	Our School Councillors visited Brighthouse Food Bank. They then sorted through our harvest donations to give them the urgent food needed.
Respectful	Our Eco Warriors are encouraging their peers to care for God's creation and resources by recycling and turning off lights and taps.
Inclusion	We have been learning about Black History Month and why it is so important to treat others fairly. Why not ask your child about Rosa Parks?
Nurturing	We look after everyone. Our lunchtime ambassadors help in the dining hall and play games outside.
Generous	Calderdale Smartmove have gratefully collected our wonderful harvest donations. Thank you for your gifts.

Always Badges

Today, we have awarded our first Always badges of the year. Congratulations to Elsie, Leo, Elif, Meryem, Frank, Logan, Aria, Esmail, Alyssa, Jaxon, Bella, Frank, Rosie, Thea, Olive and Zara. These children were nominated by their class staff because they always follow our CARING vision. They have been recognised as excellent role models. Well done 😊.



Poppies

This week, we have been selling poppies and other accessories in school in support of The Royal British Legion to remember those who lost their lives fighting in the wars. Thank you to those who have donated money to this cause.

Children in Need

On Friday 17th November, we will be taking part in fundraising for Children in Need. Children and staff are invited to come to school in their pyjamas/onesies and we ask for a £1 donation to Children in Need in return. This can either be brought in cash on the day or paid on our School Money shop. If your child would still like to come in uniform, they are welcome to.

Christmas Fayre – Friday 1st December 3:30pm – 5:00pm

We would like to invite you, and your family and friends, to our Christmas Fayre. All the money we raise will be spent on our children and enriching their education through experiences as well as a performance of Cinderella from a professional pantomime company. **If you or a company you know can support us in any way with raffle prizes, please contact the office.**



As a federation, we will now be distributing our newsletters monthly. Our next newsletter will be on Friday 24th November.

Mrs Swallow, Head of School



Our Christmas Fayre



Friday 1st December 2023 @ 3:30pm – 5:00pm

You will have the opportunity to walk around the hall and classrooms to do a little Christmas shopping and take part in games! Children can meet Santa and have a photo taken with him. Children can also visit our 'Secret Room' to buy a gift for their parent/carer. If you need to take a break from all the fun, our café will be open for hot drinks and a range of sweet treats. Why not enter our raffle to be in with the chance to win prizes! Tickets for our raffle will be sent home with children on **Monday 13th November** as well as being sold on the day.

If you would like to offer to help us prepare for this event, please call at the office.

We would be grateful for donations of:

- 'Secret Room' presents suitable for parents/carers: *chocolates, smellies, new items etc.* Children will pay £2.50 and enter the secret room and choose a gift for their parent/carer. Santa's little helpers will help your child to wrap the gift and write a gift tag.
- **Raffle gifts or prizes** (chocolates, toiletries etc).
- **Mince pies or other sweet treats for our café** (nut free).
- **Bottles for Bottle Tombola** – fizz, beer, bubble bath, pop etc. **To be sent in Thurs 30th November for St Andrew's Day.**

Family and friends are all welcome but children under 12 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Admissions for School Places 2024

Primary school applications for September 2024 school places open on **Friday 17th November** and close on **Monday 15th January**. Please see details attached on how to apply through Calderdale.

Parents/carers of children currently in Year 2 at the Infant School, who will be starting in Year 3 in September at our Junior School, **must** apply for a place as well. The application should be processed through the Local Authority that your child lives in, not the Local Authority the school is in – in most cases this is either Calderdale or Kirklees.

If you have any questions or need any help completing the application, please contact the school office who will be happy to help. If you know anyone who missed our Open Day, please ask them to contact us to arrange a visit.

Chair of Governors

Our Chair of Governors, Ms Glenys Phillips, has stepped down from her position as chair. She has been Chair of Governors for 12 years and will still continue to be part of our governing body. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her years of service, commitment and loyalty to the school. Our new Chair of Governors is now Mrs Jill Flavell.

THANK YOU!

St Andrew's Day – Thursday 30th November

On Thursday 30th November, children are invited to come to school dressed in blue, white or tartan to celebrate St Andrew's Day. If your child would prefer to come in their normal uniform, they are welcome to. We ask in return that children bring a bottle (fizz, beer, bubble bath etc.) to be donated for our bottle tombola at our Christmas Fayre.



