



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

'Aiming High  
Together'

## Newsletter

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### Thinking Day

Each February pupils at Calow Primary who are members of the Scouting and Guiding Movement take part in Thinking Day. This is to commemorate the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting. It is particularly special this year as Cubs are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mr. Thacker was invited to 1<sup>st</sup> Calow Cubs' to their celebration of the centenary, along with others from the local community. Pupils involved in Scouting and Guiding wore their uniform to School for the day on 26<sup>th</sup> February. It was fantastic to see so many children supporting the initiative.



### Clean for The Queen

'Clean for The Queen' is a national campaign to tidy up Britain in time for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016. Pupils and staff took part in a litter pick around the School grounds and building on 4<sup>th</sup> March. A litter survey was carried out at the same time so that children could see the sorts of things thrown on the floor. We are pleased to say that there was very little to pick up because our children care for our school environment. News about how Calow Primary will be celebrating The Queen's birthday in June will be sent out to you in due course, including details of a party to be held in School on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

### National Shakespeare Week 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March

In the last edition of the School newsletter, information was shared about the national commemoration of Shakespeare's death 400 years ago. All pupils in Key Stage Two will be watching a performance of 'Macbeth' on 10<sup>th</sup> March to get us in the mood for Shakespeare Week starting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March. 'Macbeth' features a good man becoming a traitor and cruel tyrant. After the performance the children will participate in an interactive workshop, 'Meet the Macbeths', which is a face-to-face discussion, guided by actors in the company, where pupils can talk directly to characters and ask any questions they have. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March we are inviting children to come to School dressed as a character from a Shakespeare play or as a 16<sup>th</sup> Century Elizabethan. It will add to the fun of the week and there will be prizes to win!

### Sports' News

Calow Primary is one of three schools participating in a pilot partnership scheme with Chesterfield Football Club. The scheme has included ticket deals for three matches, which have been well supported by children and their parents. Football coaches deliver after school coaching three times a week, as well as covering P.P.A. sessions for three classes on a Friday afternoon. Four of the first team players, including Lee Novak, will be visiting School on 24<sup>th</sup> March for the afternoon. Pupils in Class Two will be participating in the Chesterfield Dance Festival at the Winding Wheel on 9<sup>th</sup> March. The theme of this year's festival is 'Rio!' Representatives from Year Six took part in the Change 4 Life conference in Chesterfield recently. Change 4 Life is a national initiative that aims to harness the inspiration of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to encourage young people to do physical activity and engage in school sport. The pupils who attended the conference now have a number of ideas to share about healthy life styles.

### Keeping our children safe

Each year our pupils in Years Two and Six are visited by officers from the Fire and Rescue Service. The officers talk to the children about fire safety in a sensitive way. This year, the visit will take place in the afternoon of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### Dates for your diary

24<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service at St. Peter's Church, Calow starting at 10.00 a.m.

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April – Parent Consultations with class teachers (a separate letter will be sent to you)

**School closes at home time on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March and re-opens on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April** (the PTFA Disco will take place on the evening of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March). **Have a lovely Easter holiday!**