



'Aiming High

Together'

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

## Newsletter

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### Chesterfield in Bloom Awards

Representatives of Calow Primary attended the Chesterfield in Bloom award ceremony at Ringwood Hall recently. Louis Wood won an award for his excellent picture of The Queen in the painting competition and School won an award for its wildlife flowers. This is the second year in a row the School has won an award for its gardens. Pictured are Louis, Oliver and Mia with the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield.

### Reading a Book in an Unusual Place Competition

Thank you to all those who participated in the competition to be photographed reading a book in an unusual place. There were some amazing pictures and we were all impressed by the very creative entries. The judges awarded first prize to Alexa in Key Stage One for her picture of reading in a cavern in the Peak and to Ruby in Key Stage Two for her picture of reading with Winston Churchill in Madame Tussard's wax works museum. The winners are through to the next round of the competition between entries in the Hasland cluster of schools.



### Local Democracy Week from 10<sup>th</sup> October

To promote pupils' understanding of what democracy is and how it works, Calow Primary will be participating in this national initiative. It will include visits to School from democratically elected members of local government. A Parish Councillor will be visiting on 11<sup>th</sup> October, the Chair of Calow Parish Council will be visiting on 12<sup>th</sup> October and a County Councillor will be talking to children on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Learning will link to the recent election for members of the School Council.

### Literacy Week from 17<sup>th</sup> October

Literacy Week will be based on the book "Flotsam" written by David Weisner. The book about a boy who finds an old camera on the beach. He takes the film to be developed and sees photos of fantastical undersea cities. The last picture is of a girl holding a photo of a child, who is holding a photo of a child, who is holding a photo of a child and so on. He takes a picture of himself holding this photo and tosses the camera back into the ocean; it again washes ashore and another child finds it. Teachers are planning differentiated activities throughout the week linked to this award winning book.

### The American West visits Calow!

A Native American Dance group visited Calow Primary this month. Children in Year Four were given the opportunity to experience traditional Native American songs and dances that told stories. Key Stage Two pupils were then given a fascinating insight into the culture of Native Americans with a special show that included information about how they lived centuries ago. We look forward to the next cultural show when we are visited by Zulus in February 2017!

### Sports News

Three professional footballers from Chesterfield Football Club visited in September. They participated in a question and answer session with pupils from Years Four and Six. Calow Primary is continuing its partnership with the Club. Pupils have been included in a ticket deal for the match against Scunthorpe F.C. on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Our School football team participated in a mini soccer tournament and came third in the competition. Pupils in Class One took part in a multi skills festival at Queen's Park Sports Centre. A team will be competing in a cross country competition on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### Election of Parent Governor

Following notification of a vacancy for the position of Parent Governor, there was one nomination. A ballot is therefore not necessary and Mrs. Samantha Sherlock is duly elected to serve for a period of four years, until October 2020.

### Dates for your diary

14<sup>th</sup> October – INSET day (staff training) when School is closed to pupils

19<sup>th</sup> October - PTFA Bingo Night. Doors open from 6.00 p.m. and 'eyes down' from 6.30 p.m.

**School closes at home time on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October and re-opens on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**