



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

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School Science Week

Week commencing Monday 21st January is Science Week for all pupils in School. The theme of Science Week is 'Space'. All classes in Key Stage Two will be visiting the National Space Centre on Friday 25th January to participate in a number of exciting workshops and visit the planetarium. The aim of the week is to further promote interest in space and Scientific skills. There will be lots of wonderful activities linked to Space going on every day but lessons such as P.P.A., Literacy and Numeracy will continue as usual. For further information please see your child's class teacher.



Involving Parents

We value the partnership between home and School. To assist parents in their understanding of curriculum delivery at Calow Primary there will be a Numeracy activity session for parents of Foundation Stage One children in the Nursery during the morning of 1st February. There will be a session for all interested parents on 24th January to explain developments with our Kaleidos Learning Platform. A letter has been sent out providing details. We are consulting on the review of policies for P.E., Art, R.E. and Literacy. Please look out for an email attaching revised policy documents and asking for your views on them. On 12th February we will begin the first of our 'sharing learning journeys' with parents of children in Nursery and Reception classes. This is an opportunity for parents to get involved with the assessment of their child and share information with staff at School.

We appreciate feedback from parents and have been pleased with the very positive comments received following our Christmas activities. It is heart warming to know that many of you enjoyed the performances and have been willing to pass on lovely messages of encouragement – **thank you!**

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

Children may be entitled to Free School Meals if their parents are in receipt of certain support payments. Around 3,000 eligible children in Derbyshire Schools are not claiming their entitlement to Free School Meals. Schools also benefit since the Government provides an annual payment of £600 in Pupil Premium money for each child (see December Newsletter for more information). Derbyshire County Council has launched a campaign called 'Quids in' to remind parents they can claim for Free School Meals. The Council has made it easier to apply and this can now be done on-line by simply going to www.derbyshire.gov.uk/quidsin where you can complete and submit the form. Parents can also contact the helpline on 0845 120 2985.

Community Information

Thank you to the many people who supported the Christingle Service on 16th December and to those who donated money to the Children's Society via the cardboard candles. We were informed that a total of £326 was raised for this worthwhile charity. We have been invited to a presentation by the Royal British Legion in recognition of our support for the Poppy Appeal. In November 2012 we raised £103 for the Appeal thanks to your continuing generosity. Our School is to be featured in a Derbyshire Times article in the near future and you will be able to visit their website to hear the children sing one of Calow Primary's popular hymn choices. Our School Choir has been invited once again by Peak FM to participate in a special edition birthday breakfast show later this January.

Dates for your diary

16th January – Year Six Class Assembly in the School Hall starting at 9.15 a.m.

17th January – Pupils in Years One and Two participating in an Inspire Workshop on Christian Festivals

21st January – School Health Service to carry out height and weight measurements for pupils in Reception and Year Six

24th January - Year Five Class Assembly in the School Hall starting at 9.15 a.m.

31st January - Year Four Class Assembly in the School Hall starting at 9.15 a.m.

You are reminded that School closes at home time on Thursday 14th February and re-opens on Monday 25th February.

Parent Hotline: The hotline can be accessed by telephoning 08447 70 75 76 and keying in the code number 66125. Regular updates are available on the hotline of all activities happening at Calow Primary and information is provided during adverse weather conditions. You can share the hotline number with people who pick up your child from time to time such as grandparents and they will then be able to find out useful information!