



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

## Newsletter

'Aiming High

Together'

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### Visit of High Sheriff of Derbyshire to Calow Primary

The Office of High Sheriff is an independent non-political Royal appointment for a single year. The origins of the Office date back to Saxon times, when the 'Shire Reeve' was responsible to the king for the maintenance of law and order within the county, and for the collection and return of taxes due to the Crown. Today, there are 55 High Sheriffs serving the counties of England and Wales each year. This year's High Sheriff of Derbyshire is Mr. Derek Mapp. He visited Calow Primary and had a tour of the School so he could meet pupils and staff. He then spent time with Year Six pupils answering their questions about his role. Pictured is Mr. Mapp wearing the uniform of High Sheriff.

### Thank you for your generosity!

As always parents at Calow Primary have proved how generous they are! The School received a large number of donations to the Harvest Appeal for two worthy causes – the Bishop of Derby's Peruvian Charity and the local Food Bank. We will soon be selling poppies in School in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Last year we achieved a new record in the amount of money we raised for the charity. Thank you to all those who continue to support School's work for a number of worthy causes.

### Travel Smart Week – October 2013

Week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October is 'Travel Smart Week' for Derbyshire schools. During the week we encourage pupils to make the most of their school journey as a way to help them keep fit, beat traffic jams and pollution, as well making sure they remember to travel safely too. Children are asked to consider travelling to School by walking, scooter or public transport where appropriate. Calow Primary pupils are keen participants of the Week and we hope they will continue to support the initiative.

### Themed Weeks in School

Our recent Literacy Week on the theme of puppets has been a great success. Children reported the pantomime 'Pinocchio' as a particular high point. Local Democracy Week during October included a visit from the High Sheriff and Chief Executive of North East Derbyshire District Council. Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November is all about mathematics in the home. All classes will be taking part in numeracy activities with a practical element to them e.g. calculating how many litres of paint they would need or rolls of wallpaper to cover a wall. Calow Primary will be participating in National Anti-bullying Week from 18<sup>th</sup> November. This year's theme is prevention of cyber bullying through means such as on line gaming, texting and social networking sites.

### Calow Pupils Representing Our School

The School football team will next be in action when they take part in a 7 a-side football tournament on 17<sup>th</sup> October. We will also have a team representing Calow Primary in a cross country competition at Holmebrook Valley Park on 7<sup>th</sup> November. Two pupils from Years Five and Six will participate in a verse speaking competition organised by the Rotary Club of Chesterfield to be staged in our school hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The School Choir are singing in the Crooked Spire on 19<sup>th</sup> October for a concert in aid of the Poppy Appeal. The Choir will perform again at the Christmas Fair to be opened by Emma McClarkin M.E.P. on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Improving the School Environment

Pupils were excited to see that the water feature adjacent to our Duke's Garden is now fitted and working. Seating has been placed around the feature to provide a place for children to sit and relax. We are grateful to donations from Councillor David Chapman and the P.T.F.A., which made this wonderful addition to the School grounds possible. Derbyshire County Council has been carrying out site visits recently and are about to put contracts in motion to begin work on the second phase of windows and doors replacement. We will let you know when we have an actual start date for the work programme.

### Governors' Annual Report to Parents

Governors have compiled an annual report detailing the School's successes and areas for development. All information relates to the academic year 2012 – 2013. The report has been circulated to parents via email. If you require a paper copy of the document please let the School office know.

**A reminder: School closes at home time on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October and re-opens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.**



