



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

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Appointment of Assistant Headteacher

The February edition of the School Newsletter outlined proposals for an Assistant Headteacher at Calow Primary. The role is not the same as a Deputy Headteacher (a Deputy Headteacher can deputise for the Headteacher in their absence). An Assistant Headteacher assists in carrying out some leadership tasks. In this case, Governors are seeking a member of staff to be responsible for assessment. Interviews will be in April and Governors hope to make an appointment with effect from 1st September, 2013. Governors have advertised the post of Year One teacher for September; more news will follow!

Themed Weeks in School

Monday 25th February was the start of Fairtrade Fortnight in School. Pupils were encouraged to participate in activities that promote the fair-trade message. The School's Eco Committee launched competitions to design a fair-trade t-shirt and invent a fair-trade snack. Arts' Week commenced on Monday 18th March. The theme of the week, 'Totally Tropical' inspired pupils to produce lots of creative work. The Grandparents' sessions were well supported as always and feedback was extremely positive. The next themed week is 'National Earth Week' starting on Monday 15th April. For more information about this initiative you can visit the website <http://earthday2012.com/>

Pupils Raising Money for Charity

Calow Primary received a certificate of appreciation from the Staveley Branch of the Royal British Legion in recognition of our fundraising efforts for the Poppy Appeal. Also at the presentation to receive a certificate of appreciation was Year One pupil Rory Carson. Rory has been collecting money for the Appeal for the last three years and now has his own collection box from the Legion! Another kind hearted pupil is Class Six's Lucie Abberley. Lucie organised a sale of unwanted toys and raised a total of £320 for Ashgate Hospice. We know that there are many caring children in School who do a lot for others. These are two inspirational stories we wanted to share! Pictured right are fundraisers Lucie and Rory.



Derbyshire School Meals Service

Parents can be reassured that school meals provided by the Authority's catering service are free from horsemeat due to stringent checks. School meals use meat produced on two local organic farms. Products are subject to a fully tracing exercise, which details exactly where the beef is from, full details of the animals from which they are made and the organic accreditations of the farms. No ready meals are used as all dinners are fully prepared by the catering service. Random and regular checks are carried out with all suppliers to be sure everything used in school meals contains what it is supposed to. The Council's Trading Standards officers also take samples of the products used to confirm products are not contaminated. The County Council reports that school meals uptake remains high.

Afternoon Sessions at Calow Primary Nursery

Due to popular demand Nursery places for morning sessions are full. However, Governors have taken the decision to provide an afternoon Nursery at Calow Primary starting after Easter. We have already received applications for places in the afternoon Nursery but should you know of any one who is interested please get in touch with the School Office.

Calow Pupils Out and About in the Community

Pupils in Year Two took part in the Chesterfield Primary Festival of Dance and performed a wonderful dance version of the chimney sweeps' song from 'Mary Poppins' to a packed Winding Wheel audience. Pupils in Year Five participated in a basketball tournament at Hasland Hall School. A netball team representing Calow Primary took part in a tournament on 8th March. Year Six pupils got involved in a debating session with a Member of Parliament as part of a democracy event organised by Parliament and proved we have some budding politicians of the future!

Dates for your diary

26th March – Sharing Learning Journeys session for parents of pupils in Foundation Stage

26th March – Easter Craft Activity session for Key Stage One children and parents in the Hall from 3.15 p.m.

27th March – Easter Service at St. Peter's Church, Calow commencing at 10.00 a.m.

27th March – Meeting for parents of Year Two pupils regarding Key Stage One assessments

24th and 25th April – Parent Consultations (letter has been sent out)

School closes at home time on Thursday 28th March and re-opens on Monday 15th April. Have a good Easter!