



Newsletter

'Aiming High

Together'

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Installation of Calow's Boy Bishop

Many of you will be aware of Calow Primary's support for a tradition dating back to Medieval Times. The tradition of appointing a Boy Bishop started in England centuries ago when a local boy would be elected to the office on 6th December, which is St. Nicholas' Day (the patron saint of children) and carry out his duties until 28th December. This year the Boy Bishop is Alex Ferreday, who was elected by fellow classmates in Year Six. Alex was enthroned on 6th December in a ceremony led by the Reverend Kevin Ball. Alex will be seen wearing his Bishop's mitre and robes at forthcoming events. Pictured is the Boy Bishop of Calow.



School Nutrition Action Group

Calow Primary has established a School Nutrition Action Group (or S.N.A.G.) consisting of three members of staff and three pupils. The aim of the group is to consider ways of improving lunch times for pupils. From January 2014 we are introducing table cloths for dining tables, classical music during lunch and a number of ideas for promoting healthy eating. The group has produced an action plan, which will be sent to parents by email in due course. Calow Primary still encourages children to complete their Healthy Living Awards. A letter has been sent to every one from the pupil members of the School Council's Health and Safety Committee as a reminder. A copy of the School's 'Every Calow Child Matters' plan is copied over leaf. If you have any comments or questions about the plan please see Mr. Cohen.

Calow Primary keeping our children safe

You will be aware that Calow Primary recently participated in the national anti-bullying week. We take seriously any allegations of bullying or abuse. The NSPCC launched a ChildLine Schools Service nationally and Calow Primary was one of the first local schools to implement it. NSPCC will be visiting us again in January to work with pupils in Years Five and Six on a programme that is all about 'Keeping Safe'. It will help children to recognise the signs of abuse, ensure they know how to protect themselves and make them aware of how and where to get help if they need it. Parents of pupils in Years Five and Six will be receiving detailed information in due course. For any concerns please contact the School's Child Protection Co-ordinator Mrs. McDonald.

Thank you for your support!

We are grateful to all those who supported the Poppy Appeal; our School raised a record amount of £222.30! Thank you to those parents who assisted with Christmas activities during the weekend of 23rd and 24th November. The Christmas Fair raised £1600 and the switch on of lights in Chesterfield included a wonderful performance from our Choir. Thank you to parents of Nursery aged children who took part in the activity morning on 21st November. These things can only happen with your support!

Attendance

The Governing Body set a target of 96% for pupils' attendance (schools should set a minimum of 94%). For Autumn Term One class figures are: Reception – 95%; Class 1 – 97%; Class 2- 98%; Class 3 – 95%; Class 4 – 96%; Class 5 – 96%; Class 6 – 98%. Parents are reminded of their duty to ensure children are on time for School, which **starts** at 8.55 a.m. The Governors' Attendance Committee wish to thank the vast majority of parents who get their children to School on time!

Calow Christmas Tree Festival

St. Peter's Church is staging a Christmas Tree Festival this year. This will conclude with a Carol sing-a-long on 13th December from 7.00 p.m., which will feature our School Choir. Entrance to the event is FREE. The School carol service at the Church will be on Wednesday 18th December. The Christingle Service will be on Sunday 12th January, 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

Peak FM 'Singing Christmas Tree' Competition

The radio station Peak F.M. is once again staging their Singing Christmas Tree competition for School choirs. Calow Primary has entered a song for the competition and is hoping for your votes! By voting for Calow Primary you will be helping our choir to get to the top of the tree. You will also be in with a chance of winning a Members Pack for two people for Bakewell Show 2014. For more information and to vote for our choir please log on to the Peak F.M. website. Voting is from Wednesday 4th December until Sunday 15th December.

School closes for Christmas at home time on Friday 20th December and opens on Monday 6th January. On behalf of everyone at Calow Primary, we wish you a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!