



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

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Together'

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Launch of School Core Values

Thank you to all those who took part in the consultation about what you considered important about School Values. Five core values have been identified: Respect; Resilience; Honesty; Caring; and Co-operation. There will be a 'launch' of these values through special assemblies during February starting on Monday 27th. Parents will be invited to all of them in due course.

Hasland Cluster of Schools Collaboration Agreement

Over a period of time, there has been joint working between local schools for various reasons. This has been successful and all schools concerned wish to work even more closely in the future. The Hasland cluster has agreed to make this a formal collaborative partnership. The agreement (approved by Governors at Calow in January 2017) recognises each school has its own unique ethos and no powers are transferred away from the Governing Bodies of any of the schools. The formal collaboration agreement recognises that we can best meet the needs of our schools through collaboration, sharing resources, challenge and support of one another. The cluster aims to develop teaching and learning through effective professional development, sharing good practice and maintaining links with colleagues and appropriate organisations.

Visit of the Mighty Zulu Nation Theatre

Our January newsletter promised that the visit of the Zulus would provide a vibrant spectacle, showcasing a kaleidoscope of dynamic traditional Zulu culture. Our special visitors certainly did that! The whole school was treated to amazing performances by our visitors, who have travelled from South Africa. The day spent at Calow Primary by the Zulus has meant that our pupils have been left with fantastic memories of a very positive learning experience. Pictured are some of our Year Six pupils with our visitors.



Safer Internet Day – 7th February

Calow Primary will be participating in Safer Internet Day 2017, which will take place on Tuesday 7th February with the theme '**Be the change: unite for a better internet**'. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and explores the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and others, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Information Sessions for Parents

Last year the Government introduced a new set of SATs tests for pupils in Years Two and Six so assessments would be in line with the new curriculum. A meeting for Year Six parents has already taken place to explain the time table for the tests, what they involve and how to understand the scaled scores. There will be a meeting for parents of Year Two pupils on Friday 3rd February from 3.10 p.m. Learning Journeys in Foundation Stage will be available for parents on 7th February.

Bingo Night to Raise Funds for St. Peter's Church

The next PTFA Bingo Night is on Wednesday 22nd February in the School hall. Doors open at 5.30 p.m. and 'eyes down' for the first game is 6.00 p.m. These evenings are always popular so come along and enjoy the fun, as well as raising funds for St. Peter's Church. Our next fundraiser for the Church will be the 'Easter Eggstravaganza' on 6th April.

World Book Day – 2nd March

Once again Calow Primary is promoting World Book Day. Each child will be given a book token. All you need to do is take it to a local bookseller and swap it for one of the TEN (exclusive, new and completely free) World Book Day books! Or, if you prefer, you can use the book token to get £1 off any full price book instead! The World Book Day book tokens are valid from Monday 27th February to Sunday 26th March 2017. We hope your child will enjoy reading their new book.

Reminder: School closes at home time on Friday 10th February and re-opens on Monday 20th February.