



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

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Calow Primary are Chesterfield's Rounders' Champions!

Congratulations to our Year 3/4 Rounders' team who are officially Chesterfield's Champions for 2014. The team stormed through the local heats to qualify for the finals. The final involved Calow Primary competing with other schools, all of which had topped their tables in qualifying heats. There was great support from parents who turned out to see our team battle their way to victory and crowned 2014 champions. There have been many comments about the sporting attitude of our children. Pictured is Calow's winning team with the trophy. Pupils in other year groups have been active. Reception children have had 'bike balance' training. Year Five pupils have had golf coaching from a professional golfer. Year Six have participated in 'Bikeability'. Our netball team have a match against Mary Swanwick School.



A Fond Farewell to Miss Forbes

Miss Forbes has been with us at Calow for the last three years and has been a popular member of staff. She has been a mainstay of our Nursery in particular. Miss Forbes will be leaving at the end of the School year to pastures new. We are sad to see her leave but wish Miss Forbes every happiness in her new job and home. Calow Primary has advertised the Teaching Assistant post and already made arrangements for the Nursery from September 2014.

Key Stage Two S.A.T.s Results

We are proud of the progress our Year Six pupils have made during their time at Calow Primary. In Mathematics and Reading 87% of pupils achieved Level 4 (the expected level of attainment) and 81% in writing. Level 5 is achieved by those above national expectations so we are pleased to report that 25% achieved Level 5 in Writing and one child even achieved Level 6; 50% in Reading; and 56% in Mathematics. We will have much to celebrate at the Year Six Leavers' Assembly on the 18th!

World War One Commemoration Event

There will be a number of ways that the outbreak of World War One will be commemorated throughout the country this year. Twenty-five men from Calow gave their lives during the conflict. We wish to commemorate the start of World War One and remember in particular the men of Calow who died. On Saturday 19th July there will be a tree planting ceremony at Eastwood Park in Calow. Twenty-five trees will be planted to represent each of those from this community who made the ultimate sacrifice. The ceremony will be performed by people who are representative of Calow in some way, including pupils from our School. From 2.00 p.m. onwards there will be a commemoration at Calow Primary School. The event will feature music from the Hallamshire Military Concert Band, contributions from pupils of the School and an Act of Remembrance led by the Reverend Kevin Ball. It is anticipated that the event will conclude approximately 4.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Pupil and Sport Premium

You will be aware from previous correspondence that schools receive Pupil Premium funding in order to help pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds access quality education and narrow the attainment gap between the highest and lowest achieving pupils. Sport Premium is to develop physical education and sport. Schools are required to inform parents of how the money has been spent. Information can be found on the Calow Primary School website (address given above). In addition detailed reports about both grants are to be sent to you next week. For further details please speak with Mr. Thacker.

Curriculum 2014

The April edition of our School Newsletter alerted you to changes in the National Curriculum from September 2014. One of the key changes is assessment levels have now been removed and will not be replaced. Schools have the freedom to develop their own means of assessing pupils' progress towards end of key stage expectations. Calow staff have been working on producing documentation linked to assessing your child. There will be meetings for parents in the autumn term to explain what we are doing and answer questions. The Government has stated that S.A.T.s tests and assessments for pupils in Years Two and Six will stay the same in 2015. Pupils in those year groups will be taught the current programmes of study.

School closes at home time on Friday 18th July and re-opens for pupils on Monday 8th September. Have a good summer!