



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

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Calow Primary reaches national finals of Church Schools Awards

The Church School Awards were launched in September 2010. The Awards are designed to promote the work done by Church Schools in the areas of community cohesion and global citizenship. The Awards are an opportunity for everyone involved in Christian education to celebrate the unique and vital work that students, teachers, governors and staff do for their local communities, the country and throughout the world. Calow Primary has been notified that it has reached the national finals of the Awards and is only one of two Derbyshire primary schools to do so. We have already been granted the right to use the Awards logo in recognition of the work carried out by our School. Final winners in each category will be announced in March 2012.



Installation of Calow's Boy Bishop

In accordance with tradition, St. Peter's Church in Calow sometimes appoints a Boy Bishop. The tradition started in England during Medieval Times when a Boy Bishop would be elected on 6th December, which is St. Nicholas' Day (the patron saint of children) and hold office until 28th December. A Year Six pupil at Calow Primary School has been chosen to be Boy Bishop for the Parish of St. Peter's. Oliver Emmet was enthroned on 6th December and will be seen wearing his Bishop's mitre and robes at forthcoming events. Oliver said that the honour made him feel, "special and proud."

School Choir entertaining the community

The School Choir has been rather busy of late performing concerts for the community! They recently sang at Calow Community Centre and will be in action again on 15th December. The Choir will be taking part in 'The Big Sing', a concert in aid of Christian Aid. The venue is Chesterfield's Crooked Spire and tickets may be purchased from the School Office.

Year Six Visit to London

Year Six pupils visited London for an action packed day out. They spent time in the British Museum in the morning before visiting the Houses of Parliament. The group was welcomed by Baroness Richardson of Calow. The Baroness hosted the visit and spent time talking to the group about the Great Hall, which had hosted historical events such as the trial of King Charles I. Children were able to listen to debates in the Houses of Lords and Commons, as well as tour Parliament. They were greeted by two local Members of Parliament, Toby Perkins of Chesterfield and Natasha Engel of North East Derbyshire. The pupils were complimented on their exemplary behaviour since they had been a credit to Calow Primary School throughout the day.

Calow Primary to implement NSPCC ChildLine Schools Service

You will be aware that Calow Primary takes seriously any allegations of bullying or abuse. The NSPCC has launched a ChildLine Schools Service nationally and Calow Primary is one of the first local schools to implement it. NSPCC will be visiting School in January to work with pupils in Years Five and Six on a programme that is all about 'Keeping Safe'. It will help children to recognise the signs of abuse, ensure they know how to protect themselves and make them aware of how and where to get help if they need it. Parents of pupils in Years Five and Six will be receiving detailed information in due course.

A message from Derbyshire County Council Catering Service

You may have noticed the school meal menu now includes many new dishes. The Catering Service is always grateful to receive any feedback you may have regarding the meals. Please e-mail catering@derbyshire.gov.uk or telephone 01629 536704 to discuss any area of the school meal service.

Parents/guardians may be eligible to claim free school meals. It's easy to apply; an application form is available from the School Office or by contacting the Catering Service by e-mail catering@derbyshire.gov.uk or telephone 01629 536704 and they will send you an application form. On return of the completed form the Service will contact you to advise on eligibility.

Dates for your diary

19th January – Reception Class Assembly in the School Hall from 9.15 a.m.

25th January – P.T.F.A. Bingo in the School Hall: 'eyes down' from 6.30 p.m.

26th January – Year Six Class Assembly in the School Hall from 9.15 a.m.

School closes at home-time on Friday 16th December and re-opens on Wednesday 4th January, 2012.

On behalf of everyone at Calow Primary we wish you a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!