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Commemorating the Centenary of The Battle of the Somme

The Battle of the Somme was one of the most horrific of the First World War. This year marks the centenary of the Battle and children have been learning about what happened. Year Six pupils visited the War Memorial in Eastwood Park to lay an especially commissioned wreath and take part in a service led by the Reverend Kevin Ball. The children also placed Somme crosses at each of the trees of Remembrance. Representatives of the Royal British Legion were also present. Some of the children shared reflections or prayers they had written themselves. It was a very moving event.

Calow Primary wins 'Food for Life' Award

Over the last year Calow Primary has been working on the 'Food for Life' programme. 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 first step is achieving bronze award. To do this schools must demonstrate: they have committed to improve school food culture by developing a school food policy; met the Bronze 'Food for Life' Catering Mark which shows that school food is healthy and uses seasonal ingredients that are at least 75% freshly prepared; involve pupils in improvements to school menus and lunchtime experience; and given every pupil the opportunity to visit a local farm and taken part in cooking and food growing activities. Assessors announced that Calow Primary has met all the criteria and awarded the School a Bronze 'Food for Life' Award. Mrs. Watkinson received the Award on behalf of Calow.



School Choir Strikes Gold!

Calow Primary's School Choir took part in the Bolsover School Choir Festival 2016. The Choir sang two items in a bid to impress the adjudicator. His comments included "You sing with lots of energy" and there's "a positive sound in the full choir". All of the adjudicator's remarks were of praise and the Choir came away from the Festival with a **Gold Award!** The Choir are next in action when they sing for the residents of Goodman Court on 21st July.

Year Six Residential Visit to Scarborough

This year's residential visit was a huge success. The children took part in an action packed itinerary that included time in York, Whitby and Scarborough. They had great fun fossil hunting on Saltwick Bay. The children received many compliments from the public and staff at various locations about their fantastic behaviour and wonderful manners. They made us all feel extremely proud. We will be bidding a sad farewell to Year Six at the Leavers' Assembly on 22nd July. Classes will be out and about in the last few weeks leading up to the summer holidays. These include: Reception class at the Butterfly House; Class One at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park; Class Two in Eyam to learn about the Great Plague; Class Three to Ecclesfield Discovery Centre; Class Four to The Deep; and Class Five to Arbor Low's archaeological site.

Master Cutler opens Calow Primary Summer Fair

The Master and Mistress Cutler of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire, Craig and Karen McKay, were special guests at Calow Primary School. The Master Cutler was on hand to cut the ribbon and declare the School's summer fair officially open. The summer fair featured music from the School Choir and an Elvis tribute act! An engine from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue service was present, along with Guide Dogs for the Blind, whom pupils and staff have been supporting. It was a fun filled afternoon that raised over £1,000 for new playground equipment to benefit our pupils.

Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs. Watkinson

After an association with Calow Primary of almost twenty years, Mrs. Watkinson will be leaving to take on a managerial role in a private nursery. We thank Mrs. Watkinson for her many years of hard work and dedication to the School and wish her every success in the future. Governors appointed Miss Samantha Webster as Nursery teacher with effect from September.

School closes at home time on Friday 22nd July and re-opens on Tuesday 6th September. Have a good summer!