



'Aiming High
Together'

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

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Food Hygiene Rating for Calow Primary School

A food hygiene inspection was carried out recently. When inspecting schools the following are checked to see how the Law is being met: how hygienically the food is handled – how it is prepared, cooked, re-heated, cooled and stored; the condition of the structure of the buildings – the cleanliness, layout, lighting, ventilation and other facilities; how the school manages and records what it does to make sure food is safe. We are pleased to have been awarded **the top Hygiene Rating Score of 5**. Congratulations to the School's kitchen team!

Congratulations Mr. Cohen on your promotion!

Mr. Cohen has been appointed as Foundation Stage Leader at a Nottinghamshire school. While we are pleased for Mr. Cohen on his promotion, we will be very sad to see him leave our School. He is a popular and respected member of staff who has been a part of the team for ten years. Governors have advertised the teaching post and will let you know the outcome. The School will be saying goodbye to Mr. Cohen when he leaves at the end of the academic year.

Travel Smart Week 18th to 22nd May

Derbyshire County Council's 'Travel Smart Week' takes place each May and October. This is where pupils are encouraged to make the most of their school journey as a way to help them keep fit, beat traffic jams and pollution, as well as making sure they remember to travel safely too. As part of 'Travel Smart Week' pupils will following a dinosaur themed campaign to Make a Monster Move and Travel Smart by taking giant strides and making great rides on bikes, scooters, or by car share to make a big difference to the school run. Your continued support is much appreciated.

World day of Cultural Diversity 21st May

World Day for Cultural Diversity provides an opportunity to deepen pupils' understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to learn to "live together" better. This year the School will be learning about countries in the Commonwealth. Further information is available on the [UNESCO Culture Web Portal](#) and on the [UN World Day for Cultural Diversity web pages](#). In June Key Stage Two pupils will be visited by a representative from the Open Centre in Derby to talk about religious artefacts from other cultures as part of learning in the Derbyshire Agreed R.E. syllabus.

Phonics Teaching

Parents will be aware that phonics are taught to help children learn letter sounds. Meetings have been held for parents to explain to how phonics' lessons are delivered at Calow Primary. Schools are sometimes asked how else parents can assist at home. If you visit the website <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ParentsMenu.htm> you will find lots of information about phonics including: what exactly phonics is, how it is taught in schools and suggestions for helping pre-school children prepare for learning phonics. You will also find lots of games and ideas to explore with children at home.

Arts Week 8th to 12th June

Arts' Week has proven a popular mainstay of our school calendar. This year's theme is 'Space'. Throughout the week all classes will be engaged in learning linked to the theme. Children will be able to marvel at the stars when they see the Wonder Dome planetarium visiting School on 8th June. Further information about the activities planned for your child will be sent to you by each class teacher. We will also be sending letters about Grandparents' sessions soon.

Violin Lessons

We are fortunate at Calow Primary to have the services of an excellent violin teacher. Mr. Cooper is a respected musician who visits each week to deliver lessons. Weekly lessons are initially shared by two pupils for twenty minutes and cost £5 a time. Violins are available to hire for a single payment of £30. If you are interested please call in at the School office for more information and a form. Who knows, your child could be the next Mozart!

Please note: School closes at home time on Friday 22nd May and re-opens on Tuesday 2nd June.

