



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

## Newsletter

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### Calow Primary's projects to engage closely with the Community

All classes in School have been involved in community projects. Year Six pupils have piloted a project with the Rotary Club of Chesterfield Scarsdale leading to a vocational award. Year Five pupils have met with the Parish Council to ascertain information about a community notice board. Year Four pupils have met with local residents to compile a history book about Calow. Children in Years Two and Three have been working with residents of Goodman Court. Class Two worked on a mural made from clay, which depicts images linked to the locality and then visited Goodman Court to see their mural unveiled (see picture). Pupils in Year One have worked with St. Peter's Church and produced a display for the church room. Reception pupils are working on road safety messages for a banner to be produced for Road Safety Week. As well as being educational and fun, these projects have strengthened the School's position as being at the heart of the local community.



### New Appointments

Following an interview process recently, Governors appointed Mrs. Linda Cooper as Year One teacher for two days a week to work with Mrs. Wills and Miss Georgina Forbes on a full-time basis as a Teaching Assistant. There was healthy interest in both vacancies; the Teaching Assistant post alone attracted 269 applications! Interviews for both posts included candidates being questioned by members of the School Council. Pupil representatives from the Council asked questions they had written themselves! Miss Forbes has been appointed to replace Mrs. Wilkinson, who sadly will be leaving us at the end of July. Mrs. Wilkinson has worked at Calow Primary for over two decades. Although she will be missed, we wish Mrs. Wilkinson every happiness in her new life away from Derbyshire.

### Transition Arrangements for September 2011

All teachers will be participating in transition meetings in the coming weeks to pass on important information about each child to their new teacher for September. This will include details about medical needs, academic progress, target setting and assessment data. Your child will spend the morning with their new teacher on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Teaching arrangements for September are: Nursery – Mrs. Watkinson; Reception – Mr. Cohen; Class One – Mrs. Wills/Mrs. Cooper; Class Two – Miss Drabble; Class Three – Miss Savage; Class Four – Mrs. Hill (returning to full-time); Class Five – Miss Monkhouse; and Class Six – Mrs. Oldale. Please note the meeting for parents whose children are starting in Reception from September, will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June starting at 9.10 a.m.

### Visit of Maoris to Calow Primary is a huge success

We were fortunate to receive a substantial grant that enabled us to welcome two Maoris at Calow Primary for three days to work with pupils in Key Stage Two. The Maoris talked to children about their culture and way of life in New Zealand. Children learned some of the language and songs from the Maori culture, as well as learning how to use poi and dance the Haka. These worthwhile experiences culminated in a special performance for the School and invited representatives of the local community. Pictures of the visit may be viewed on the Parent Space of the Kaleidos Learning Platform.

### Curriculum Documents for Consultation

As always, we take the views of parents at Calow Primary seriously. We are currently consulting stakeholders on two curriculum documents. The first is our revised policy for Science at Calow Primary and the second, a framework for the teaching of Sex and relationships Education (S.R.E.). Both documents are being sent to parents by email. Should you wish to see a hard copy of either document please call in at the School office. Please let Mr. Thacker know your views on the Science policy or S.R.E. framework by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at the latest.

### Dates for your diary

9<sup>th</sup> June – Meeting from 6.00 p.m. for parents of children going on the residential visit to Scarborough

18<sup>th</sup> June – School Summer Fair to be opened at 1.00 p.m. by Baroness Richardson

23<sup>rd</sup> June – Class Four visit to Chesterfield, including time with the Mayor and Mayoress

28<sup>th</sup> June – Shakespeare Drama Project performance for parents of pupils in Years Four and Five

- School Choir performing at The Winding Wheel, Chesterfield

**Reminder: Class photographs are being taken on the morning of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June.**