



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

Newsletter

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Together'

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Safeguarding at Calow Primary School

The safeguarding of all pupils at our School is paramount. This means that staff are committed to protecting children, preventing impairment of children's health or development and ensuring all pupils are safe and cared for. The School has a number of policies and procedures for safeguarding. Some of these policies may be found by visiting the School's website. All our staff have handbooks to provide key information and guidance so they know exactly what is expected of them and how to deal with safeguarding matters. Mrs. Wills is the designated member of staff with responsibility for Child Protection.

Arrangements during adverse weather conditions

Now that winter is approaching we are reminding all parents of arrangements for possible School closure in the advent of adverse weather. If Calow Primary has to close the Headteacher will contact Peak FM so that a message can be put out on radio. Updates will be placed on our School's Parent Hotline. To access the Hotline, telephone 08447 70 75 76 and then key in the School I.D. code, which is: 66125.

Governors' Annual Report to Parents

In previous years the Governing Body produced a report for parents that was shared at an annual meeting. The Government abolished the need for Governors to hold a meeting and discuss the report. Governors were asked to produce a School Profile to be posted on the internet and updated on an annual basis. This requirement has now been withdrawn by the Department of Education. Governors at Calow Primary have decided that they wish to continue communicating to parents all they are doing. As a consequence they have produced an Annual Report for the academic year 2010- 2011, which is being sent out to all families on Friday 7th October. If you have any queries please see Mr. Thacker.

Thank you for your generosity

Generous parents at our School have responded positively to the Harvest appeal in aid of the Bishop of Derby's charity. This year the Bishop has asked people to back his charity to support women and children who live in the eight slums and rural areas of Kolkata in India, with the hope of improving the lives of 600 children in terms of education and health. All donated tinned items have been given to a local charity for the homeless. We are grateful to all those who supported our Harvest Festival at St. Peter's Church. We are pleased to have received a large number of positive comments after the Service telling us how much you enjoyed it.



Calow Primary's Church School Status

Some time ago we sent information to everyone explaining our School's links with the Church of England. Since we have new children joining us from September in Reception and in other classes, we decided it would be a good idea to send out the explanation once again. Please find those details on the reverse of this newsletter.

Themed Weeks in School this October

The week commencing 10th October is Local Democracy Week. We are welcoming visitors in to School to talk to older children about democracy. Visitors include County Councillor David Chapman and Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council Brian Wright. Week beginning 17th October is Travel Smart Week. Once again our School is promoting this initiative to encourage children to walk to School or try alternative methods such as 'park and stride' or scooter! The recent Science Week was a huge success. Children took part in a Science 'showcase' to share what they had learned throughout the week. They enjoyed carrying out a range of investigations and asked if they could have another Science Week soon!

Dates for your diary

10th October – Class Two visit to Chesterfield to find out more about the life of George Stephenson

18th October – Photographer in School (details have been sent out in a separate letter)

18th and 19th October – Parent Consultations (details have been sent out in a separate letter)

19th October – Workshop for Class Four to build a scale model version of a Tudor house

20th October – Workshop for Class Three to build a scale version of a Roman catapult

School closes at home time on Thursday 20th October and re-opens on Tuesday 1st November