



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

## Newsletter

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Together'

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### Olympian visits Calow Primary

Olympian, Ellie Koyander represented Great Britain at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver in 2010. She was the youngest skier competing in the Olympic Games that year. Ellie was selected as an Olympic Torch bearer in Derbyshire and will be competing in the Winter Olympics to be staged in Russia in 2014. Ellie spent a morning at Calow Primary to share her experiences with the children. Pictured is Ellie with the Olympic Torch.

The arrival of the Olympic Torch in Calow generated interest in the forthcoming 2012 Games for our pupils. Children lined the route on Top Road, Calow to cheer on the Torch relay as it passed through. Once the Torch had moved on, pupils returned to School to take part in a community celebration.

There was an opening ceremony that included the unveiling of a commemorative mural and banner made by the children. The mural, made of clay tiles, was created by Infant aged children and depicts Olympic sports. The embroidered banner was made by Junior aged children in association with local artist Karen Herrick. Children were then able to participate in a number of sporting activities including archery, fencing and table tennis.

There was entertainment from Kirkby Brass Band and Chesterfield Male Voice Choir. Thank you to all who supported the School's event. We have had many positive comments about the organisation of the afternoon.



### Appointment of Teacher for Year One from September 2012

Following interview by Governors, Miss Laura Inglis was appointed as Teacher for Year One from September 2012. Miss Inglis has already visited School to meet her new class. As reported in the June newsletter, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Wills and Mrs. Cooper. Mrs. Wills has been at Calow Primary for about nine years and has been an effective co-ordinator of Special Needs. The County's Special Needs Service will benefit from her experience and care. Mrs. Cooper will be developing provision for children at North Wingfield Church. We wish both members of staff every success in their endeavours and thank them for their contribution to Calow Primary.

### Classes out and about!

There are a number of class visits taking place this summer. Class Four visited Chesterfield Town Hall to meet the Mayor, before going to the Museum and then the Crooked Spire. Class Five are set to visit Magna, the Science Adventure Centre; Class One are going to spend time looking at Art sculptures at Rufford Park; Class Two are going to spend the day in Eyam as part of their History learning and Reception Class are going to the tropical Butterfly House at South Anston. Other activities include: the School Choir competing at the Bolsover Primary Choir Festival; Year Six pupils attending a vocational award ceremony in North East Derbyshire's Council Chamber; and Year Six pupils participating in the 'Safety Crew' event at the Fire Station.

### Playing/Swimming in open water – a message from Derbyshire County Council

As the summer months are now upon us, the likelihood that young people will be attracted to play or swim in open water increases. Open Water includes such things as flooded quarries, ponds, reservoirs, rivers, canals as well as the sea. Around 85% of accidental drownings occur at open water sites. Water may look safe and inviting, particularly in hot weather but even young people who are strong swimmers in heated swimming pools can get into difficulties in open water. Keep children away from open water and help them to **STAY SAFE**.

**Special notice:** Sports' Day will now take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 1.00 p.m. subject to weather conditions. Please check the Parent Hotline for up to date information.

**You are reminded that School closes at home time on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July and re-opens on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. We hope you have an enjoyable Summer holiday.**