



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

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'Investors in People' Award for Calow Primary

Since 1991 'Investors in People' accreditation has been the sign of excellence, a great employer and an outperforming place to be employed. Following a rigorous assessment process, Calow Primary has been judged to be **outstanding** in all areas. The Assessor made special comment on the professionalism of staff, the high morale of the School team, our positive and supportive ethos and exceptional quality of Calow Primary's documentation. We are proud that the School has been recognised once again to be outstanding in all aspects and in a top national category as a good place to work.

School Games Mark Award

The Games Mark Award scheme assesses how programmes are put in place during and after the school day. Assessors judge how the school is helping pupils to become more determined, demonstrate resilience, show respect for others, develop self-control, experience being part of a team, win with pride and lose with grace, learn the importance of practice and preparation, learn how to set realistic goals and work towards achieving them, aspire to improve and challenge themselves and have fun! **We are pleased to announce Calow Primary has achieved the Bronze School Games Mark.**

Enhancing the School Environment

The play fort has now been installed on the top field. This was chosen by the School Council and funded by the PTFA and St. Peter's Church, Calow. Work is almost complete on the community garden shelter funded by a grant. The School is proud of its recent award from the Council for its environment and believe these will enhance the school grounds further.

Rotary Club Verse Speaking Competition

Calow Primary was once again the host venue for the annual Rotary Club of Chesterfield's verse speaking competition. This is open to pupils in Years Five and Six who attend schools in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire. Matthew Cahill and Mathilda Swallow represented Calow Primary in the competition. We are extremely proud of both participants and congratulate Mathilda, who was the winner in our School's category with a rendition of the poem 'Olympic Granny'!

National Roast Dinner Day

Roast Dinner Day 2016 took place on 2nd November. This year's event was part of a national promotion to encourage children to eat and enjoy a freshly prepared, locally sourced roast dinner. Schools were challenged to invite community representatives to visit and join in. The Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield, along with the Chair of Governors Mrs. Winter, enjoyed a roast dinner with the children at lunch time. Pictured: the Mayor and Mayoress with the Chair of Governors and Year Six pupils Thomas and Ethan.



PTFA Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair is on **Saturday 19th November**. It will be opened at 10.00 a.m. by Alderman Sir David Wootton. Sir David was the 684th Lord Mayor of the City of London. He was knighted in 2013 for services to legal business, charity and the City of London. The event promises to be an exciting one that includes musical performances from the School Choir and singer Tanya Adele. There will also be a visit from Father Christmas, along with a wide range of stalls and games.

Applying for your child's school place 2017-18

If your child was born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 you need to apply to Derbyshire County Council for a place at Calow Primary School. The closing date for applications is midnight on Sunday 15th January 2017. You can apply online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or by contacting Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.

Calow Primary will be participating in National Anti-Bullying Week starting on 14th November. All classes will be taking part in activities. Peak FM will be visiting on the Friday to interview pupils on how bullying is tackled.