



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

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Themed Weeks bring added enjoyment to Learning

'Pupil Voice' is extremely important at Calow Primary and children's opinions are valued. Pupils tell us that they really enjoy our themed weeks in School. The recent Literacy Week was no exception and the 'heroes and villains' idea went down well. Thank you to everyone who got in to the spirit of dressing up as a hero or villain, the judges were impressed with the costumes. Pictured are some of the winners with the judges. The next themed week is National Anti-Bullying Week starting on Monday 19th November.



Also in October, pupils are being asked to participate in Travel Smart Week. As always, children are encouraged to travel to School in ways that promote healthy living and protect the environment. We are grateful to all those who support this initiative on a regular basis. The School is taking part in National Local Democracy Week. There are a number of visitors who have been welcomed including two County Councillors. They each talked to children about how they are elected and what their responsibilities are.

Parent Governors

Following notification of two vacancies for Parent Governor, two nominations were received in accordance with procedures. As there were two candidates, a ballot has not been necessary and Mr. Craig Rolt and Mrs. Nicola Myronko have been duly appointed to serve for a period of four years. Their terms of office will expire in October 2016. The School wishes to express gratitude to Mr. John Holmes who has completed his term of office as a Parent Governor. Mr. Holmes has been a member of the Governing Body for 16 years. He will continue as an Associate Governor.

Application for a place at Calow Primary

If your child was born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009 you will need to apply to Derbyshire County Council for a place at Calow Primary. All applications are considered against the School's admission number so the maximum we can admit in our Reception class is 30. When you apply you will be asked to put your school preferences in priority order, with your most preferred school first. Applications can be made on line at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or by ringing Call Derbyshire on 08 456 058 058. Please do not apply until the opening date. Information will be sent out to you from Derbyshire County Council shortly.

Attendance and Punctuality

All Schools are required to set an attendance target for pupils and data is monitored by the Governing Body and Local Authority. The target for Calow Primary is 96%. Last academic year the School achieved 95.31%! School starts each day at 8.55 a.m. **Children who arrive after that time are late.** Those who arrive late are disrupting the education of others as well as their own. Governors also wish to remind parents that any holidays taken during the month of May will not be authorised. Further information can be found in the Parents' Guide to Good Attendance available from the School Office.

Dates for your diary

- 14th November – Class Two visit to Chesterfield as part of their learning about railway pioneer George Stephenson
- 15th November – Reception class assembly in the School hall starting at 9.15 a.m.
- 22nd November – Year One class assembly in the School hall starting at 9.15 a.m.
- 24th November – P.T.F.A. Christmas Fair to be opened by Natascha Engel M.P. at 10.00 a.m.

You are reminded that School closes at home time on Friday 26th October and re-opens on Tuesday 6th November. Monday 5th November is an I.N.S.E.T. day when School is closed for pupils.