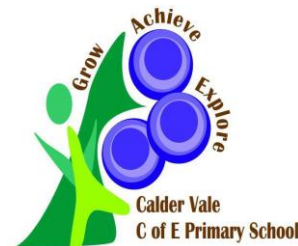


Information for New Parents



Welcome

We are very pleased to welcome your child into full-time education here at Calder Vale St John's CE Primary School. We look forward to working closely with you over the coming years to ensure that your child really enjoys their time with us and achieves their very best.

Uniform

Uniform is supplied by Mike's Sportsworld (Uniform and Leisurewear) which is situated on Church Street, Garstang.

The school colours are as follows:

Sweatshirt/Jumper/Cardigan	Navy Blue
Polo Shirt	White
Skirt/Pinafore/Trousers/Shorts	Grey
Summer Dress	Pale blue and white checks or stripes
Socks	Grey, black or white
Shoes	Dark sensible shoes

Your child will also need:

Navy blue shorts, white T-shirt and pumps for P.E., together with a drawstring pumpbag to keep them in.

It is vital that your child's clothes are labelled clearly.

School Lunches

Currently all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) are universally entitled to free school meals. This entitlement for all stops after Year 2. All meals are supplied by Lancashire County Council. The menu consists of two freshly prepared meal choices each day and these are reviewed each term.

If you would prefer your child to bring a packed lunch they should be in a secure lunchbox, clearly labelled with your child's name, and should not include any sweets, chocolate bars, nuts or fizzy drinks. Water is provided at school.

Children are not allowed to bring biscuits, sweets or crisps for playtime. The children are encouraged to drink water during the day. The school has been awarded the Lancashire Healthy School Quality Mark for Healthy Eating.

School Milk/Fruit and Vegetable Scheme

Children are entitled to free milk until the term in which they become 5 years old. After that subsidised milk is provided at a cost of £1 per week. Therefore, when children start school in Reception in September, only children with a birthday between 1st September – 31st December will be required to pay the fee of £1 per week for milk.

Our school participates in the Schools' Fruit and Vegetable Scheme, which provides every child from Nursery to Year 2 with a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable every day at no cost to parents.

Times of the School Day

The school day begins at 8.55 a.m. and ends at 3.30 p.m. Staff are on duty from 8:45 a.m. on the playground.

Morning Break is for 15 minutes from 10.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.

Lunchtime is from 12 noon to 1.00 p.m.

Collective Worship is held for 15 minutes each day.

A breakfast club runs daily from 7.45am.

Absences

If your child is ill, please notify the office as soon as possible by telephone on **01995 603016**, or you may notify us via email bursar@caldervale.lanc.sch.uk.

Due to amendments made to the **Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013**, holidays will **not** be authorised. If you choose to take your child out of school this will be unauthorised and you could be issued with a fine. If you feel an absence would be classed as "special circumstances" then you need to put this in writing to the Headteacher, Mrs Rebecca Scholz.

Settling In

We appreciate that this is a very important step for you and your child and we endeavour to make the transition to full-time school as easy as possible.

We hold Parents' Evenings in October and March. This is an opportunity for you discuss your child's progress and how they have settled into school.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns about your child at school, or anything which you feel we should know about your child, the class teacher is your first point of contact. Similarly, the class teacher will speak to you if they have any concerns which they feel you should be aware of.

Supporting your Child

You will receive information every term, informing you about the topics the children will be covering. You can help them at home by talking about these topics, sharing books from the library or looking on the internet, and perhaps visiting related places of interest.

Once they have settled into school, the children will bring home reading books to share (these may not have any words at first!) and letter sounds to learn. The staff will explain this 'homework' to you and will be happy to suggest ways in which everyday activities can become learning opportunities.

Open Door

We are keen to build relationships with all our parents so we can work in partnership to support the children. We have an open-door policy where staff are available at the beginning and end of the day if you would like to talk to them. You can also make appointments to see the class teacher through the school office.

Calder Vale School Association

The School Association organise a variety of successful social and fundraising activities throughout the year. Funds raised are used to buy additional resources and activities which benefit the children. We are always looking for more help so please take an active part if you can.

Other Useful Information

Most letters from school will be sent to you electronically via email, they can also be found on our school website. Forthcoming events can also be found on the school website, and this is updated each week. Every Friday we send out a school newsletter.

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Email: bursar@caldervale.lancs.sch.uk / head@caldervale.lancs.sch.uk

Website: www.caldervale.lancs.sch.uk

