



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

## Newsletter

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### Calow set to welcome the official London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay

Residents across North East Derbyshire have been urged to join a once-in-a-lifetime celebration next year with the announcement that the official Olympic Flame is headed for the district. Calow has been selected to welcome the official Olympic Torch Relay on Friday 29th June, 2012 and local people are being invited to line the route and join the community celebration as the nation counts down to the start of the Games. North East Derbyshire District Council has joined forces with Calow School to plan a day of celebration and people and community groups from across the district will be invited to get involved. We think this is very exciting news and coupled with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations next year, our School has even more to look forward to in 2012. Further information will be sent to you in due course. Pictured are pupils at the launch of the Olympic Torch news.



### Educational Visits and other exciting learning opportunities

Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November is Literacy Week and the theme is 'Legends'. Some classes are looking at the legend of Robin Hood, or King Arthur, while some are finding out about animals from legend such as the Phoenix. You will have already received details about the week. However, children are reminded that they can dress up as a character from legend for a competition judged by independent judges on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Year Six pupils will be spending a day in London on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. They will be at the British Museum for the morning and then in the Houses of Parliament for the afternoon. They are to be welcomed by Baroness Richardson for a tour of the House of Lords. The group will be able to listen to debate in the House of Commons.

All pupils will participate in a workshop on 18<sup>th</sup> November led by staff from Zoo Lab. Children in Reception and Year One will be able to see creatures linked with 'senses and textures'. Those in Years Two and Three will see animals that are nocturnal. All other classes will see creatures from the Rainforest and have the opportunity to handle them safely.

Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> November is Road Safety Week in which all children will be taught key messages about staying safe when they are near roads. This forms part of our School's approach to keeping all pupils safe.

### Anti-Bullying work at Calow Primary

The definition of bullying is: deliberately hurtful behaviour that is **repeated** over a period of time, making it difficult for the person concerned to defend themselves. This can take the form of name-calling, violence, threatened violence, isolation, ridicule or indirect action such as spreading unpleasant stories about someone. Calow Primary works hard to ensure that all pupils know the difference between bullying and simply 'falling out'. We take any allegation of bullying seriously and work hard to address concerns. The School has an anti-bullying policy, which may be found on our website. Our recent Anti-Bullying Week has been a huge success and underlined the message that bullying is not acceptable.

### Curriculum Information Sessions for Parents

You will be aware that from time to time we provide curriculum information sessions for parents on a range of subjects. There will be one in the Spring term to explain developments in I.C.T. and how we are keeping at the forefront of technology. Our next session is on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November to talk with you about reading strategies and how we assess reading at Calow Primary. A letter with further information will be sent to you in due course.

### Applications for Reception places at Calow Primary for the 2012/13 academic year

The application process for the 2012/13 Reception intake opens on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011. You can apply for a place for your child at Calow Primary on line by visiting Derbyshire County Council website [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions) For those parents without access to the internet, from 21<sup>st</sup> November you can apply by telephone by ringing Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058. If you want a place at Calow, remember to put our School down as your first preference.

### Dates for your diary

19<sup>th</sup> November – P.T.F.A. Christmas Fair to be opened by the Mayor of Chesterfield at 10.00 a.m.

28<sup>th</sup> November – Rotarians to visit Year Six to discuss their vocational project

29<sup>th</sup> November – Pupils in Years Two and Six to participate in 'Inspire' workshops

11<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service at St. Peter's Church, Calow from 6.00 p.m.