

National News

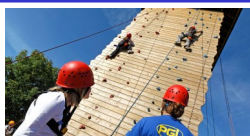


Wednesday 22nd September 2021

What a brilliant return to school we have had, all the children look so smart in their uniform and all are happy and settled in their new classes. It has been brilliant to get to know some of the new children that have joined our school community and we welcome their families into the community too!

Parents of Year 6 Children

Please be reminded that the remaining sum of money owed for the PGL residential visit needs to be paid in full by Friday 1st October. Thanks.



A polite reminder—please can we ask that ALL parents park sensibly around school and the surrounding streets!

If you would like a school fleece for your child to keep warm in school over winter (we are still being advised to keep the windows open), please see Tammy in our office. She is taking orders until the 8th October and they will cost £15.

Thank you



Please find attached our extra-curricular timetable and request form. Children should also have it in their book bag!

House Captains

We were so proud of our Year 6 pupils who had the confidence last week to stand up and give a speech to the rest of their house about why they should be a House Captain. The speeches were great and showed how self-aware the children are. We think they were all fabulous and this was shown in the votes which were genuinely very close.

This year's house captains are;

Calder: Elysha, Willow & Harry

Pennine: Arthur, Sophie & Lydia

Stoodley: Tom, Archie & Lillie



On Friday 1st October we will be having a cake sale in school to help raise money for MacMillan. We all know that charities have struggled over the past 2 years and we would love to support this charity who support people who have been diagnosed with cancer. They also offer support to their families. We will be accepting kind donations of cakes, buns or brownies on this day or the day before (30.9.21). Children are invited to bring 50p to purchase a cake throughout the day.



Parent's of children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

As you know we were closed last Friday for essential reading and phonics training for classroom staff. This was a productive day and has given us lots to think about. This is the start of us updating our phonics teaching and introducing a new reading scheme.

We will be moving to teaching READ WRITE INC phonics from Monday and have invested thousands of pounds on a new reading scheme. The aim of this scheme is to support children to catch up with learning gaps gained over the past 2 years and also support children in becoming confident, fluent readers.

The teachers are moving from Monday into a 4 week teaching period where children will be taught the sounds they need for a confident start within this scheme. Children will be taught in smaller focus groups, which are set from their current phonics knowledge. During this 4 weeks, the children will still be sent one reading book from the old phonics scheme. After the 4 weeks, children will move onto a new book which has been carefully assessed to be at their phonetical decoding level.

If you have any queries about this, please see your child's class teacher. For information, please check out the video for parents on our website at; <https://www.todmordenprimary.org.uk/our-curriculum/subject-reports/english>





Calder High School

The Calder Learning Trust

Welcomes prospective students and parents



Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 21st October, 5:30 - 8pm

Social Media Apps

What age should my child be to use these apps?



What risks are there of my child using these apps?

Whilst there are benefits to being online, there are risks too regardless of your child's age. Risks include your child viewing inappropriate content, sharing personal information, cyberbullying and grooming.

Reporting functions

If your child is using any of the above apps then make sure you show them how to use the reporting facilities within each app and ensure your child knows that they must tell you or another trusted adult if they see anything upsetting online. Use the apps together and explore the different security and privacy settings.

Further information

Is your child too young to use the above apps but is still asking you if they can join social media? Then you could suggest an alternative option. Internet Matters list several apps that have been created for younger children, they are grouped for ages 6 – 10 and ages 11 – 13:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids/>

Net Aware provide further information about the most popular apps, games and social media sites:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

We are having increased incidences of children viewing, using and watching content in films, television and online that isn't age appropriate.

We ask that all parents check the content of films, Apps, programmes and online videos that their children are watching.

Please refer to the PEGI rating or user minimum ages. This will ensure that the content is appropriate ensuring they will not be exposed to sexual content, bad language or inappropriate violence.

Children who see this can bring it into school in their play, language or interactions with others.

More information is shared through our website;

<https://www.todmordenprimary.org.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>

Thankyou!