



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

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Together'

## Newsletter

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### Installation of Calow's Boy Bishop

The tradition of appointing a Boy Bishop started in England during Medieval Times when a local boy would be elected to the office on 6<sup>th</sup> December, which is St. Nicholas' Day (the patron saint of children) and carry out his duties until 28<sup>th</sup> December. The tradition was resurrected in Calow by Reverend Michael Champneys. Year Six pupil Jake Stallan has been chosen to be Boy Bishop for the Parish of St. Peter's. Jake was enthroned on 6<sup>th</sup> December in a ceremony attended by the Bishop of Repton, with musical accompaniment from the School Choir. Jake will be seen wearing his Bishop's mitre and robes at forthcoming events. Pictured are the Boy Bishop of Calow and the Bishop of Repton.



### School Choir entertaining the community

Our School Choir has had a busy time lately following their performance at the Christmas Fair. As well as singing at the enthronement ceremony for the Boy Bishop, they have entertained Senior Citizens at a party organised by the Rotary Club of Chesterfield. The Choir also gave a concert at Calow Community Centre. The Choir recorded a Christmas song especially for the radio station Peak F.M. You can help the Choir by voting for them in Sean and Becky's Singing Christmas Tree Competition. Voting takes place between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December and the aim is to get the Choir to the top of the Singing Tree. For more details visit the radio station's website at <http://www.peakfm.net/>

### Pupil Premium Money for Calow Primary

An additional source of funding for schools is Pupil Premium. The money is allocated for schools to spend on those pupils who receive free school meals. From September 2012, the Government requires schools to publish information about how they have used the Premium. This will ensure that parents are made fully aware of the attainment of pupils covered by the funding. Since the beginning of Autumn our School Governors have sanctioned the use of Pupil Premium money in the following ways: to pay for additional Teaching Assistant time in one year group where there are more pupils on free school meals than in other classes; to pay for another mid-day supervisor to provide additional support at lunch times; and subsidising the cost of educational visits. You will receive information in due course to explain how funding has made a difference to attainment and had a positive impact for children at Calow Primary.

### Christingle and support for the Children's Charity

Each child in School has been given a cardboard candle on behalf of the Children's Charity. We hope you will support this worthy cause by putting donations inside. More details about the charity can be found by visiting [www.christingle.org](http://www.christingle.org) 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 16<sup>th</sup> December 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 14<sup>th</sup> December so it can be presented on your child's behalf.

### A taste of things to come in 2013!

We have already lined up some wonderful opportunities for pupils at Calow Primary in the coming months. Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> January is Science Week and the theme is 'Space'! At the end of that week Key Stage Two pupils will be visiting the National Space Centre and experiencing the planetarium. From 18<sup>th</sup> March it's Arts Week and the theme is 'Totally Tropical'. School will be celebrating National Earth Week from 15<sup>th</sup> April and promoting community pride in June with a number of exciting events. Year Five pupils will be participating in an archaeological dig at a prehistoric site in the summer! We've got things planned for parents too with a day out in Derbyshire and a crafts workshop at Easter for those with children in Key Stage One. These are just some of the events to whet your appetite and there's more to come!

### Just a reminder!

19<sup>th</sup> December – School Carol Service at St. Peter's Church starting at 10.00 a.m.

**School closes for Christmas at home time on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and opens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January. On behalf of everyone at Calow Primary, we wish you a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!**