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

## Newsletter

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### School successes during October

Calow Primary was shortlisted by Chesterfield Football Club for the award of School Partner of the Year. This is the second successive year this has happened. At an awards ceremony at the Proact Stadium, Calow Primary was runner-up and was highly commended for all we do in partnership with the Club. It was also pleasing to see Daniel Wombwell, one of our pupils, win an award. Our own football team has enjoyed some success recently. They were winners of a football tournament played at St. Mary's School. This qualified the team to play in the area finals at Springwell. Although the team did not win this tournament, the players gave a commendable performance. Two of our Year Six pupils represented Calow Primary at the Rotary Club of Chesterfield's annual verse speaking competition. Congratulations to Erin Harmson and Charlie Staines, who were placed first and second respectively in the category we entered.

### Thank you for supporting the Agincourt themed week!

Judges were amazed by the high standard of entries in the dressing up day at the end of Literacy Week. They were also impressed by the research some had carried out in to costumes linked to the battle of Agincourt. The children really enjoyed the week and learned a lot about the Battle's importance in History. Those adults and Year Six pupils who went to Leeds Armouries on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October have certainly gained much from the 'Weekend Warriors' event. Thank you to all those who supported the week. Pictured are judges Alderman Leverton and Vice Chair of Governors Mrs. Goodwin, with some of the children in Agincourt costume.

### A Fond Farewell to Mrs. Winstanley

We are saying a sad goodbye to Mrs. Winstanley on 13<sup>th</sup> November when she leaves to take up a post in another school. Mrs. Winstanley has worked at Calow Primary for the last twelve years. During that time she has been responsible for a number of initiatives and instrumental in driving the School's work on recycling projects and protecting the environment. She has been a loyal, dedicated and hardworking member of our staff. We wish her every success in her new role.

### National Anti-Bullying Week 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November

Calow Primary has repeated its commitment to address any bullying, by signing the Charter for Action. The School has two committees expressly formed to tackle bullying issues; one is chaired by the Chair of Governors and the other by a member of the School Council. Once again, the School is participating in National Anti-Bullying Week. This year the week will be in November and classes are to be involved in activities to ensure the 'bullying is not acceptable' message is understood. Information for parents about topics such as cyber bullying will be sent via email during the week.

### Supporting Local Charities

The local community has always been very supportive of Calow Primary's work for worthy charities. We were particularly overwhelmed this year by the generosity for the Harvest Appeal in September. The same is true for the money we are collecting for the Poppy Appeal. Calow Primary has continued its links with Guide Dogs for the Blind and receiving updates about the puppies we sponsored last year. In the next few weeks pupils will be involved in a sketching project for The Chesterfield & North Derbyshire Tinnitus Support Group, celebrating their 30 years' anniversary in April 2016.

### Meetings for Parents

A number of parents came along to the meeting about assessment in Foundation Stage. Forthcoming meetings are: 12<sup>th</sup> November – Special Educational Needs starting at 3.15 p.m., outlining how we identify pupils needing support and strategies used in School; 19<sup>th</sup> November – Assessment starting at 6.00 p.m. to explain how Calow Primary has implemented the new assessment procedures and what it means for your child; 26<sup>th</sup> November – Religious Education starting at 3.15 p.m. to provide details about topics covered in the R.E. curriculum. The meetings are open to all parents.

**Please note: School is closed for pupils on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November for INSET day.** The PTFA Christmas Fair is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November. It will be opened at 10.00 a.m. by Natascha Engel M.P., Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons.

