Friday Newsletter - 24th January 2025



Callands Community Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers.

During the last few months, we have been working behind the scenes to update our school website. We are hoping to launch this before February half-term and hope that you find our new website has improved functionality and navigation, which allows you to find the information more quickly and easily. We will inform you of the date when our new website will be going live. This will also coincide with us sending out a Microsoft form to all our parents/carers, welcoming your comments with regards to communication that you receive from school. We want to ensure that we are getting the right balance in terms of keeping you up to date with events and reminders from school but also ensuring that you are not bombarded daily.

Just before we finished for Christmas, the police attended school and observed the parking and behaviour of drivers when dropping off and collecting pupils. In the short time that we have been back, we have witnessed a small improvement. However, there are still instances of parents stopping to drop off children on the yellow zigzag lines, parking over our neighbours' drives, using the side road down to the staff car park to wait and driving too fast near the pedestrian crossing. PLEASE can the small minority of parents/carers doing these dangerous acts make a New Year resolution to park and drive safely around the school site, so that we can avoid any unnecessary accidents. I have attached a Parkwise leaflet to this week's newsletter for further information – thank you for your continued support with this important matter.

37th Warrington Rainbows

There are a number of different Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger units in the local area who are all a part of Girlguiding UK. There are also Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer units meeting in the local area, who are part of The Scout Association. On 22nd February each year, Guides and Scouts across the world think of each other and express their thanks and appreciation for the international movement. 22nd February was chosen as it is the birthday of Boy Scout Founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, and his wife Olave Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide.

Some of the local Guiding and Scouting members are pupils who attend Callands Primary School and on Monday 24th February, we are allowing these pupils to wear their Guiding/Scouting Uniform. In doing so, the members would be able to celebrate the two organisations that they are a part of and share it with others.

Each term, class teachers share with parents/carers on our website and via Arbor, what the children will be learning in each of the subjects. The curriculum overviews give details on each subject that will be covered during the term - this can be helpful when having discussions with your child about what they are doing at school and when you may be able to link any learning to your activities at home. It's good to talk to your child about what they are doing as you can make meaningful links to their everyday lives and have a real impact on their understanding. The curriculum overviews can also be helpful if your child needs any additional support, as you will know what they are currently learning in class, as well as what they have learnt previously.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, whatever your plans are.

Mrs S Bentley

Headteacher

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IMPORTANT DATES

Key dates are available on the school website. Please click on the link below to access upcoming events on the school calendar, all class trips, after school clubs etc. Callands Community Primary School - Calendar (secure-dbprimary.com)

Wednesday 29th January – Chinese New Year – The Year of the Snake

Thursday 6th February – WBC to deliver road safety to Y6 pupils

Friday 7th February – Year 4 Charity – NSPCC – whole school charity day

Monday 10th **February** – Year 5 Forest School week, each afternoon

Monday 10th February 3.30-4.30pm Y5 & Y6 Showcase of work – parents/carers to arrive anytime within this slot

Tuesday 11th February - 3.30-4.30pm Y3 & Y4 Showcase of work – parents/carers to arrive anytime within this slot

Wednesday 12th February - 3.30-4.30pm Y1 & Y2 Showcase of work – parents/carers to arrive anytime within this slot

Thursday 13th February - 3.30-4.30pm EYFS Showcase of work – parents/carers to arrive anytime within this slot

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February – School closes for one week - 3.10pm for KS2 children 3.20pm for EYFS and KS1 children

ATTENDANCE

Attendance – up to Friday 24th January

Year Group	Attendance (Year To Date)
YR	95.3%
Y1	95.1%
Y2	95.2%
Y3	95.9%
Y4	95.4%
Y5	95.9%
Y6	95.4%
All	95.5%
94.5% National	

<u>Attendance</u>	

Red = Below national

Green = Above national

Every class is above National this week again – what a huge achievement.

If your child is ill, please phone school to let us know. Please phone 01925 444795 and choose option 1. This is a dedicated mailbox for parents to leave messages about your child's absence.

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OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Goalkeeper Success

We are so PROUD of Kaiden, who stepped in as goalkeeper for his football team. Kaiden ended up winning man of the match – what a great acknowledgement – well done.

Cheerleading Champions

Last weekend, Jessica and Amber competed at the ICC Cheer Championships in Manchester.

Their team, Warrington Cheer Storm Monsoon's, came 4th in their first completion of the season. We are so PROUD of you both, a huge achievement.



Fantastic Footballer

Amelia plays for Cromwell Vulcans U9's and has won both 'Best Trainer' of the week and also won Parents Player of the Match in the match last weekend with a 4-1 win!

We are so PROUD of her progress because she has won four trophies in the last two months -Coaches Player, Parents Player twice and Best Trainer.



Future Champion

On Saturday 14th December, Leyla was awarded a certificate from her club Gracie Barr's Warrington Jiu-jitsu for "The most dedicated future champion of 2024." We are all PROUD of you and with that big smile, we can see you are too.

Leyla also got into the full festive spirit of Christmas and shared a little bit of kindness. After saving up her pocket money and earning extra by doing more jobs, she went out and spent it on items for the not so fortunate animals at Warrington Animal Welfare and donated the rest to Cheshire dogs home. What a great thing to do Leyla, we are sure you ended up on Santa's nice list for this.









Swimming success

Georgios has successfully completed Level 3 swimming and has been promoted to Level 4! He can now confidently float on his front and back without adult support. This is huge accomplishment – well done, we are PROUD of you Georgios and another winning smile.



