



Newsletter

'Aiming High

Together'

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

New School Secretary from September

An email was sent out to parents during the holidays giving notification that Mrs. Bishop has moved to Derbyshire County Council. The job of School Secretary was advertised and a significant number of applications were received. Following interviews recently, the successful applicant is Mrs. Pam Oxley. She is currently working in a school and will start work at Calow in four weeks time.

Child Protection at Calow Primary

Safeguarding of all our pupils is always taken extremely seriously at Calow Primary. The designated person for Child Protection concerns is Mrs. McDonald, the deputy designated person is Mrs. Oldale. For information regarding Safeguarding policies such as Child Protection please see the policies section of the School website at the address given above. For any queries or issues about Child Protection please speak with one of the designated staff or Mr. Thacker.

Review of Calow Primary School Aims

At the beginning of each new academic year the School Aims are reviewed. Our Aims are given on the reverse of this newsletter. We believe our aims should be up to date, relevant and reflect what we think is important for the education of all children at Calow Primary. Each year we carry out consultation with stakeholders such as parents and Governors. As such, we are interested in your feedback on the School Aims. Please let Mr. Thacker have your comments by Friday 20th September at the latest.

Special events coming up!

Pupils in Class Four have started a writing project with Alva de Chiro, a well known speaker and literary talent. The project will take place over three sessions and provide inspiration for the School's forthcoming Literacy Week. Friday 27th September is 'Van Gogh Day' in School. A Van Gogh painting was recently discovered in a Norwegian attic and is the first to be rediscovered since 1928. What better time for the children to learn more about this fascinating artist and his work?! An artist will be visiting Calow Primary to teach Van Gogh's painting techniques. More information about the day will be sent to parents via email.

Chesterfield Football Players visit School

Those who went to the Chesterfield game against Accrington were able to see a win for Town and the team stay top of the League. Our partnership with the Club means that we have visits from time to time from some of the players and staff. Recently we were visited by Chesterfield's Assistant Manager and First Team coach. They spent time talking to pupils and even joined in with fencing!

Polling Day to elect new School Council Members

Two pupils from each year group have been elected to the School Council to represent their class for the year. The School Council is taken very seriously and consulted on a range of issues. Members of the Council have their say in all School appointments and were involved in the interviews for a new Secretary. The first full meeting of the new School Council will be on Monday 16th September.

Keeping Children Fit and Healthy

All children in Foundation Stage receive free milk on a daily basis. We are grateful to Calow Parish Council who subsidise the cost of the milk. All children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One receive a fresh piece of fruit or vegetable each day. Our School has a Healthy Tuck Shop in which children in Key Stage Two are able to purchase an item of fruit or vegetable on a daily basis. You will be aware that the Government is promoting healthy exercise nationally. Calow Primary has initiated after school sports sessions on a weekly basis in partnership with Premier Sport. Thank you to parents who are fully supportive of the lessons.

Dates for your diary

23rd September – Swimming starts for pupils in Year Five (separate notification has been sent out)

3rd October – Harvest Festival celebration at St. Peter's Church, Calow from 10.00 a.m.

7th October – Literacy Week commences based on the theme 'Puppets'

19th October – Poppy Appeal Concert featuring the School Choir at the Crooked Spire. Tickets £5 from the School Office