Annual Fundraising – Bun Donations

On Thursday 16th November, we have our bun sale for the children at playtime. You don't need to send money in for this as it was covered in the annual fundraising donation made in September. However, we are asking for donations of buns for the sale. If you would like to donate some buns, please send these in with your child on Wednesday morning. We ask that any donations are **nut-free**. Thank you for your support.



Eucharist at St Martin's Church

On Wednesday 15th November, the children will be visiting St Martin's Church at 9:45am for a Eucharist Service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us at this. If you would like to help walk the children to and from church, please contact the office.

We Keep Children Safe By...

... having Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). Our Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Swallow, Mrs Wood and Miss Kerry. They are available for our children and parents/carers to speak to if there are concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing. Mrs Wood and Miss Kerry are in the playground in the morning before school and there to listen to any concerns or worries you may have.

Chat Around the Table

As we are moving into autumn, why not speak to your child about the seasonal changes?

- What changes have you seen outside?
- What has happened to the temperature?
- Have you noticed anything different about the trees?
- Do you know what season comes next after autumn?



Harvest Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Table. The donations were collected by Calderdale Smartmove this week as well as donations being taken to Brighthouse Food Bank. We are very grateful for your generosity and help to those in the community.



Interfaith Week – 12th – 19th November

This year, Interfaith Week takes place from 12th to 19th November. There are activities for all ages during Interfaith Week and in the week following.

Celebrate Diwali at Huddersfield Mandir

Children, families, and all members of the community are invited to celebrate Diwali 'Festival of Light' on **12th November**. Meet at Huddersfield Mandir, Zetland St, HD1 2RA at 2:00pm for food, fun and celebration. **Free event** – all welcome.

Interfaith Walk of Friendship

Children, families, and all members of the community are invited to take a walk around Huddersfield, visiting a Mandir, a Gurdwara and a Church on the way. This is a free event for all ages and the faith communities are looking forward to welcoming you. Start at St Peter's (Huddersfield Parish Church) on **Saturday 18th November at 12 noon**.

Topic Showcases

It was so lovely to see so many of you join us at our Year 1 and Year 2 Topic Showcases. The children have loved showing you what they have been learning this half term. We hope you can join us again at their showcases in December.



Every Mind Matters

The focus is 'Wonder and Thankfulness'. Why not have a go at these activities:

W is for WONDER

Where does an enriched learning experience start, if not with wonder?
"I wonder why...", "I wonder if...",
"I wonder how, who, where, when..."

Wonder is wonderful! At the heart of an engaged learner is a child who can not only answer the questions but question the answers. And children are so good at this, if we make the space for them. If we allow them to wonder...

TODAY...

"I wonder..." List as many of your wonderings as you can think of...
Do others wonder about the same things? Do some wondering together...

01. I'm thankful for this person...

02. I'm thankful for this place...

03. I'm thankful for this experience...

04. I'm thankful for this mistake...

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Magical Maths

This week, we would like all the children to look at number bonds. Number bonds help the children rapidly recall number facts and improve their fluency. The facts they need to know are what help the children have a solid foundation in number and improve their number sense. Below you will find details of what the children in each year group need to know and images to help your children practise at home. Here are just a few ideas that you could use with your children at home:

- The children could use objects at home to help them learn these facts in a practical way.
- They could count as they walk up and down the stairs. Children always need more practise at counting backwards.
- You could play talking ping pong where you say a number and they say the other number to make the number bond, encouraging the children to get quicker with their recall.

