



'Aiming High
Together'

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

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Calow Primary receives praise from a number of high profile visitors

The visit of the High Sheriff of Derbyshire to our School was featured in a recent edition of the 'Derbyshire Times'. The High Sheriff has been complimentary about Calow Primary and even tweeted about his afternoon at the Fair. H.M. Lord Lieutenant for Derbyshire spent time meeting staff and pupils and went away very impressed. He has sent a message to everyone congratulating us on the work we do to make sure there are a range of exciting experiences for children. The Master and Mistress Cutler visited on 14th July. They formed part of a panel that listened to Year Six pupils pitch ideas for board game designs in the same way inventors do on 'Dragons Den'. All of our high profile visitors have commented on the excellent behaviour of our pupils and the wonderful ethos at Calow Primary. Pictured is the design winning team with their game prototype and the Master and Mistress Cutler.



Key Stage Two SATs Results

The Year Six results have been shared with their parents. In Writing 82% of pupils achieved Level 4 or above, 21% achieved Level 5 and 3% achieved Level 6 (this is equivalent to a pupil in Key Stage Three). In Reading 82% of pupils achieved Level 4 or above and 35% achieved Level 5. In Mathematics 75% of pupils achieved Level 4 or above and 35% achieved Level 5. The children also completed tests for Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. We are pleased that our work to address improvements in spellings is beginning to have a positive impact. We are continuing with a number of strategies to further improve Mathematics. This includes additional staff training and moderation of pupils' work with other schools.

Mr. Michael Cohen – Derbyshire Times Teacher of the Year!

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Cohen was the recipient of the award for Teacher of the Year at a Derbyshire Times ceremony. He was nominated by a parent from this School. You can find out more about the awards by reading the 'Best in Schools' section of the Derbyshire Times on 16th July. This is a fitting tribute to him as a professional who puts children first. It is also an appropriate way of marking the end of his time at Calow. Mr. Cohen will be missed!

Please check the School website!

You can visit the School's website at <http://calowschool.createprimary.net/> for the latest information such as policy updates, term dates and details of expenditure. Governors have recently reviewed a number of policies including: Charging and Remissions; Educational Visits; and Health and Safety. Your views would be welcome so please let the school office have your comments before the end of term. Expenditure of Sport Premium for this academic year has been posted on the site. You will see that the Chesterfield Schools Sport Partnership has been a particular success and Governors are to continue this from September 2015 at a cost of £5,000. The term dates include allocated INSET days. INSET on 25th and 26th July 2016 has been chosen to ensure School breaks up on a Friday rather than a Tuesday; to finish earlier to facilitate holidays for families not in term time; and in consultation with schools in our local cluster.

We are also consulting on the Marking and Feedback Policy. This document sets out how the School provides feedback on pupils' work and expectations for teachers about marking. The Policy has been sent out to parents via email. There will be a meeting for parents during the autumn term and about other areas such as assessment and phonics.

School Meal Prices

Derbyshire County Council has just announced that the price of school meals is to rise from September by five pence. This means that meals will be £2.00 a day. In accordance with Governors' policy, we ask that payment is made at the beginning of each school week. We are not allowed to let debt build up so please let School know if there are any difficulties. If you are entitled to free school meals, please get in touch with the School Office.

School closes at home time on Friday 24th July and re-opens for pupils on Tuesday 8th September. Have a good summer!