



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

## Newsletter

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Together'

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### Calow Primary celebrates outstanding Year Six SATs results

Pupils in Year Six participate in Government tests for English and Mathematics known as SATs. These results are used to indicate children's progress in School as well as how the School is performing. Children at Year Six are expected to achieve Level 4. Those who achieve Level 5 have exceeded expectations. This year's results for Calow Primary are: 91% of pupils achieved Level 4 and above for Reading; 74% achieved Level 5! 91% achieved Level 4 and above in Writing; 61% achieved Level 5! The overall English results are that 91% of children achieved Level 4 and above with 70% achieving Level 5. 100% of children achieved Level 4 and above in Mathematics; 43% achieved Level 5. These results exceed School targets, National expectations and the Department of Education's 'Floor Standards'. We are proud of all our Year Six pupils and staff who have worked hard to ensure such outstanding results.

### Calow Primary's 'Investors in People' Status

Following a comprehensive assessment of Calow Primary, the School has retained its 'Investor in People' status. Assessors were impressed by the School and reported that it is **outstanding** in all areas! Strengths of the School particularly noted are: the strong set of core values and Christian ethos which underpin all that the school does so that pupils enjoy coming to school, enjoy their learning and experience success and achievement; the quality of leadership and governance and the trust in school leadership; the commitment and dedication of the whole staff team towards high standards of provision for all pupils; and the strong engagement of the school in the church and wider community.

### Appointment of New Rector for Calow

It has been announced that the Reverend Kevin Ball has been appointed Rector of Calow. He is currently Senior Chaplain at Manchester Airport and hopes to commence duties this September. Father Kevin will be at St. Peter's Church for the 9.15 a.m. Service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July and is looking forward to meeting everyone.



### Educational Visits and other exciting learning opportunities!

As always, Calow Primary endeavours to provide a number of exciting learning opportunities. In the coming weeks Educational Visits taking place are: Class 3 to Urban Studies Centre in Chesterfield, Class 6 visit to the European Fencing Championships in Sheffield and Class 1 visit to Chatsworth. Other opportunities include: visitors from Chesterfield Library to talk with children about the joy of reading; Class 3 will be building a scale model of a Viking Long Ship; and the Air Ambulance will be at School on 19<sup>th</sup> July. The Ambulance Service's helicopter will land on the School field and all children will have the opportunity to see it and talk with the crew.

The residential visit to Scarborough for pupils in Years Five and Six was a tremendous success. The children participated in a very busy schedule that included time in York and attractions such as the Sea Life Centre and Eden Camp. The children were a credit to the School and many members of the public commented on their exemplary behaviour. Thank you to the majority of parents who have expressed appreciation to staff who gave of their own time to be part of the visit.

### Free Courses for Adults

Chesterfield College are now enrolling any adults who wish to take up FREE courses in Literacy or Numeracy from September. There are morning, afternoon or evening classes available. You can telephone their team on 01246 500562 or email them on [advice@chesterfield.ac.uk](mailto:advice@chesterfield.ac.uk) Courses may lead to gaining qualifications.

### Dates for your diary

8<sup>th</sup> July – Sports' Day starting at 1.00 p.m. (subject to weather conditions – please check the parent hotline)

14<sup>th</sup> July – Meeting of the P.T.F.A. from 6.00 p.m. in the School Hall, all are welcome.

20<sup>th</sup> July – Rotary Awards Ceremony at 5.30 p.m. for Year Six pupils in N.E.D.D.C. Council Chamber.

21<sup>st</sup> July – P.T.F.A. disco (see P.T.F.A. flier for details)

1<sup>st</sup> August – Premier Sport Holiday Club at Calow Primary from 9.30 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

20<sup>th</sup> August – Church outing to Chester or Chester Zoo for £10 per person – see School Office for details.

**Reminder: School closes at home time on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July and re-opens on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**