



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

Newsletter

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Calow Primary achieves UNICEF Award

The Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) recognises achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of a school's planning, policies, practice and ethos. A rights-respecting school not only teaches about children's rights but also models rights and respect. Assessors visited School during the summer to scrutinise evidence of Calow Primary's work. They were extremely complimentary about all we do and asked if the School could be used as 'best practice' for others in the area. We're delighted to learn that Calow Primary is to be awarded Level 2 of the Rights Respecting Schools Award.

Calow Primary has been a busy place during the Summer!

Throughout the holidays a programme of work has been carried out in School. Rewiring has taken place in four classrooms and new ceilings installed in the library, classrooms two, three, four and five. Preliminary work has begun on the windows replacement programme due to start in the autumn. More information will be sent to you shortly. School was informed that one of its pupils is a winner in Derbyshire County Council's 'design a Diamond Jubilee plate' competition. This is a competition children took part in before the holidays. Congratulations to Autumn Shearman, whose design (seen opposite) will be made in to a bone china plate.



Child Protection at Calow Primary

Safeguarding of all our pupils is taken extremely seriously at Calow Primary. The designated person for Child Protection concerns is Mrs. McDonald, the deputy designated person is Mrs. Oldale. A copy of the School's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy is available in the policies section of the School website. For any queries about Child Protection please speak with one of the designated staff or Mr. Thacker.

Planning, Preparation and Assessment Arrangements

You will be aware that all teachers receive release time for planning, preparation and assessment known as P.P.A. From September P.P.A. arrangements are: Reception class one day each fortnight to be covered by Mrs. Moreton; Classes One and Two half a day each week covered by Mrs. Moore; Classes Three, Four and Six each Wednesday to receive lessons in French, outdoor P.E. and T'ai Chi; Class Five each Thursday to receive coaching in fencing and tuition for clarinet. During the autumn we are trying Bokwa with Classes Three, Four and Six. Bokwa is a new up and coming exercise programme originating from South Africa set to overtake Zumba! We think children will find it an exciting and energetic form of dance.

School Communication with Parents

Calow Primary communicates with parents in a number of ways, including newsletters such as monthly ones containing school news and termly curriculum newsletters from your child's teacher; letters; posters on the noticeboard; and website. We send out information by email so please let the School office have your email if you haven't already done so. Information is also available on the parents' space of Kaleidos such as your child's attendance details. Please see your child's teacher for access information. The Parent Hotline provides up to date information in case of emergencies such as closure in adverse weather conditions. **The number to ring for Parent Hotline is 08447 70 75 76 then enter the School ID 66125.**

There will be a meeting for parents with their child's class teacher on Monday 10th September from 3.10 pm. The meeting will outline curriculum coverage, timetables and an explanation of the new reading records to be used from September.

Parents are reminded that Calow Primary is a No Smoking establishment. Cars should not be parked in front of the School's gates. Please be considerate in parking in the vicinity of Calow Primary and consider the safety of our children.

Dates for your diary

24th September – Swimming starts for pupils in Year Five (separate notification will be sent out)

27th September – All children to see the production of 'Sleeping Beauty' in the School hall

28th September – Harvest Festival celebration at St. Peter's Church, Calow from 10.00 a.m.

1st October – Literacy Week commences based on the theme 'Heroes and Villains'

5th October – Tempest Photographers in School to take individual portraits (separate notification will be sent out)