



'Aiming High

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

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Calow Primary Achieves Sports Award

The Sainsbury's School Games Mark was created by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and is implemented and developed by the Youth Sport Trust and Sport England. The Mark rewards school for their commitment to and the development of competition, school sport and physical education. Calow Primary is pleased to be awarded the Games Mark Bronze Award for all we are doing to promote P.E. and sport in the curriculum. We are also thrilled to be invited to the Bronze Young Ambassadors' Conference at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. Four pupils are being selected to attend the event this January. The School is participating in a number of competitions, including a cross country event for Year Five pupils at Mount St. Mary's, Spinkhill. Information about other sporting activities will be sent out in due course.

National Anti-Bullying Week 17th to 21st November

Many schools in the country will be participating in National Anti-Bullying Week. At Calow Primary we have taken part in this initiative for several years. This year's theme is 'Seeing the good in one another'. A handbook for parents entitled 'Say NO to bullying' by Educational Psychologist Julie Casey has been sent out to parents. We hope that parents will find the advice in the book useful. During the week there will be two class assemblies to reinforce the anti-bullying message. An e-safety session for parents to highlight issues of online and other forms of cyber bullying, has been arranged in conjunction with Hasland Hall School. This event will take place on the evening of 26th November. Look out for further details soon.

Applying for a place at Calow Primary School

If your child was born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 you will need to apply for a place at Calow Primary for September 2015. Applications must be submitted to Derbyshire County Council by midnight on 15th January, 2015. Parents wanting advice or support may speak with the school office or ring Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.

Themed Weeks in School a Success!

Learning about Guide Dogs at the beginning of October was well received by children. We raised around £650 and have now started support for three puppies Dasher, Angel and Star towards becoming fully trained guide dogs. Local Democracy Week included visits from the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield and the Chair of Calow Parish Council. Pupils were able to hear about democratic processes in action and ask some searching questions! The theme of Doctor Who for Literacy Week inspired creative writing in which children imagined travelling in the Tardis to strange new worlds and different time zones. Thank you to all those who took part in the fancy dress competition; the judges had a hard time choosing winners! Pictured are some of the participants in the Dr. Who competition.

Parent Questionnaires – thank you for responding

Thank you to the parents who have completed and returned the questionnaires. There were many positive comments about the School, which are much appreciated by staff. Governors will be analysing responses in due course to see what Calow Primary does well and to consider constructive comments made. You will be informed of how School is perceived and what will be done to address any issues.



Dates for your diary

9th November - Remembrance Sunday Church Service at St. Peter's starting at 10.00 a.m.

14th November – Dad's Army Supper Night organised by St. Peter's Church starting at 7.00 p.m. (£5 adults/£3 under12)

22nd November – PTFA **Christmas Fair at School** to be opened by the Mayor and Mayoress at 10.00 a.m.

28th November – Bags2School collection (collection bags for unwanted items to be sent out soon)

28th November – The first of two 'Balance Bike' sessions for Reception aged children

Remember to use the Parent Hotline to check for current information about possible school closure during adverse weather. The number to ring is 08447 70 75 76 and then use the School I.D. number 66125. You may also use the Hotline to check whether or not after school activities are going ahead!