



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

'Aiming High

Together'

## Newsletter

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

### School's Environmental Work Recognised with an Award

We are very pleased to announce that Calow Primary has achieved a Green Flag for the fifth time! This followed a rigorous assessment process to review our environmental work. Pupils who are part of the Eco Committee were interviewed by an assessor and evidence checked to ensure we involve the community in all we do to care for the environment. A number of initiatives implemented were praised as well as our work to keep Britain tidy. This award is particularly valued by the School.



### Safeguarding

Childnet International is a non-profit organisation working in partnership with others around the world to help make the internet a great and safe place for children. The Childnet website ([www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)) hosts a number of recommended resources for young people, parents, carers and teachers. If you have concerns about the safety of a child then contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000 or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk). Children can talk to someone for advice and support at any time by contacting ChildLine on 0800 1111 or chatting to a counsellor online at [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**Parents are reminded that Calow Primary's Safeguarding Lead and Child Protection co-ordinator is Mrs. McDonald.** The Deputy is Mrs. Oldale. Safeguarding information can be found on our School website's safeguarding section.

### New Outdoor Play Facility

Thanks to the fantastic fundraising of the PTFA, a new play fort is to be installed on the top field. The School Council were invited to consider a number of playground ideas and they chose the play fort designed by Sovereign, a company specialising in imaginative and adventurous play equipment. We are grateful to the PTFA for all they do for our School.

### Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival at St. Peter's Church, Calow is on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10.00 a.m. In the past we have supported the Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal. On this occasion we will be assisting St. Peter's in supporting the local charity 'Church on the Bus'. The charity aims to provide a year round presence and a beacon of hope and support for the homeless. It ensures warmth, food, shelter, prayer and a listening ear to those in need. You can read more about the charity by visiting [www.churchonthebus.org.uk](http://www.churchonthebus.org.uk) Instead of our usual request for harvest produce, we are asking for donations please of a practical nature such as socks, t-shirts, underwear, toiletries, hats and gloves.

### Supporting Charity

The Year Six Leavers' Assembly was a very special occasion. We were really sad to say goodbye to such a wonderful group of children. During the event there was a cheque presentation on behalf of the class to the charity SUROL. This is an organisation based in Sri Lanka supporting people affected by leprosy. It was also announced that Year Six pupil, India Smith, had won a competition launched by the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Tinnitus Support Group. India's inspirational design is now being used by the charity for their T-shirts.

### Improving the Dining Room 'Experience'

Earlier this year, Governors consented to a 'Food for Life' declaration committing the School to the use of crockery at lunch times. Over the summer there was productive discussion with Derbyshire catering to end the flight tray system at Calow and introduce crockery. Dining plates, side plates and bowls in the colourful Barcelona range have been selected. Pupils were included in the choosing of the crockery design. Meal trays have also been purchased to help children carry plates to their dining table. We are sure this will further improve the dining room 'experience' for children at lunch times.

### Review of School Aims

Each year we review our School Aims following consultation. A copy of our revised aims is overleaf. If you wish to make any comments or ask any questions please contact the School office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.

### Dates for your diary

16<sup>th</sup> September – School Council Polling Day to elect class representatives

22<sup>nd</sup> September – Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) AGM at 7.00 p.m. in School