



Calderdale Village Schools' Federation



Everyone back in school!

Many thanks to everyone for the preparations for all the children returning to school at the beginning of last week—it has been an absolute joy to see everyone in person. Many thanks also to everyone for supporting us with the COVID guidance and arriving at school at your allocated times, whilst ensuring 2M social distancing.

The children have done amazingly well at settling back into school and the routines whilst socialising with their friends. The smiles on their faces when they arrive at school and during their sessions are fabulous for everyone to see. With over 95% attendance in both schools during last week, this is a fantastic achievement in the current climate. Today's attendance is at 99% in both schools which is amazing!

The teachers and support staff have ensured a smooth transition from home learning to being back in school. Many thanks to every member of staff for their hard work in ensuring that the children can enjoy being back in school and learning all together in the classroom!

Parents Evening

Now all children are back in school we have arranged a Parents Evening for Wednesday 24th March (5.30—7pm) and Thursday 25th March (4pm—8pm). This will enable your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled back into school and answer any questions you may have about their learning moving into the summer term. Appointment times will be available to book through the Parents Evening Booking system. You will get a text with a link from Teachers2parents to book an appointment time on Wednesday 17th March.

Appointments will be carried out virtually on Zoom.

School Lunches

Children are now choosing their school lunches at the start of the school day. This ensures that children can choose what they would like to eat from the choices on the school menu and get the food that they have ordered for lunch. If you would like your child to have school lunches please let the office know.

Easter

As we approach the Easter break, children are engaging with daily collective worship around the Easter Story. Although we will be unable to have parents in school or to attend Church to celebrate Easter this year, we will be

celebrating in school with a number of activities.

We will be holding a 'Design an Easter Action Cross' competition in line with our daily collective worship and an egg decorating competition. Entries will need to be in by Monday 29th March 2021. There will be a winner from each year group, for each competition, in each school. More details will follow this week!

Onwards and Upwards

On returning to school our English curriculum is being focussed around this half term's 'Onwards and Upwards' theme and the book 'The Barnabus Project.' The project focusses the children on Mental Health and Wellbeing, respect for others, and aspirations, whilst giving children the opportunity to discuss their own thoughts and feelings, and that it's OK to be and feel different than others.

Comic Relief

This Friday 19th March is Comic Relief Day. We are acutely aware that with lockdown for many parents the prospect of dressing up, although fun, is a daunting and possibly stressful one.

The theme for this year is 'Share a Smile'. We will be publicising the event in school and children will be working around the superhero theme (with them all having their own superhero power!) and undertaking quizzes around the theme.

If you would like to donate directly to Comic Relief please follow the link below:

<https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

Keeping it Simple

We have been donated into school some Recipe books on how to Feed a Family on a Budget. If you would like one please let us know and we will arrange for one to be sent home.

COVID19

There is a section on both school websites with the risk assessment and details of what to do in the event of symptoms or positive tests in the Household. If you are unsure, please refer to these or phone the school office to check. Many thanks for your support in keeping everyone safe and well.

