



Jubilee Celebrations in School an enormous success!

You will be aware that there have been various activities to commemorate Her Majesty's sixty years as monarch. Children participated in a competition to paint a portrait of the Queen. The winning entry was painted by Ellie Evers and her painting will be 'framed' and hung in School. Thank you to all those participated in the competition to design and make the best crown. The crowns were worn during the 'street party' held at School. During the afternoon children took part in a celebration with invited members of the local community, featuring dance from Key Stage One children and drama from Key Stage Two children linked to aspects from the Queen's six decades of reign. The children received commemorative Jubilee medallions and Bibles that will serve as lasting reminders of a special occasion celebrated in School.

Calow Primary prepares for the arrival of the Olympic Torch

We are delighted to announce that the School has been designated a 'SHINE 2012' venue. This initiative means that our School will be hosting a replica torch during our celebrations during the afternoon of 29th June. SHINE 2012 was launched so that replica torches are shared in designated places as a symbol of friendship, helping to raise profiles and celebrate community participation at locally planned events. From 1.00 p.m. onwards on 29th June there will be a number of exciting activities taking place in the grounds of Calow Primary for pupils and their families. Parents have already received a letter with regard to collection arrangements during the afternoon. By taking responsibility for your own child after 1.00 p.m. you will be able to move freely around the activities provided and enjoy them at your own pace. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon.

School is to be part of a national event to showcase care for the environment

The National Eco Schools Show is the country's biggest environmental event for schools. This year's show is at Sheffield's Motorpoint Arena and thousands of visitors are expected! The purpose is to engage a wider audience with issues linked to the environment such as energy and climate; outdoor education; and healthy lifestyles. You will be aware that Calow Primary has done much to promote care for the environment and is a Green Flag School, an award we have won three times in recognition of all we do. We are proud that representatives of our School have been invited to be part of the National Eco Schools Show. Members of the School's Eco Committee will be at the event to share good practice and promote the message to others.

Teaching Assistant Appointments

Following advertisement and interview process, the Governors have appointed two Teaching Assistants who will start supporting in class from September 2012. Mrs. Jill Bridges (some of you will already know) has been appointed to work in Classes Two and Four; and Miss Rebekah Facey will commence work in Reception Class. Both appointments are subject to the usual checking procedures. Governors have short listed candidates for Teacher of Class One from September as Mrs. Wills and Mrs. Cooper will be leaving us. An update on staffing news will be provided in the July newsletter.

Transition arrangements in School on 4th July

Pupils will have the opportunity to spend a morning with the teacher they will be taught by from September 2012. The transition morning will take place on Wednesday 4th July. Teaching arrangements for the next academic year are: Nursery – Mrs. Watkinson; Reception – Mr. Cohen; Class One – to be confirmed; Class Two – Mrs. McDonald; Class Three – Miss Savage; Class Four – Mrs. Hill; Class Five – Miss Monkhouse; Class Six – Mrs. Oldale. Year Six pupils are preparing for their move to Secondary School. They are being visited by staff from their new schools as well as spending time going to the places they will be learning at from September. This year we have children transferring to Bolsover, Hasland Hall, Netherthorpe and Springwell Secondary Schools.

Dates for your diary

18th June – Family Fun Session in the School Hall from 3.05 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. **FREE** and all are welcome.

23rd June – P.T.F.A Summer Fair to be opened by the Lord Bishop of Derby at 2.00 p.m.

3rd July – Class Four visit to Chesterfield to include meeting the Mayor and tour of the Crooked Spire.

