



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

Newsletter

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Thank you for your generosity!

During the Autumn term our School supported a number of charities. Produce donated by you for our Harvest Festival was sold in aid of the Bishop of Derby's Appeal for a community in India or given to Pathways, which assists homeless people living in Chesterfield. The manager of Pathways thanked the School saying, "the donated food will be vital in supporting the individuals who visit our day centre looking for support and security." Proceeds from the sale of food items realised £100 for the Bishop's Appeal. During November our School sold poppies on behalf of the Poppy Appeal. This year we raised £91.44. Calow Primary's School Choir took part in a concert at the Crooked Spire in association with Aurora Ladies' Choir. The event raised £1,727.14 for Christian Aid. The organiser complimented the children saying, "It was absolutely fantastic to have your choir perform. The singing was beautiful and so many people commented on how much they'd enjoyed hearing the children sing. Calow Primary School was not only brilliantly represented by the children's singing and speaking but also by their behaviour, which was excellent." **We are grateful to all those who have generously supported our School's charity work.**

P.P.A. Activities for Pupils in Key Stage Two

You will be aware that teachers receive time for P.P.A. (Planning, Preparation and Assessment). This enables the School to provide alternative activities for pupils during that time. In Key Stage Two, pupils in Year Five receive fencing tuition and clarinet lessons. Pupils in Years Three, Four and Six receive coaching from Premier Sport, French lessons and as of week commencing 9th January, zumba! Zumba is a Latin American inspired fitness programme that involves dance and aerobic elements. Look out for news of a free session we will be providing for parents in the near future!

Calow Primary is Peak F.M.'s 'School of the Week'

Regular listeners of the local radio station Peak F.M., will know of the breakfast show feature 'School of the Week'. Presenters Sean Goldsmith and Becky Measures called in at Calow Primary to carry out recordings of pupils for their broadcasts week commencing 16th January, when our School will be 'School of the Week'. The feature will be on the radio at approximately 8.00 a.m. Pictured are Sean and Becky with some of the pupils taking part in the broadcasts.



Parent Consultation

As you are aware, we consult parents on a range of issues. We are currently seeking your views on three curriculum policies: Geography, History and Modern Foreign Languages. The foreign language taught at Calow Primary to Key Stage Two pupils is French. Copies of the policies have been sent to all parents (except those in Nursery) by email. If you do not have access to email, hard copies of the policies are available from the School Office. Please let Mr. Thacker have your comments by Friday 20th January. Views can be sent by email to info@calow.derbyshire.sch.uk

Kaleidos Learning Platform – Important Information for Parents

The Kaleidos Learning Platform has been updated to contain a range of information parents will find useful. When you access the page for your own child you will be able to see the personal details we have for you such as contact telephone numbers; you will have access to the attendance data we have for your child including punctuality information; curriculum timetables are there so you can find out what lessons your child has each day. By accessing the 'parent space' tab at the top of the page you can read newsletters and school policies. Your individual and confidential password will be sent to you by email week commencing 16th January. Please ensure you let Mrs. Jerman in the School Office have your email address if you haven't already done so. By providing an email address to School you receive up to date information as it arises.

Dates for your diary – Up dates may also be found on our Parent Hotline on 08447 70 75 76 (School I.D. 66125)

19th January – Reception Class Assembly in the School Hall from 9.15 a.m.

24th January – N.S.P.C.C. Presentation for pupils in Years Five and Six

25th January – P.T.F.A. Bingo in the School Hall from 6.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

26th January – Year Six Class Assembly in the School Hall from 9.15 a.m.

2nd February – Year Five Class Assembly in the School Hall from 9.15 a.m.

Reminder: School closes at home-time on Friday 10th February and re-opens on Monday 20th February.