



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

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Keeping our children safe

Parents will be aware of Calow Primary's joint working with NSPCC. This January NSPCC is launching **Share Aware**, which is an on line safety campaign that will target parents of children aged 8 to 12 to give them the confidence to be able to parent in the 'on line age' we live in. Through this campaign NSPCC will be in discussion with parents and children about their on line activity to help educate everyone about what they should and shouldn't share on line. Calow Primary has been chosen by NSPCC to be the pilot school locally, which will attract some media attention. What is more important is that we are leading the way to ensure all our children are kept safe.

Promoting British Values

The Department for Education published guidance during autumn 2014 on promoting British values in schools. The guidance aims to help schools understand their responsibilities in this area. All schools have a duty to 'actively promote' the fundamental British values of democracy (pictured are the Mayor and Mayoress when they visited recently to talk to pupils during Local Democracy Week), the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Until now schools have been required to 'respect' these values but as a result of changes brought in, all schools must have a clear strategy for embedding these values. Ofsted now take the work of schools in this area into account during inspections. Calow Primary has prepared a document giving information about British values and how we promote them. Please see our School website to read Calow's British values document in full.



Governor News – Financial Accounts

In addition to the School budget, the Headteacher and Governing Body are responsible for the School's private funds. These fall in to two categories. One covers income and expenditure for educational visits and the other is for all sundry income and expenditure payments such as school uniform. The accounts were audited this January and are available for inspection. Should you wish to see the accounts please let Mr. Thacker or the School Office know. Following notification during autumn 2014, Mrs. Sally Martin was re-elected as a Parent Governor for a further four years.

Seeking Parents' Views

Parents will know that School is always keen to seek their views on a variety of topics. We are currently reviewing our Policy for Handwriting. A copy has been sent to all parents who have provided us with their email address. For a hard copy of the policy please contact the School Office. The deadline for your comments is Friday 23rd January. We often communicate using emails as well as letters, newsletters, website information and parent hotline. In addition, we will soon be launching our new learning platform called 'learnanywhere' to replace Kaleidos. It will contain a range of useful information e.g. home learning details. A meeting for parents will take place on 22nd January from 3.10 p.m.

Sport Premium at Calow Primary

Calow has used Government money for sport in schools (known as Sport Premium) in a number of ways. We are now members of the Association for Physical Education and School Sport. The purpose of the organisation is to promote high standards and safe practice in all aspects of P.E. You can read more about how we are using Sport Premium to fund a range of P.E. and sport, as well as the impact of our initiatives, by visiting our School website.

Dates for your diary

12th January – After school zumba sessions recommence for pupils in Years Three and Four

13th January – Five60 programme starts for pupils in Year Five for the next ten weeks

14th January – PTFA meeting in School starting at 7.00 p.m. (all parents are welcome)

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