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

## Newsletter

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### Church News

Those parents who attended the Carol Service in December will know that Reverend Kevin Ball presented School with a special candle and holder for use in our daily Collective Worship. The wooden candle holder depicts children of the world. In the same month, Father Kevin blessed a garden area in the School's grounds in remembrance of Mrs. Hardy; pictured is the Chair of the School Council looking at the memorial plaque in Mrs. Hardy's name. This year's Christingle Service at St. Peter's Church, Calow will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> January starting at 6.00 p.m. It's always an enjoyable evening and supports the Children's Charity at the same time!

### Bringing History to Life in the Curriculum

The study of Ancient Egypt is fascinating to many people. Year Three pupils are studying life in Ancient Egypt as part of the History curriculum this term. They will be taking part in an 'Egyptian Day' on 25<sup>th</sup> January. All Key Stage Two pupils will be able to participate in some of the day by experiencing a morning workshop designed to inspire interest in the age old culture. Year Six pupils have recently entered a national poetry competition on the theme of Agincourt. The children were invited to take part by the Poetry Society in order to commemorate the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle. We have several other events to commemorate this year, including the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare; the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Chesterfield; and The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.



### Mathematics Counts!

Several initiatives have been implemented to further improve Mathematics. Calow Primary is working with a Mathematics consultant from the Local Authority. Staff have been trained to deliver workshops with children and have already started a programme in School called '1<sup>st</sup> Class@Number'. 'Fast Maths' has been a success following input by a consultant from Edison Learning. We are pleased that Dr. Kirkwood, a Mathematics Researcher, has selected Calow Primary as his chosen school to observe delivery of the subject in the Primary curriculum.

### Safeguarding our Children

Calow Primary was a forerunner in Derbyshire for NSPCC's ChildLine workshops. The service will be back at School in January to work with pupils in Years Five and Six about keeping themselves safe. The Government has launched the 'Prevent Strategy' designed to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. For more information please visit the School's website, where you will find a copy of the Calow Primary policy and information for parents. The Government has also announced a package of measures to help keep children safe online. The Thinkuknow website has lots of useful information for parents and can be visited by following the link <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

### Chesterfield Football Club's Chosen Partner

Calow Primary has been chosen by Chesterfield Football Club to be its chosen partner in rolling out a new pilot scheme for schools. You may know that Calow Primary has won a CFC award. The scheme will include first team player appearances and match ticket deals to provide free tickets for children. A letter has been sent out from CFC with regard to a special offer for the forthcoming match against Millwall Football Club. Calow Primary has had a visit from the team mascot, Chester Field Mouse, at the Christmas Fair. Coaches from the Club have already started providing lessons for Key Stage Two PPA coverage on Friday afternoons and after school clubs three nights a week for interested pupils.

### Adverse Weather

If Calow Primary has to close in the event of adverse weather conditions, the Headteacher will contact Peak FM so that a message can be put out on radio. Updates will be placed on our School's Parent Hotline. To access the Hotline, telephone 08447 70 75 76 and then key in the School I.D. code, which is: 66125. Parent Hotline details can be shared with others such as grandparents, child minders etc. who pick children up from School from time to time.