



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

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Celebrating Antarctica Day

Pupils at Calow Primary participated in a project to design flags for the Antarctic as part of Antarctica Day on 1st December. Our School has an association with the International Polar Foundation. The children's flag designs were sent to the Foundation and they were very impressed! The children then had the chance to speak via skype to one of the engineers at the Princess Elisabeth Station in Antarctica (who are three hours ahead of us). The skype session with the engineer was a success and children were able to ask some searching questions about life at the Station.

Installation of Calow's Boy Bishop

Many of you will be aware of Calow Primary's support for a tradition dating back to Medieval Times. The tradition of appointing a Boy Bishop started in England centuries ago when a local boy would be elected to the office on 6th December, which is St. Nicholas' Day (the patron saint of children) and carry out his duties until 28th December. This year the children decided that girls could also be in the running for the role in keeping with the Church of England's decision to allow female bishops. After a closely fought election among pupils in Year Six, Sam Cahill was elected Boy Bishop. Sam will be carrying out his duties at forthcoming events. Pictured is the Boy Bishop.



Calow Primary's Action to Prevent Bullying

Any allegations of bullying are taken very seriously. Parents will be aware of the various ways in which School tackles bullying. In Britain, cyberbullying (bullying using technology) has become more of a concern. The Department for Education has produced advice for parents on cyberbullying, a copy of which has been sent to parents via email. If you would like a hard copy of the Department's advice please let the School office know.

Developing Sport and Physical Education in the Curriculum

Reception aged children are enjoying their sessions of 'balance bikes' on Friday afternoons. The last session is 5th December. Starting on 7th January Classes 3, 4 and 6 will be receiving free tennis coaching in association with Chesterfield Tennis Club. There will be six coaching sessions in total as part of Key Stage Two P.P.A. Each Tuesday for ten weeks starting on 13th January, pupils in Year Five will be taking part in the Five 60 programme. This includes helping children to understand healthy life styles. Five classes receive intensive teaching from sports specialist Liz Richards each Tuesday. Her teaching input will continue in 2015. Pupils in Years Five and Six were treated to a visit from three professional footballers from Chesterfield Football Club recently. The visitors, including Spireite favourite Tommy Lee, spent time with children to talk about the sport and how to make healthy life style choices.

Christmas Tree and Christingle Services

There will be a Christmas Tree Service at Calow Church on Thursday 11th December starting at 7.00 p.m. The School Choir will be singing at the service. This year's Christingle Service will be on Sunday 14th December starting at 6.00 p.m. In previous years children have been asked to fill christingle candles with coins but this December we are asking people to contribute using the gift day envelopes please. The money donated will go directly to St. Peter's Church, Calow. Parents are reminded that the School's Carol Service will take place at St. Peter's Church on 18th December.

Dates for your diary

14th January – Meeting for parents with Normans Music for those interested in KS2 music tuition

22nd January – Meeting for parents from 3.10 p.m. about the new learning platform

**School closes for Christmas at home time on Thursday 18th December and opens on Monday 5th January, 2015.
On behalf of everyone at Calow Primary, we wish you a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!**