



Todmorden CE (A) J, I & N School

Newsletter

Wednesday 5th May 2021



Diversity Books

A huge thank you to 'Calder Valley Books for Change' who have kindly donated a set of diversity books to our school. Calder Valley Books for Change's mission is to raise £6,000 to get 20 high quality books about diversity for all the schools in the Calder Valley. Ours have been placed in our library's diversity basket for all our children to share.

If you would like to support them please visit;

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/caldervalleysbooksforchange>



Our Christian value this term is:

LOVE



READER OF THE WEEK

For children who consistently read at home.

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| Reception = | Eloise McManus |
| Class 1 = | Rose Whittle |
| Class 2 = | Harry Ersoy |
| Class 3 = | Harry Garnett |
| Class 4 = | Sam Winstanley |
| Class 5 = | Harvey Adams |
| Class 6 = | Maisie Roache |

MINDSET MASTER



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

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| Bunnies = | Jacob Craven—Chadwick |
| Owls = | Lily-Anne Clayton |
| Reception = | Monty Goldie |
| Class 1 = | Jasper Duxbury |
| Class 2 = | Benjamin Carlton |
| Class 3 = | Riley Kyme |
| Class 4 = | Violet Benjamin |
| Class 5 = | Maddy Cook |
| Class 6 = | Theo Matthews |

Just a few reminders about our uniform policy...

Whilst the shops have been closed we have been a little more relaxed about uniform in school but now that all clothing shops have re-opened we would like to remind parents that our school uniform consists of;

- Grey or black tailored trousers, tailored shorts or a tailored skirt. Please note jogging bottoms or leggings should not be worn.
- Children should wear a burgundy jumper or cardigan with the school logo. Hoodies are not permitted and children will be asked to remove them.
- Children should not wear jewellery, make-up or have dyed hair.
- Children should wear sensible shoes for school each day which cover their feet and that they can run in. Crocs, sandals, wedges, heels and wellies should not be worn.

A full uniform list is available on our website;

<https://www.todmordenprimary.org.uk/parents-information/school-uniforms>



Stars of the Week



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

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| Bunnies = | Hestia Chapman |
| Owls = | Phebe Stewart-Coxon |
| Reception = | Alexander Waterlow |
| Class 1 = | Alessa James |
| Class 2 = | Emily-Rose Wood |
| Class 3 = | Millie Cook |
| Class 4 = | Aimee Kew |
| Class 5 = | Jasmine Tallent-Marquis |
| Class 6 = | Maddie Harris |

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

**Deadline for
feedback is:
Friday 7th May
=THIS FRIDAY**

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.