



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

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Together'

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In Remembrance of Mrs. Pat Hardy

Mrs. Hardy was a member of staff at Calow Primary for 24 years and Senior Mid-day Supervisor. Sadly, she passed away on 8th January. Mrs. Hardy was a well-respected member of our team and liked for her sense of humour, positive approach and dedication to the School. She will be missed greatly. The proceeds from the collection at her funeral have been given to Calow Primary to be used for the benefit of pupils. Outdoor seating is planned as a memorial.

Themed Days at Calow Primary

Nursery children enjoyed their mathematics activity session on 30th January. We are grateful to all the adults who braved the weather to come along and enjoy shared learning. Pictured is one of the participants concentrating on one of the fun activities. Our next themed day in School takes place on 19th February when all classes will be celebrating Chinese New Year with planned learning about this annual occasion and facts about China. 'Thinking Day' on 22nd February commemorates the birth of the founder of Scouting Robert Baden-Powell. Our School has commemorated 'Thinking Day' for several years. If your child is in Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts or Guides we ask that they wear their uniform at School on 23rd February, as the 22nd is a Sunday (or morning only and change at lunch-time if they wish to keep their uniform clean).



Commemorations during 2015

A number of national commemorations are taking place this year. Calow Primary intends to celebrate three with planned learning activities. The 150th anniversary of the publication of 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' will involve Reading Week in School, culminating in a production of Alice's Adventures for all children by the Manchester Actors' Company. The 800th anniversary of Magna Carta will include a visit to London in June by Year Five to see the original four copies of Magna Carta brought together for the first time since 1215! Later this year Calow Primary will be taking part in an exciting project linked to the 600th anniversary of Agincourt! Look out for further details in due course.

For those interested in the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, visit the website www.200waterloo.co.uk/ to apply for a FREE Waterloo commemorative medallion minted in solid bronze (p&p £2.50; one limited to each household).

Safer Internet Day – 6th February

Thank you to those parents and children who attended the NSPCC Share Aware session. The NSPCC have been in touch to say how useful the meeting was. At Calow Primary we are keen to promote the safety of our pupils when using the internet. We will be joining hundreds of other organisations across the U.K. in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2015 and promoting the safe and responsible use of technology. Safer Internet Day for all classes is on 6th February.

R.S.P.B. Big Schools' Birdwatch

For the past 14 years, the R.S.P.B. has been asking schools to count the birds in their grounds, to help create a 'snapshot' picture of bird numbers in the U.K. As bird populations are a good indication of the health of an ecosystem, results can highlight problems affecting the wider environment. Previously, thanks to schools like Calow Primary, the R.S.P.B. discovered the dramatic decline in house sparrows and starlings and are taking action. The Nursery and Year One classes at Calow Primary have taken part in the national birdwatch and submitted data to R.S.P.B. This involved children making bird cakes using suet, fruit and seeds, then observing to record birds enjoying their 'tasty treats'.

School Policy Consultations

We are currently consulting on two policies. The first are changes to our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy to ensure it is up to date with the most current legislation and guidance. The second is a 'Separated Parents' Policy, developed in association with Derbyshire County Council. A copy of each policy has been sent to parents by email. Should you have any comments or queries about either policy please let Mr. Thacker know by 27th February.

School closes at home time on Friday 6th February and re-opens on Monday 16th February.