



Newsletter

'Aiming High

Together'

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School Website: <http://calowschool.createprimary.net/>

Promoting positive play

The children are very pleased with their new piece of playground equipment (pictured are some of the children trying the new train out). The train has already led to a lot of imaginative play. The 'top pen' has had new thermo plastic markings laid out for two netball courts. An amount of £300 has been spent on purchasing new playground equipment for lunch times to add to existing items. During May the mid-day supervisors will be attending training to enhance their role further. Some will be participating in 'Managing Children's Behaviour in the playground', while others will be taking part in the course 'Positive Play'.



Thank you for your generosity!

The raffle of the signed Chesterfield Club football realised £180 for the Derby School for the Deaf. Chesterfield Football Club was so impressed with the generosity of the children that they sent a player to School to say thank you. We are grateful to all those who purchased raffle tickets and ensured Calow Primary's support for deaf children in Derbyshire. We are also appreciative of those who came along to the bingo night and barn dance held in the School hall. Each event was in aid of St. Peter's, Calow and raised approximately £500 for our local church. The Church's next event is a quiz night on 28th March in their meeting room.

Safeguarding Policy Consultation

Our School takes very seriously its responsibilities for child protection and safeguarding. We are currently revising the Child protection and Safeguarding Policy. The policy covers types of abuse, signs to look out for, roles and responsibilities, expectations of staff and volunteers in School, how we ensure staff and volunteers are trained once they have been checked and how the policy is to be managed. The policy has been sent to those parents who have provided School with an email address. Should you require a paper copy please let the Office know. As usual with policy consultation we are seeking your views. Please let Mr. Thacker have your comments by Friday 28th March. The School website has been updated to include information about e-safety. Click on the e-safety pencil on the home page of the website to find links to help you keep your child safe on line.

Class Four's Dance Festival Success

Year Four pupils took part in Chesterfield's Primary Dance Festival at the Winding Wheel. The theme for all schools was the forthcoming Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow. Music from the film 'Braveheart' provided the background to Class Four's performance. The class were excellent and made every one feel proud. Thank you to the many who have passed on some very positive comments about the children and Calow's part in the success of the Dance Festival.

Afternoon Sessions at Calow Primary Nursery

Due to popular demand Nursery places for morning sessions are full once again. However, Governors have taken the decision to provide an afternoon Nursery at Calow Primary starting after Easter. We have already received several 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 Primary's Award Recognition

The February edition informed you of the School's International Award in recognition of what we do at Calow to learn about other cultures. We are currently awaiting assessment for two other awards with which Calow Primary has been previously successful. The first is for Eco Schools' Green Flag for all we do to promote care for the environment. The second is the Investors in People award, which focuses on professional development. We will let you know the outcome of each in due course.

Dates for your diary

- 20th March – Classes Four and Six educational visit to Derby places of worship as part of their Religious Education learning.
- 30th March – Mothering Sunday Service at St. Peter's Church, Calow from 9.45 a.m.
- 9th and 10th April – Parent Consultations (separate letter has been sent out).
- 11th April – School's Easter Service at St. Peter's Church, Calow from 10.00 a.m. (letter to be sent out)

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.

