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Improving the Dining Room Experience!

In consultation with the School Council it was agreed to improve the experience for children in the dining hall at lunch times. We have implemented patterned table cloths for every table and menus have been introduced. Menus for special occasions will be provided; the next one being a celebration of the Chinese New Year on 31st January. The children have been very positive about the improvements. Pictured are some of the children enjoying lunch with the new menus and table cloths. At key times in the School year, Governors have sanctioned additional mid-day supervisors at lunch time. This was done recently during the Christmas period so that mid-day supervisors could promote playground games and positive play during the festive period.



Keeping Children Safe

Calow Primary works in partnership with other agencies to keep children safe. On 10th January pupils in Years Two and Six will be visited from personnel from Derbyshire Fire Service. Officers will be talking to children about what to do in the event of a house fire and the dangers of fire. The Education Officer from Severn Trent Water will be visiting School on 20th January to lead an assembly about water safety but will also be meeting our Eco Committee to talk about water conservation. As reported in the December newsletter, pupils in Years Five and Six will be participating in Childline workshops this January.

Supporting St. Peter's Church, Calow

Thank you to those who are supporting the work of The Children's Society by filling the cardboard candles that were distributed last month. The candles will be presented at the Christingle Service to be held at St. Peter's Church, Calow. The Service will start at 6.00 p.m. on Sunday 12th January and is always a wonderful experience. If you are unable to attend the Service we ask that you return the candle to School by Friday 10th January so it can be presented on your child's behalf. The Church has organised a Bingo Night to be held at School on Thursday 13th February. Doors will open from 6.00 p.m. and 'eyes down' is at 6.30 p.m. – every one is welcome! There will also be a Barn Dance in the School Hall on Friday 28th February to raise funds for the Church. It promises to be a good night out for family and friends so look out for details soon!

Survey Results from Calow Parish Council

The Council has expressed thanks to parents and children who completed a questionnaire about sport and recreational facilities in the Parish. A total of 43 questionnaires were returned. When you consider that 33% of pupils attending our School are out of the Parish area, this is an encouraging number of responses. The questionnaires indicated that 76% of people consider facilities to be inadequate. A number of equipment ideas were suggested including: climbing frame, basketball hoops and more swings. The Parish Council is to discuss the information and use the data as part of their submission for enhancing facilities in the local area.

Governor News – Financial Accounts

In addition to the School budget, the Headteacher and Governing Body are responsible for the School's private funds. These fall in to two categories. One covers income and expenditure for educational visits and the other is for all sundry income and expenditure payments such as school uniform. The accounts were audited this January and are available for inspection. Should you wish to see the accounts please let Mr. Thacker or the School Office know.

Dates for your diary

- 13th January – Class Four begins the first of three sessions of a singing project leading to a performance at Hasland Hall School.
- 14th January - Class Five begins the first of ten sessions of the 560 programme as part of the P.E. curriculum.
- 22nd January – Meeting of the P.T.F.A. at Calow Primary from 4.30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.
- 29th January – P.T.F.A. bingo session in the School hall from 6.00 p.m. (eyes down from 6.30 p.m.)
- 13th February – Calow Church bingo session in the School hall (see above for details)

Parent Hotline: The hotline can be accessed by telephoning **08447 70 75 76** and keying in the code number 66125. Regular updates are available on the hotline of all activities happening at Calow Primary and information is provided during adverse weather conditions. You can share the hotline number with people who pick up your child from time to time such as grandparents and they will then be able to find out useful information!