



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

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Together'

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Global Perspective

All children enjoyed learning about the culture of China when we celebrated Chinese New Year. Children had the opportunity to learn about puzzles such as tangrams, compose dragon dance music, listen to the stories linked to the New Year and enjoy a Chinese themed lunch menu. One class even learned how to use chop sticks! Pupils involved in the Scouting and Guiding Movement donned their uniforms to take part in World Thinking Day. The celebration of the birth of the founder of Scouting is commemorated each year at Calow Primary. As well as many children coming to School in uniform, it is an opportunity to think of other children in the world who are less fortunate than ourselves.

School Eco Committee call in on the Mayor of Chesterfield!

Calow Primary has taken part in Fairtrade fortnight. This initiative is to help people become aware of how we can help food producers in developing countries achieve better trading conditions. The School's Eco Committee has been particularly interested in the plight of tea farmers who are struggling to make ends meet. The Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield welcomed our Eco Committee to the Town Hall to listen to the children's campaign for Fairtrade. Both then signed the pledge to demonstrate a commitment to Fairtrade. Pictured is the Mayor signing the pledge with two pupils looking on. Accompanying the visit was Mr. Ken James who is a community representative on the School's Eco Committee. Mr. James has had an association with Calow Primary in one form or another for a period of fifty years! We congratulate Mr. James on this landmark achievement.



Technology Launches

The launch of our new Learning Platform has been a success. Children are accessing useful links for project learning, home learning support and fun activities such as maths games. If your child has not yet logged on please let the class teacher know. Calow Primary has also launched '2Build a Profile' for parents of Foundation Stage children. This provides parents with regular assessment updates by email so they can see how their child is progressing in Foundation Stage. It also encourages feedback from parents so that teachers can learn about achievements outside of School.

Keeping Our Children Safe

Children report that Safer Internet Day helped to reinforce messages about staying safe on the internet. Calow Primary has received recognition for its part in creating a 'better internet' for the future. Representatives of R.N.L.I. will be visiting School during the morning of 17th March to talk to pupils from Classes Two to Six about water and beach safety.

School Reading Week – commencing 23rd March

To promote interest in reading books further, there are a number of initiatives coming up. These include players from Chesterfield Football Club visiting to listen to children read and a Reading Week at Calow Primary starting on 23rd March. During the week Manchester Actors' Company will be staging a performance for all children of 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'. This also coincides with the 150th anniversary of the classic book's publication in 1865.

Easter Eggstravaganza in aid of St. Peter's Church

There will be an Easter Eggstravaganza event at School from 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday 24th March. The event should last around an hour and is to raise funds for St. Peter's Church, Calow. There will be an Easter egg hunt, face painting, craft activities and an Easter bonnet competition. There are many creative people who will want to enter the bonnet competition for a chance to win a prize. It's £2 to enter, as well as raising money, it's a chance to show how imaginative you can be! Please support the Church by attending the event. **You are reminded that School closes at home time on Friday 27th March and re-opens on Tuesday 14th April. Have a good Easter!**