



'Aiming High
Together'

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

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School Website: <http://calowschool.createprimary.net/>

Calow Primary signs up for the 'Food for Life' programme

Calow Primary is now officially part of the national 'Food for Life' programme. Food for Life brings schools and communities together around the core ethos of healthy, tasty and sustainable food. The programme is about more than just food on the plate; it considers where food comes from, how it's grown, cooked and experienced. The programme's School Award supports schools taking a whole approach to growing their own food; organising visits to farms; sourcing food from local producers; setting up school farmers' markets; holding community food events; serving freshly prepared, well-sourced meals and providing an attractive dining environment so lunchtimes are a positive feature of the school day. We will keep you up to date with developments in the coming weeks and months.



Safeguarding at Calow Primary

Staff received Safeguarding training during INSET on 7th September so they remain aware of latest guidance and School's policies and procedures. Mrs. McDonald is the School's Child Protection Co-ordinator. The Deputy Co-ordinator is Mrs. Oldale. The designated Governor is Mrs. Pattison. School takes any allegation linked to Safeguarding seriously, including reports of alleged bullying. Calow Primary has an Anti-bullying Committee chaired by the Chair of Governors. The Committee reviews all reports of bullying and monitors progress in dealing with them. Please let School know if you have an issue so it can be dealt with promptly. Safeguarding information can be found on our website.

Remembering Mrs. Hardy

It was with sincere sadness that we learned of the death of Mrs. Pat Hardy in January of this year. She was Calow Primary's Senior Mid-day Supervisor and employed at the School for almost 25 years. A memorial bench has been installed around the water feature in the school grounds. It will remain as a lasting tribute to Mrs. Hardy, a much loved member of staff. There will be a blessing of the bench by Reverend Kevin Ball in due course.

School Choir Wins Award!

Calow Primary's School Choir has been presented with the Silver Award after participating in the Bolsover Choir Festival. The adjudicator commented that our choir has a "nice sound". He complimented their choreography and confident performance, as well as "good, strong individual singers too." The Choir starts after school sessions again on 15th September and is already looking forward to performances at Goodman Court and the Christmas Fair in November!

School Communication with Parents

Calow Primary communicates with parents in a number of ways, including monthly newsletters and termly curriculum newsletters from your child's teacher; letters; posters on noticeboards; and our website. We send out information by email so please let the School office have your email if you haven't already done so. 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.**

Dates for your diary

- 22nd September – Swimming starts for pupils in Year Five (separate notification has been sent out)
- 24th September - Harvest activity morning in Nursery from 10.45 a.m.
- 25th September – Harvest Festival celebration at St. Peter's Church, Calow from 10.00 a.m.
- 12th October – Local Democracy Week commences, including visitors from local government
- 19th October - Literacy Week commences, featuring 'come dressed as a Knight' day on 22nd October

Parents are reminded that Calow Primary is a No Smoking establishment, this includes electronic cigarettes. Cars should not be parked in front of the School's gates. Please consider local residents when parking in the vicinity of Calow Primary and think about the safety of our children. There are public car parking spaces on Central Drive available for use.