



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

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Together'

## Newsletter

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### School Science Week

School Science Week based on the theme of 'Space' was a huge success. The children learned so much and had enormous fun! The high point of the week for pupils in Key Stage Two was the visit to the National Space Centre. Parents of those pupils will have received a special edition newsletter sharing some of the details from the pupils' day out. Please note that the newsletter was sent electronically only to those parents who provided School with an email contact. Calow Primary took 102 pupils to the Space Centre and although there were many other school groups present, our staff were extremely proud of the exemplary behaviour shown by our children. Pictured is one of our pupils in a spacesuit in the mock set up of the Columbia Space Station as part of the 'In to Space' exhibition.



### Assistant Headteacher

Since Calow Primary School has expanded in numbers over the years, Governors have taken the decision to advertise internally for the post of Assistant Headteacher.

The position will include responsibility for co-ordinating assessment in School. Governors will be conducting interviews during March and you will be notified of the outcome. The current Leadership Team at Calow Primary is the Headteacher, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Oldale (both who have responsibility allowances for Inclusion and Curriculum respectively) with Mr. Cohen, Miss Monkhouse and Mrs. Watkinson.

### Sporting Activities at Calow Primary

Pupils in Years Three, Four and Six will be receiving a free session of golf coaching during Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February with a golfing professional. Premier Sport are providing a free 'Health and Physical Activity Day' on 5<sup>th</sup> March for pupils in Years One, Two, Three and Four for Dance and hockey. Year Two pupils are taking part in Chesterfield's Festival of Dance on 8<sup>th</sup> March. As part of P.P.A. activities, pupils in Years Three, Four and Six will receive dance coaching from Premier Sport that will replace T'ai Chi for the time being. With a range of after clubs on offer at Calow Primary, we think we are already ahead of the Government's demands for more sporting activities in schools!

### Thinking Day on 25<sup>th</sup> February

Once again we are asking pupils who are involved in the Scouting and Guiding Movement to participate in Thinking Day. 'Thinking Day' commemorates the birth of the founder of Scouting Robert Baden-Powell on 22<sup>nd</sup> February and those involved in the Movement are asked to come to School in their cub or brownie uniform. This event has always been well supported in the past and we are sure children will do so again this year.

### Creative Arts at Calow Primary

Year Two pupils will be participating in the Chesterfield Primary Festival of Dance at the Winding Wheel on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Festival will commence at 1.15 p.m. They will be performing a dance theme set to music from a famous Disney film! Details are to be sent out to parents of Year Two pupils soon but tickets go on sale at Chesterfield's Tourist Information Centre from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February. For parents of Key Stage Two pupils who are interested in their child receiving tuition for a musical instrument, a representative from the company Normans will be providing a demonstration for pupils on 8<sup>th</sup> March and then a meeting for parents on 13<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15 pm. Further details will be sent out. Arts' Week commences Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Grandparents' sessions will take place. Look out for information soon!

### Enhancing the Curriculum

Pupils in Years One and Two will be participating in Inspire Workshops on 1<sup>st</sup> March to learn about Christian Festivals and stories Jesus told. Representatives of the Fire Service will be talking to pupils in Years Two and Six about fire safety. Year Six will be involved in an event in Bolsover District on 15<sup>th</sup> March organised by Parliament to promote an understanding of how Government works. They will have a debate with Bolsover's M.P. Dennis Skinner.

**Remember to use the Parent Hotline to check for current information about possible school closure during adverse weather. The number to ring is 08447 70 75 76 and then use the School I.D. number 66125. You may also use the Hotline to check whether or not after school activities are going ahead!**