



'Aiming High  
Together'

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

## Newsletter

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### Calow Primary wins Chesterfield Council Awards

Calow School has always had an impressive record in the 'Chesterfield in Bloom' competition but this year is exceptional. We have had two prize winners in the Council's painting competition. During the summer you may have seen Freya and Reece's winning art work displayed on banners around the town. Both pupils were invited to an awards ceremony to receive their prizes from the Mayor. At the same time, Calow was presented with trophies for winning first place in the categories of 'Best Environmental Garden' and 'Wonderful Wildlife'. Pictured are Freya, Reece (painting competition prize winners); Michele, Gemma (Eco Committee members) and the Mayor.

### Links with the local community

The School Choir were invited to Goodman Court for an afternoon as part of national 'Older People's Day' on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The children were able to talk with senior citizens and listen to reminiscences. The Choir then sang a selection of songs. The Choir Master from Chesterfield's Crooked Spire visited School to carry out auditions. He was very impressed by the standard of singing and several children have been selected with the hope of joining the world famous choir. Calow Primary is participating in Local Democracy Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils will be learning more about how British democracy works. This will include visits from elected members of the local community, for example the Chair of Calow Parish Council, to explain more about their roles. Year Six pupils will also be voting to elect the Parish's Child Bishop. Our School will be the venue for the Rotary Club of Chesterfield's Annual Verse Speaking competition on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Last year a Calow pupil came second so we hope to do well again.

### Thank you for your generosity!

The Reverend Roy Bradshaw visited to talk to children and explain how the donated Harvest produce would be used to support a school in Madagascar for orphans. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity this year of those who donated produce for the Harvest Festival. Sale of the produce has realised money for the Madagascar project and local homeless people. We are very grateful to those who supported the Harvest charity and ensured our best year ever!

### Literacy Week starts on 19<sup>th</sup> October

This year is the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt, an event that changed the course of History. To coincide with national commemorations, we are staging a Literacy Week starting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. The curriculum will be linked to opportunities for reading and writing based on the Agincourt theme. For younger children we are basing the week on 'knights of old' to simplify matters. During the week Key Stage Two pupils will participate in archery sessions. There will be a fancy dress day when children can come to School on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October in Agincourt/knights costume; there are prizes to be won! Year Six pupils are invited to an Agincourt exhibition at Leeds Armouries on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Transport to and from the museum has been organised by Calow Primary. Please see Mr. Thacker for further details.

### Romeo and Juliet Production for Key Stage Two pupils

Children in Key Stage two were treated to a performance of William Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' when the Manchester Actors' Company came in on 5<sup>th</sup> October. The excellent production ensured the audience was given a wonderful introduction to this classic love story and had further insight into the work of the Bard of Stratford!

### Application for places for Reception places for 2016 – 2017

The process for parents applying for a reception place for their child for 2016/17 starts on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Parents will be able to apply online or by telephone via Derbyshire County Council. The closing date for submission of applications is Midnight on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Look out for further details from the Local Authority.

**Reminder:** Parent consultations take place on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. A letter has been sent to parents.

**School closes at home time for half term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and re-opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

