



Todmorden CE (A) J, I & N School

Newsletter

Wednesday 28th April 2021



Summer Term Learning

OVERVIEW

Each class now has a curriculum overview for the Summer Term on their class page on the website. Please have a look at what your child will be learning this term.

Please remember that all extra curricular clubs finish at 4pm prompt. Late collection will be charged at £5 per 15 minutes in line with our late collection policy.



READER OF THE WEEK

For children who consistently read at home.

Reception =	Adjan Khadim
Class 1 =	Vincent Walsh
Class 2 =	Eric Holt
Class 3 =	Jacob Bingham
Class 4 =	Lacey Cooke
Class 5 =	Amos Terry
Class 6 =	Neve Smith

As part of our Healthy Summer Term we would like to remind parents about the support they can get from the School Nursing Team.



Worried about your child's growth?
Think they have put on weight over lockdown?
Struggling to get your child to eat healthy foods?
Worried about your child's general health?

Mrs Leadbitter can do referrals to the school nursing team for all sorts of reasons just contact her for more information...

or

you can contact a member of the team via their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/localaschoolnursescalderdale>), by calling 0303 330 9974 or by their confidential text messaging service TEXT: 07507 332157 to start a conversation. Thank you.

MINDSET MASTER



For children who have a positive 'can do' learning attitude.

Bunnies =	Amber Duxbury
Owls =	Esmee-Grace Pinnington
Reception =	Maya White
Class 1 =	Maryum Hussain
Class 2 =	Maddison Goldie
Class 3 =	Isaac Kruszona
Class 4 =	River Stewart-McBeth
Class 5 =	Elysha Parish
Class 6 =	Kingsley Kruszona

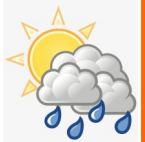
Stars of the Week



For showing our values of Love, Friendship, Trust & Honest

Bunnies =	Reggie Cunningham
Owls =	Chloe Cunningham
Reception =	Jacob Windle
Class 1 =	Parker Adams
Class 2 =	Alex & Andrew Rutkowski-Perks
Class 3 =	Jack Goddard-Dixon
Class 4 =	Finn Abbey
Class 5 =	Daisy Sutcliffe
Class 6 =	Seth Inman Barker

Changeable Weather



Please can all parents ensure that for the rest of the term children come to school with a waterproof coat (even if the weather looks sunny and warm in the morning) and also have sunscreen applied before school. The weather is changeable, we will play out in all weathers and children with no coat will have to miss their playtime. Last week we had children who caught the sun by being outside for 15 to 30 minutes. We are encouraging teachers to get the children outside as much as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

As well as the Uniform Shop in Halifax, our official uniform is now available at;

**'J3 Clothing' in Burnley
27 Standish Street BB11 1AU
(Standish street runs from Charter Walk up to Halfords / Iceland
and Pets at Home)
01282 831087**

**They are selling our Jumpers, Cardigans, Burgundy T-Shirts and Book Bags.
Their shop is now open 7 days a week.**



Changes to the School Day—A Parental Consultation

During the past year, we have had to make some changes to our ways of working due to Covid-19. Some of these changes have been a definite negative, these include; no trips, no whole school events, no whole school worship, parents not being able to come into the building etc. We obviously aim to work within the government guidance to bring back the things we have missed as soon as possible.

There have also been changes, due to Covid-19, that we as a staff have looked at and preferred. The removal of the noisy hand-dryers have made the school calmer! The staff have also preferred the new staggered lunchtimes, we have found that by staggering the whole school for lunch has massively reduced the craziest part of the day. Reducing the lunch hour and having an early sitting, mid sitting and a late sitting has reduced accidents and massively reduced any behaviour issues. It has also meant that more staff are on duty so that the children have more adults to turn to during the lunch hour, this has been supported by our fabulous Teaching Assistants. The children will also have more space to play, in our small school yard.

Our Governors and Staff propose to keep these calmer lunchtimes by slightly adjusting the school day permanently (when the Covid restrictions are over) so that we can keep the shorter, calm lunchtimes. There will be no loss of classroom learning time with the new timings. Children in Key Stage 1 will still have 4 hours 40 mins of learning time and Key Stage 2 will still have 4 hours 50 mins of learning time. If anything, the day feels more organised, each child will have 5 lessons a day and the juniors will have 3 breaks a day (they currently have 2).

From September (or when the Covid restrictions are over) our aim is to run with these timings;

Nursery;

AM session =8:45 to 11:45

PM session =12:15 to 3:15

Key Stage 1 (Rec, Year 1 and Year2)

AM Session =8:40 start with open door

PM Session =3:10

Key Stage 2 (Year 3,4,5,& 6)

AM Session =8:40 start with open door

PM Session =3:15

Positives

- No loss of learning time
- More staff outside with children on duty—better supervision
- Reduction of accidents
- Cheap After School Club option available till 4pm - No rise in price
- Better / calmer lunchtimes with less behaviour issues
- Open door for parents in the morning kept
- Juniors will get an afternoon play
- No change to Teaching Assistant contracts.
- Calmer lunches—better for children with additional needs

Negatives

- 15 minute earlier finish for parents

Please read the positives and negatives as proposed by our staff and governors, in the blue box. We would now like to give you, the parents of children from Owls to Year 5, the opportunity to have your say. If you would like to feed back to us your views, either positive or negative, about the proposed (Non-Covid) changes to the school day please email us on;

woodlands@todmorden-jun.calderdale.sch.uk with the subject 'Proposed changes to the school day' as the email subject. Any comments will be collected and reviewed by Mrs Leadbitter and our Governing Body. Thank you.