



Supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal

Our School Choir performed at the Crooked Spire as part of a concert in aid of the Poppy Appeal. The fundraising event realised £1100 for the worthy cause. Many people complimented the Choir and said how they made an excellent contribution to the evening's entertainment. Poppies have been on sale at Calow Primary for a couple of weeks now. Last year we raised a record amount for the Poppy Appeal and hope to do even better this year! Local residents Mr. and Mrs. Mullins have produced a book called 'Calow Memorial', dedicated to the men from the village who gave their lives in the First World War. Mrs. Mullins visited the School recently to present Calow Primary with a copy of the book. Pictured is Sharna with some Legion poppies and Thomas with a copy of 'Calow Memorial'.

Improving the School Environment

In the October newsletter you were given advance notification of work to be carried out. Governors at Calow Primary had approved a programme of work to further enhance the school building. This includes completion of the windows' replacement programme; removal of fascia tiles on walls at the front of school and their replacement; and installation of another two fire exit doors. The contracted team will begin to set up on site on 13th November and work will commence soon after. Work will take place in class rooms in turn. Time tabling of activities and an alternative room for some classes will take place for a day or two. Any disruption will be kept to an absolute minimum. Should you require further information please speak with Mr. Thacker. Thank you for your continuing support as work is carried out.



National Anti-Bullying Week – 18th to 22nd November

Week commencing Monday 18th November is National Anti-Bullying Week. Calow Primary has an anti-bullying charter, signed by the Chair of Governors, Headteacher and Chair of School Council on behalf of all pupils. The theme this year is 'Cyber Bullying'. This can include bullying via mobile telephone or land line. The School's Anti-Bullying Committee agreed that parents should receive a copy of a fact sheet concerning this issue. It contains information the Committee thought you would find very useful. The sheet is to be sent out by email. Should you require a paper copy of the fact sheet please let the School office know.

Applying for a place at Calow Primary

The application process for the 2014/15 Reception class intake opens on 11th November 2013 (for children born between 1st September 2009 and 31st August, 2010). Derbyshire County Council's preference is for parents to apply for a place online, last year 99.3% of parents chose to apply by this method. The leaflet 'Applying for your child's infant/primary school place 2014 -15' summarises the application process. A copy of the leaflet has been distributed to parents of children attending our Nursery. Those parents without access to the internet can apply by telephone on 01629 533190.

Plans for Sports Pavilion at Oaks Farm Lane

The School noticeboard has displayed an artist's impression of an intended Sports Pavilion and all weather playing surface on Oaks Farm Lane. Calow Miners Recreation Group Charity is collating the views of local stakeholders and has met with School to discuss plans, including fundraising. A questionnaire has been distributed to all children on behalf of the Charity. You are asked to complete the questionnaire with your child and submit your own views as a parent. All responses are treated in the strictest confidence. Please return completed questionnaires to School by Friday 22nd November. Thank you for your assistance.

'Mother Goose' Pantomime at Calow Primary

Back by popular request is Manchester Actors' Company with the pantomime 'Mother Goose'. This traditional story was one of the earliest pantomimes to be seen in England. The story of the goose that laid golden eggs was popular with the ancient Greeks 2,000 years before. The pantomime version first opened on Boxing Day in 1806 starring the great Joseph Grimaldi and was an instant success. The Actors' Company version will be at School on the morning of Friday 22nd November. 'Mother Goose' heralds the start of our countdown to Christmas! The P.T.F.A. Christmas Fair on Saturday 23rd November will be opened at 10.00 a.m. by Emma McClarkin M.E.P. Our School Choir will be singing at the Christmas Lights Switch On in Chesterfield town centre on Sunday 24th November from 4.00 p.m. Details about other events will be sent to you in due course.