



# October Newsletter



Thank you for your generous harvest donations and for all of you who were able to attend our Harvest assembly. It was wonderful to see so much support for the children.

**Monday 13th November**  
Odd Socks Day for the start of Anti-bullying Week. Wear your brightest odd socks to school!

**Friday 17th November**  
Children in Need  
Wear something spotty and make a donation if you can.

## Phonics Workshop

**Friday 17th November**

**After Great News Assembly**

If your child is in Reception or Year 1 please come and join us for a phonics workshop. You will find out more about how we are teaching your child to read and spell during phonics lessons.

We will also talk about Guided Reading with decodable books and how you can support your child at home.



Our MacMillan breakfast raised £40—Thankyou!

## Dates for you Diary

- 6.11.23 INSET
- 7.11.23 School Opens
- 8.11.23 Individual Photos
- 13.11.23 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- 13.11.23-17.11.23 Antbullying Week
- 17.11.12 Children in Need
- 17.11.23 Great News Assembly
- 29.11.23 Wellbeing Wednesday
- 1.12.23 Reverse Advent Calendar
- 1.12.23 Great News Assembly
- 9.12.23 Federation Christmas Fayre
- Week beginning 11.12.23 Parents Evening
- 13.12.23 9:30am Christmas Performance
- 14.12.23 2pm Christmas Performance
- 15.12.23 Great News Assembly
- 20.12.23 Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
- 22.12.23 Carols at Hope Baptist
- 22.12.23 School Closes for Christmas
- 8.1.24 School Opens for Spring Term

# Acorns

Acorns have been enjoying singing their harvest songs and making autumn music shakers to shake rhythms too. We began this week thinking about why we have harvest and why it is important to share. We read 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper and discovered it is about friendship, sharing and teamwork. We thought about if we like to help in the kitchen, if we sometimes work with our friends and if we share out the jobs. We thought about what happens if we disagree. We carved our pumpkin and made pumpkin soup together sharing out the jobs. We really enjoyed eating the soup together. We roleplayed soup making in the water tray. We also drew what happened in the story and labelled our pictures.



# Oaks

Throughout this half-term we have been learning all about portraits in Art. First, we learned what a portrait is and explored some famous portraits, discussing questions such as what we liked and disliked, how they made us feel and what we found interesting. We looked at how and why portraits can be tricky to draw, we then explored how colour can be used to show emotion inspired by Van Gogh, abstract art inspired by Picasso, watercolour backgrounds inspired by Paul Klee and line drawings inspired by Matisse. The children have created some beautiful pieces of artwork and have enjoyed discussing and exploring some inspiring pieces.



# Mental Health and Wellbeing

If you are a parent or carer of a child in our school there are many ways in which you can get support for your child's mental health & wellbeing.

Please find below some details of child and young people emotional wellbeing and mental health agencies that families can access in Calderdale for free.

More information can be found at: [www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk/category/advice-for-parents-carers/](http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk/category/advice-for-parents-carers/)



## Calderdale Mental Health Support Team

[Calderdale Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\) - Northpoint | Mental health. It's what we do.](#)

School based mental health support for children and young people in Calderdale.

Our school's School Based Mental Health Practitioner, Rebecca Brooksbank, works as part of a wider team. The team cannot do individual interventions with our young children, but they can offer support and advice and some group interventions via a referral process. If you are concerned about your child's mental health or wellbeing speak to Mrs Bright who can discuss support and referrals.

## Unique Ways

[Home - Unique Ways](#)



Unique Ways is a parent-carer led organisation supporting disabled children who have and have not been diagnosed, and their families.

They provide a broad range of services for parent carers, from training courses to social events, focus groups and discounts on family days out!

## Calder Food Support

Mytholmroyd, Hebden Bridge and Luddenden Foot.

Food bags free to those who need them.



Open:

**Tuesday** 1.30pm-6pm at Kershaw Community Centre.

**Wednesday** 10am to 12noon at Valley Road Surgery, Hebden Bridge. HX7 7BZ.

**Saturday** 10.30am to 12.30pm at St. Michaels Parish Church, Mytholmroyd, Hebden Bridge. HX7 5DU.

Contact:

Mobile: 07741 457658.

Facebook: [Calder Food Support](#).

Donate: Via [Local Giving](#) page.

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HEBDEN BRIDGE  
CREATIVE DANCE CLASSES  
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WEDNESDAYS  
STARTING WEDS 8TH NOV

AGES 3-5  
INFANTS  
3.30-4PM

AGES 6-10  
JUNIOR  
4-5PM

AGES 11-18  
YOUTH  
5-6PM

DELIVERED BY  
SARA CARTER

SEND A FB MESSAGE OR EMAIL TO RESERVE A PLACE

@JUDO SPACE, HX7 7BZ  
(NEXT TO GYM)

Try a new dance class!

Available for children from age 3.

Contact

Revival Dance for more details.

## Healthy Minds – Time Out

[Time Out - Healthy Minds Calderdale](#)



Time Out (Healthy Minds) will help your students (from age 7) 'find their thing', through activities such as arts, crafts, sports, singing and drama. Time Out is a self referral scheme.

## Invictus Wellbeing – Brew Project

[BREW Project | Invictus Wellbeing](#)



The BREW project offers children and young people who present with personal, social, emotional, educational or professional concerns to access bespoke support sessions with one of our wellbeing team. Age range: 5-17 years Contact details: 01422 730015

**We wanted to let you know about the Christmas events that are planned...more information will follow closer to the time of the events.**

**We will let you know if any timings change.**

## **Christmas Events**

**Saturday 9th December**

**Hebden Bridge Schools Federation Christmas Fayre**

This year our Christmas Fayre will be held at Riverside Junior School. There will be a fantastic tombola and visit the Elves wrapping workshop where the children can buy and wrap a small present for a member of their family. You will also find Santa's Grotto, children's crafts and face painting. There will be stalls selling crafts, an amazing raffle as well as delicious refreshments. We will give more information closer to the event and also let you know how you can help.

**Wednesday 13th December**

**Christmas Performance**

**9:30am**

**Thursday 14th December**

**Christmas Performance**

**2pm**

We will give more details closer to the performance, including information about how you can help with costumes and when tickets are available. Each family can have two tickets.

**Tuesday 19th December**

Children in Oaks to visit the Little Theatre to watch the dress rehearsal of Riverside's Christmas production.

**Wednesday 20th December**

**Christmas Dinner**

Please wear something Christmassy to school....a Christmas jumper, a Christmas hat or some tinsel in your hair!

**Friday 22nd December**

**Carols at Hope Baptist**

**10:30am**

The children from all three schools will join together to sing Christmas carols and songs and wish each other 'a very merry Christmas'.

