

December Newsletter

Xmas Extravaganza!

What a marvellous success the Christmas Fair was this Saturday! I can't thank the staff and families enough for supporting this fundraising event, without which, we'd never have been half as successful as we were.

We are so pleased to announce that the grand total raised amongst the three schools on the day was a stupendous **£2,425.95!**

There were so many helpers on the day that we'd need a separate newsletter just to name them all, but a particular shout out has to go to our Santa on the day, Tom (Ume's and Phoebe's dad) as well as Sue and Mia, who form the backbone of the parents associations in the Federation.

We have some last minute winners to announce as well in Freya (Stubbings), who correctly named our Christmas Teddy as Fred the Ted, and Luke (Riverside), whose successful Christmas Conundrum was drawn out of a hat.

If you and your family enjoyed the Saturday too, kindly think on donating some of your time to help organise and run these events in the future, as the gauntlet has been laid down for the Summer Fair in July!

And last but not least, enjoy the upcoming holidays, whatever your plans.



The Boys' Football Team Marches On!

In November, the boys' football team attended a tournament organised by Burnley FC, which brought together a number of primary schools in the area to vie for the top two places, and qualify for the next round and a chance to represent Burnley at a national tournament.

Confidence was high given the team's previous success winning a friendly league a month before—going unbeaten and not conceding a single goal—but it was clear that it was not going to be as easy as it had previously.

The team knew that they could afford to lose one game and as long as they won the rest, still qualify in the top two positions, and to prove that, they promptly lost their first game 2-1 to Worsthorne Primary, who are an excellent side.

Not to be downhearted, they rose to the occasion, won their next three games 2-0, 4-0 and 2-0—which included some of the best football they have played. A particular highlight has to have been Harry's audacious goal from his own halfway line, which would have made David Beckham proud.

They go again in February, where the games will only get tougher as they'll meet Worsthorne again, as well as two other teams that topped their group, but if they show the same self-belief they have every chance of winning.

Well done: Lennon (GK); Harry C; Joseph; Stan (Cpt); George; Leo; Otis and Mani.



Big Thank You Dean Tree Surgery!

We're always looking at ways to make our playground more natural, as although concrete is very practical, it can also be quite ugly! Therefore we were very excited to receive a huge set of wood rounds from Zeph's dad and step mum freshly cut from a fallen tree.

Better than that, the man who did the initial cutting kindly came into school free of charge to soften the edges and make them safer to play with. So we're super happy to give his company, Dean Tree Surgery, a big shout out as a way of saying thanks!



Looking to join a big band?

Playing an instrument is a great skill to learn, but joining in with others to perform is an amazing way of broadening that skill, whilst meeting new friends at the same time.

We were approached by a parent whose child attends the Hebden Bridge Junior Band to help promote this opportunity for anyone out there looking to play with others.

What's also great is that they are open to complete beginners too, so there's no reason not to join.

Hopefully, you can make out the information on the right, but if you can't, the contact email is:

hebdenbrass@hotmail.com

What are you waiting for?



HEBDEN BRIDGE JUNIOR BAND

Brass Players Needed!

Players from 7 to 19 Years.
Complete beginners or experienced players welcome.

***Rehearsals - Thursday Evenings
Hebden Bridge***

We provide instrument hire and lessons at very affordable rates



Email - hebdenbrass@hotmail.com for more information
Or drop by and see us at our rehearsal on Thursday evening



**Save the
Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Christmas Jumper Day!

Another year, and another Christmas Jumper Day, and we've already got ours to wear ready for this event to help support Save the Children.

We've decided to hold it on Thursday the 16th of December, the same day that the children will be having their Christmas dinner in school, as we thought it would make everything more festive.

There are lots of ways to wear a Christmas jumper without buying one, for example covering an ordinary jumper in tinsel—or if you also want to save money but not go for the DIY look, reach out to your child's friends and see if you can't swap last year's jumpers so that you're wearing something different.

This is helping raise money for an amazing cause and we're asking the children to donate £1 to participate.



Calder Community Cares!

It's not going to be a great Christmas for some of the people in our valley this year. A combination of loneliness and isolation for some of our vulnerable and isolated adults means they are less likely to go out and mix with others or have family or friends calling in on them over the darker days and months to come.

Similarly, some of our families, who thought that at least this Christmas would be a little better than last, will be facing a reduction in UC, higher fuel bills and possibly shorter working hours- so making ends meet for those additional extra costs associated with the festive season will be a real strain on budgets, and many of our families are facing food and income poverty for the first time ever and really don't want to ask for help.

And not all children will be spending Christmas at home surrounded by family and rushing downstairs to see what Santa is bringing this year, so Calder Community Cares have set themselves a really ambitious challenge and really need your help for us to achieve it.

Their aim is to collect and distribute well over 400 small gift bags for our Elders, and over 150 large gift boxes for Families and probably around 150 individual gifts for children this year. You can support them by making a donation on this page or dropping an unwrapped gift at our many drop off points in Mytholmroyd, Todmorden and Hebden Bridge.

In the photograph above, you can see the drop-off point in the Hebden Bridge Co-op, and we spoke with the children of Riverside about this in assembly this week. Please, if you can afford to, consider donating an item that could be gifted to someone in our valley. If you don't have time to do that, you can donate to this amazing cause through this link: <https://caldercares.org.uk/its-a-wrap-winter-campaign-2021/>