



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

'Aiming High

Together'

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Thank you for your generosity!

We were overwhelmed by the fantastic support received for the Eggstravaganza event. The children had a wonderful time and there were many positive comments made by adults. The judges were impressed by the creative talents of those who participated in the Easter bonnet competition (pictured right are two entrants for the competition). A total amount of £600 was raised, which was handed to Father Kevin at the Easter service. The 'Wear a Hat' day was also well supported and realised £143.70 for Levi's Star, the children's brain tumour charity. Thank you to all those who gave generously to both worthy causes, you've helped to make a difference.

Curiouser and Curiouser!

You may recognise the words above from the Alice in Wonderland stories by Lewis Carroll! The children were enthralled by the Manchester Actors' Company who staged a production of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland to coincide with our Reading Week. The actors were so good, we have booked their return for 17th June when they will perform Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' for children in Key Stage Two.

Early Years Premium and Funding for our School

From April 2015, schools will be able to claim extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium to support children's development, learning and care. The Early Years Pupil Premium provides an extra 53 pence per hour for three and four year old children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or who have been in care or adopted from care. This means an extra £302 a year for each child taking up the full funded entitlement to early education. This additional money will make a significant difference to Calow Primary. If you are in receipt of benefits and have not returned a completed form to the school office, please let us know. Pupil Premium for older children has allowed us to do so much more and we want to do the same for all of the Early Years children in our care.

E-Safety for all pupils

The internet and other digital and information technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. Electronic communication is an everyday feature of the 21st century world we live in. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and increase awareness of context to promote effective learning. However, they can also be fraught with dangers. Everyone agrees that children should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times. At Calow Primary we are reviewing our E-Safety Policy (available on our School website). The School's E-Safety Group has developed a pupil friendly policy (please see overleaf) in consultation with children in every class.

Performing Arts for Key Stage One pupils

The Year Two pupils did School proud when they took part in the Chesterfield Dance Festival at the Winding Wheel. Their dance interpretation was inspired by a scene from the Disney classic 'Mary Poppins'. All children in Key Stage One have been invited to participate in a project in association with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. This is an exciting opportunity for pupils to perform at the Pomegranate Theatre with one of the world's leading orchestras using period instruments. As well as Handel's 'Water Music', pupils will be singing the new commission 'Watercycle'.

Caring for the World we live in

The children of Calow Primary have done much over the years to promote care for the local environment and beyond. Work has included participating in the RSPB's bird watch scheme and enthusing children about birds nesting in a bird box in the School grounds with a webcam. It was so successful we thought you would want to know that Peregrine falcons have bred successfully on Derby Cathedral tower for nine years. Eggs are laid in March with chicks appearing in April. You can watch daily **live action** on the peregrine nest via the Cathedral's webcams at www.bit.ly/derbyblog



Just a reminder! **School is closed on 4th May for the May Day Bank Holiday!**

SATS tests for Year Six pupils start on Monday 11th May for the week.