



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

'Aiming High
Together'

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Home Secretary visits Calow Primary!

Pupils in Key Stage Two are taking part in an initiative called Ozbox. It was developed by Derbyshire Police as a scheme aimed especially for young people. It promotes physical exercise and encourages pupils through positive mental attitude. The exercises are from the world of boxing, although there is no physical contact between anyone involved. The project is solely run by volunteer off duty police officers and staff. The Right Honourable Theresa May M.P., Home Secretary has taken a keen interest in the scheme and paid a visit to Calow Primary to see it in action. The Home Secretary spent over an hour in School and said she was impressed by Ozbox and particularly by the behaviour of our pupils. She commented also on the politeness of the children and how confidently they spoke. Our School is the only location in Derbyshire that day in which the Home Secretary spent her time. Pictured is Theresa May M.P. with some of the Year six pupils participating in Ozbox.



Other visitors to School

Councillor David Chapman visited to present School Council members with a cheque for £550. The amount is a donation for a project to further develop the School grounds with the purchase of a water feature. We received a visit from Mr. Henk Schnaar, a retired Headteacher from the Netherlands. Mr. Schnaar spent time with Year Six pupils talking about the Dutch education system and about life in his country. Our next special visitor to Calow Primary is the Bishop of Repton who will be opening our P.T.F.A. Summer Fair on Saturday 22nd June at 2.00 p.m.

Appointment of Year One Class Teacher for September 2013

Following advertisement for the post of Year One class teacher, we received a significant number of applications! Interviews were carried out recently, including candidates being put through their paces with questions from the School Council. The successful applicant is Miss Bryony Franklin. The offer of appointment is from September 2013 subject to the usual background checks. We look forward to welcoming Miss Franklin in School very soon.

The wonder of nature at Calow Primary!

You may recall the excitement of last year when birds nested in our bird box, which is fitted with a camera. We watched with interest the whole process of birds nesting, laying eggs and seeing the fledglings leave. The good news is the bird box has new residents! You can watch activity by visiting the website www.reachwildlife.org and click on the section labelled school cameras, choosing the U.K., then Derbyshire and our School. We are also delighted that Swallowtail butterflies have emerged from their cocoons in our School Butterfly House; they look magnificent. A number of other butterflies including Red Admirals and Small Tortoiseshell are expected in our Butterfly House in the coming weeks.

Child Car Seat Checks in May

Derbyshire County Council's Road Safety Team is holding a Child Car Seat Checking event on Monday 20th May. Between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. they will be at Sainsbury's in Chesterfield and between 1.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. at Morrison's in Staveley. All checks are free and carried out by a fully trained expert. Did you know that over 70% of child car seats are fitted incorrectly so it may be worth your while popping in to the event and getting free advice from the Road Safety staff.

Calow Church 'Last Night of the Proms' Concert

Tickets are available from the School Office for a 'Last Night of the Proms' concert at St. Peter's Church, Calow on 29th June. Kirkby Brass Band will provide the musical programme for a night to remember. Tickets are £8 for adults and £4 for children.

Dates for your diary **Remember: School will be closed on 6th May for Bank Holiday Monday**

17th May – Reading workshop starting at 11.50 a.m. for parents of Nursery aged children

20th May – The beginning of Travel Smart Week (for details see April Newsletter on our School website)

4th June – Year Five visit to Chesterfield Magistrates' Court

10th June - Year Six residential visit to Scarborough for three days

21st June – Production of 'Merlin's Magic Storybook' for all children in School by Manchester Actors' Company

School closes at home time on Friday 24th May and will re-open on Monday 3rd June. Have a good week!