



Calow Church of England (V.C.) Primary School

'Aiming High
Together'

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School Website: <http://calowschool.createprimary.net/>

Calow Primary School captured for posterity!

Calow Primary was recently presented with a painting depicting a front elevation of the School. This wonderful creation is the result of hard work by Year Three pupil Ben and his talented Mum! Ben's Mum is a former pupil of the School who was inspired to develop her artistic skills by one of the teaching staff. The painting is being hung in the School for all to enjoy and will form part of Calow's historical and artistic archive. Pictured right is Ben with the painting of Calow Primary.



National Earth Week

Week beginning 15th April was National Earth Week when all pupils took part in daily activities to learn more about caring for our planet. Each class had a daily lesson dedicated to finding out more about the way we can protect and enhance our environment. Pupils confirm that it was a fun, educational and interesting week and look forward to the next themed week in School.

Appointment of Assistant Headteacher

Following interview on 19th April for the post of Assistant Headteacher at Calow Primary, the successful applicant is Mrs. Oldale. Congratulations to Mrs. Oldale, who commences duties officially with effect from 1st September 2013. Governors have received a significant number of applications for the post of Year One teacher. Shortlisting has now taken place and interviews will be carried out on 3rd May. The process includes an interview of applicants by members of the School Council!

Extended Services at Calow Primary

Calow Primary runs a number of clubs and activities out of School hours. These include: Cheerleaders' breakfast club, School Choir, Hockey breakfast club, multi-sports, R.E. Explorers' club, netball, tennis and booster sessions for Literacy and Numeracy. There are others that have just come to an end recently and clubs we are planning for the summer terms. We are proud of the extended services we offer and the majority are organised by staff for free in their own time! The Government has announced that all Primary Schools are to receive a 'Sport Premium' of approximately £8,000 from September. Calow has already considered how some of the money is to be used to enhance further extended services of a sporting nature.

Travel Smart Week commencing on Monday 20th May

As part of Travel Smart week from 20th until 24th May, Derbyshire County Council would like to encourage pupils to 'get on board' and be a Strider, Rider, Glider, Car share Champion or a Wheeler to help beat the trouble that traffic causes on the school run. This year's Travel Smart campaign week, to promote sustainable journeys to school, uses a board game to encourage parents and pupils to leave the car behind to help reduce traffic jams and pollution, as well as helping to keep the area around school free of parked vehicles. More information can be found by visiting the Authority's website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/travelsmart We are always proud of the way in which Calow Primary School pupils have supported this initiative and hope that many will do so again in May.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

Derbyshire County Council is keen to make sure that all eligible pupils claim free school meals. To make the application process as easy as possible the application form for free school meals is now on the Derbyshire website - www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. Parents can still apply by asking for a form from School, or by telephoning the team on 01629 536481. A lot of people don't claim free school meals even though they're entitled. You don't need to worry about others knowing your child gets free school meals; only School staff will know. You could save £400 a year for each child and your children could benefit from a good hot meal at lunchtime. School benefits too as we get the pupil premium of £900 a year from the Government for each child on free school meals.

If you get any of these benefits, you could be eligible: Income Support; Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or an Income-related Employment and Support Allowance; The guarantee element of State Pension Credit; Child Tax Credit (with an annual income of less than £16,190). You will not be eligible if you are claiming Working Tax Credit.