Reception

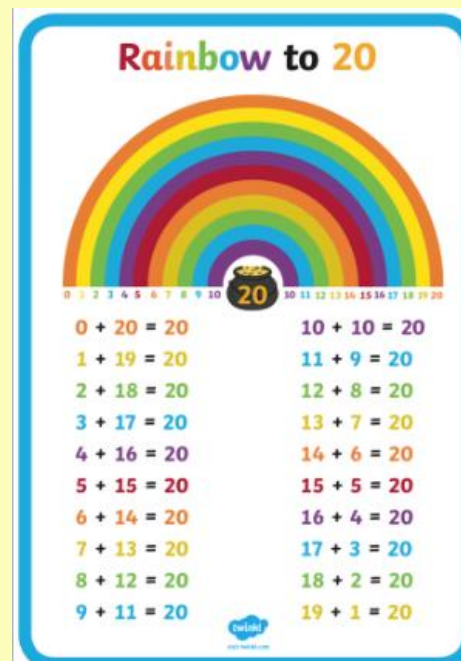
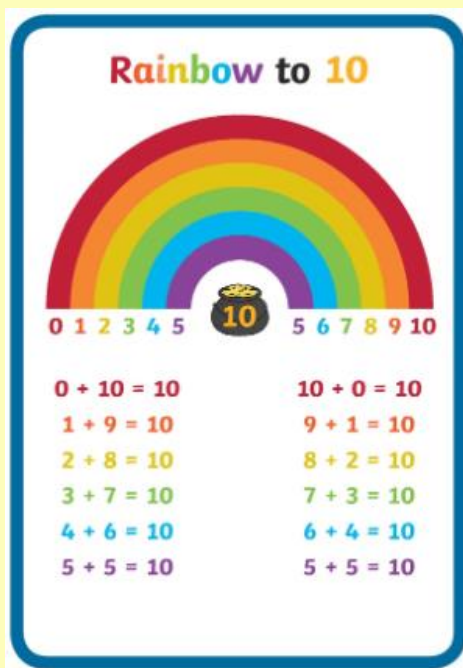
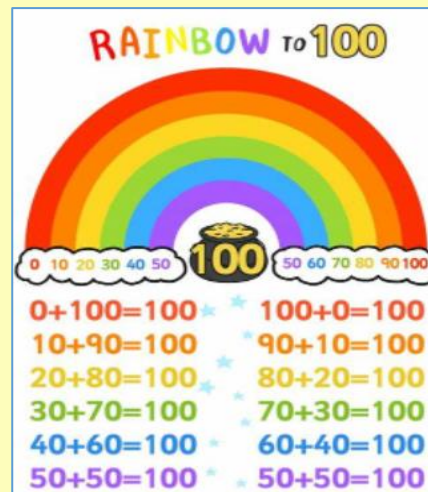
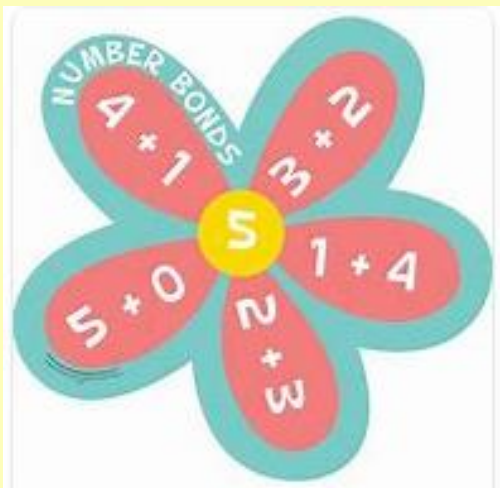
By the end of Reception, children are expected to be able to recall number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.

Year One

By the end of the year, children are expected to be able to represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20.

Year 2

In Year 2, the children are expected to be able to recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100.





Dear Lord,

Help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me that
you and I together can't handle.

Amen.

OUR SCHOOL VISION

Promoting excellence within a
caring, Christian community

Confident - We embrace challenge and
persevere

Aspire - We aim high

Respectful - We are friends and
cherish God's world

Inclusive - We welcome everyone and
are all of equal worth

Nurturing - We look after each other
so we can all flourish

Generous - We give to each other and
our community



"Love each other as I have loved
you."

John 15:12

Starting School September 2024



How to apply for a school place

Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 are due to start primary school in September 2024.

To apply for a school place you must **apply online by 15 January 2024** at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

For advice and guidance regarding the application process please contact 01422 392617, option 1, and a Customer First Advisor will be able to assist you.

If you would like a leaflet about applying for a primary school place please contact your preferred school and register your child's name. The leaflet will then be distributed by the primary school at the end of November 2023.

Information relating to Admission to Primary School 2024, including oversubscription criteria, is available at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

**The application process opens on 17 November 2023
and the close date is 15 January 2024**

Offers of school places will be made on 16 April 2024.



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FIREWORK,
REAL DANGER**

#BonfireSafe

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westyorkshire.gov.uk/bonfire-night-safety



West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service



iron people

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11am - 1pm
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Illustrator Chris Mould

1.30pm - 3pm
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ages 5 - 11
and their
families

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