



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

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Together'

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Young Bishop is Installed

The Parish of Calow has a proud tradition of elected a Young Bishop each year. The tradition started in England centuries ago when a local boy would be elected to the office on 6th December, which is St. Nicholas' Day (the patron saint of children) and carry out his duties until 28th December. This year Joe Voy was elected to the role by pupils and installed by the Bishop of Repton at an enthronement ceremony held in School. This has captured the interest of a researcher who documents the folklore and customs of Derbyshire, who will ensure the Calow tradition is preserved for posterity.

Junior Science Ambassador Training

Calow Primary was allocated four pupil places on the Junior Science Ambassador training scheme. Pupils on the scheme take part in a full day of specialist science communication training led by Dr. Alison Buxton. They are provided with practical science demonstrations and a big box of kit to take back to School. The Year Five pupils (pictured opposite) involved in the scheme had a very productive time and have their lab coats at the ready to deliver training to other children in the new year.



Calow Primary Football Tournament Runners-Up

The English Football League initiated a football competition sponsored by Kinder. The competition is organised by each local football club, in our case Chesterfield F.C. Our School football team participated in the tournament. They played well and achieved a 9 – 0 victory over Staveley! They were beaten in a penalty shoot-out in the final and are the tournament runners-up.

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal

Our School takes Remembrance seriously. Representatives of the Staveley Branch of the Royal British Legion and Staveley Armed Forces and Veterans Association visited School on 11th November to participate in the Legion's 'service' of commitment and dedication. This was carried out with Key Stage Two pupils. During the 'service' the Roll of Honour was called for all those in Calow who gave their lives in the World Wars. Once again, Calow Primary supported the Poppy Appeal and raised £322.97. We are grateful to all those who were generous and helped us to realise this fantastic amount.

Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement

In our modern world digital technologies have become an integral part of our lives. Children now have access to a range of exciting technology in and outside of School. While this means children are able to access technology for positive reasons, there are also aspects which children need to be aware of. Parents will recall signing a Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement when their child started School. The agreement sets out the expectations of every pupil so they are kept safe when using digital technology. The agreement has been updated to reflect current procedures. It has also been differentiated between Key Stages One and Two. Copies will be sent out in early January for you and your child to read and sign.

Calow Primary Pupils are Radio Stars

Pupils from Calow featured on Peak FM during Anti-Bullying Week to spread the message that any form of bullying is unacceptable. We recently hosted BBC Radio Sheffield, who came to talk to children about what Christmas means to them. Some of their responses are being broadcast throughout December around 7.50 a.m. on The Breakfast Show on Radio Sheffield. The Breakfast Show also goes online from around 11.00 am each day on BBC iplayer.

Attendance

The Governing Body set a target of 96% for pupils' attendance (schools nationally should set 95% or more). For Autumn, class figures are: Reception – 97%; Class 1 – 98%; Class 2- 98%; Class 3 – 98%; Class 4 – 98%; Class 5 – 97%; Class 6 – 95%. Parents are reminded of their responsibility to ensure children are on time for School, which **starts** at 8.55 a.m. The Governors wish to thank the vast majority of parents who get their children to School on time!

Primary School Based Flu Immunisation Sessions

Derbyshire Community Health Services have written to parents of pupils in Years One, Two and Three with regard to the flu immunisation programme. This will take place in School for pupils where consent is given on Tuesday 13th December.

School closes for Christmas at home time on Friday 16th December and opens on Tuesday 3rd January, 2017.