



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

## Newsletter

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### Class Four Build a Tudor House!

Pupils in Year Four had the opportunity to participate in an interactive History workshop day when they built a third scale Tudor house. The children worked closely to put together the oak frame, as well as wattle panels, whittle pegs for the house and tile and thatch a section of roof. All children agreed that the time spent was enjoyable and very educational. Proud pupils were keen to show their handiwork to their parents at the end of the School day. Pictured are children at work on the house. These specialist workshops have proven such a success that Class Three will be building a Viking longship in July as part of their History learning. Two more workshops are planned for the Autumn term, including building a Roman catapult and battering ram!



### Specialist Weeks in School

Feedback from the children is that the recent Science and Arts' Weeks have been a huge success. We are grateful to the many grandparents who came along to the grandparents' sessions throughout Arts' Week. They had a positive impact on the joint learning activities. Pictures of those sessions are available on the Kaleidos learning Platform. The Science Week went so well that we are staging another one in the Summer term.

### Listening to the views of Parents

You will be aware that we take the views of parents seriously and consult with you on a range of issues. A number of documents have been sent out by email including the revised curriculum overview, gender equality scheme and some policies. Thank you to those who have submitted comments, all of which are positive. The scheme, Health and Safety and Site Security policies have been submitted to a meeting of the Full Governing Body for approval on 11<sup>th</sup> April. If you have an email address and not yet given it to the School Office, we urge you to do so and you won't miss out on additional information sent to parents electronically. We will also be listening to parents' views at the curriculum information session to be held in the School hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

### Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2011

At Calow Primary we are proud of the wide range of extended services available for children. We also work in partnership with others to provide before school and after school activities. We are trialling a holiday club for three days at Easter. The Childcare Act places a legal responsibility on the Local Authority to ensure sufficient childcare places in Derbyshire to allow parents access to work or training. Derbyshire County Council has produced a Childcare assessment and is seeking your views on the draft document. The assessment can be found by visiting the Council's website at:

[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/childcaresufficiencyconsultation](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/childcaresufficiencyconsultation)

### Staffing Arrangements for Class One

We will be bidding farewell to Mrs. Elliott when we break up for Easter. Mrs. Wills will be going in to hospital, which means that Class One will be taught on a full time basis by Miss Lee for the Summer term. Parents of Class One pupils may have already met Miss Lee but those who haven't, she will be available at the forthcoming parent consultations. During the Summer there will be additional Teaching Assistant time to support learning in Class One.

### Dates for your diary

11<sup>th</sup> April – Parent consultations for pupils in Years One and Six

12<sup>th</sup> April – Meeting in Miss Drabble's classroom from 3.10 p.m. about SATs for parents of pupils in Year Two

13<sup>th</sup> April – The Bishop of Repton to visit School to present commemorative Bible. Easter Bonnet competition judging to take place (see letter sent out on 1<sup>st</sup> April)

15<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Service at St. Peter's Church, Calow starting at 10.00 a.m.

19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April – Holiday Club at School run by Premier Sport

**School closes at home time on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April and re-opens on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Have a good Easter break!**