



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

'Aiming High

Together'

## Newsletter

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Calow Primary is an OUTSTANDING Church School

A Section 48 Inspection of Calow Primary was carried out during March. The Inspector identified four key strengths: The strong faith and commitment of the Headteacher to the vision of developing a Christian school that nurtures all learners; An outstanding learning environment has been created by the school community, including staff and governors, based on care and love. This is supporting the development of the well-being and academic achievement of every pupil; The school's strong focus on both Christian and British values is a major factor in pupils' outstanding understanding of spiritual, moral, social and cultural matters; The strong partnership of the school with the local church community supports pupils' understanding of the Christian values. Calow Primary is judged to be OUTSTANDING in all areas. We are grateful for the many positive and supportive comments shared with the Inspector from parents. A full copy of the report was sent out to parents via email during March. You can also obtain a copy of the report from the School website or from the School office.

### Grandparents' Gardening Day

Twenty-five Grandparents joined us for our Gardening Day as part of a national initiative. Children joined them for two slots (each lasting an hour) during the morning before having an opportunity of having lunch together. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves, as well as doing a tremendous job of tidying up our gardens. We are grateful to all who came and worked so hard.

### Cluster Poetry Day

In association with other schools in the local cluster, Calow Primary participated in World Poetry Day. This culminated in an exhibition of our pupils' work at the Assembly Rooms in Chesterfield town centre. Class Four represented the School during the event and recited poetry they had written themselves, as well as join in with a cluster wide recital. There have been many compliments about the standard of poetry produced by the children and about their excellent behaviour. Look out for details after Easter of the next cluster competition, when children will be asked to design an alternative cover for a book they have read. The closing date for entries will be 16<sup>th</sup> June.



### Calow Netball Team are Newbold Tournament Champions!

Our School netball team emerged as victors after their participation in the Chesterfield High 5 Netball tournament for Year 5/6 pupils. Congratulations to the children from Calow Primary who played well. The team will be in action again when they participate in a tournament at Netherthorpe School on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

In other sporting news: Three Chesterfield Football players visited School to talk to pupils in all Key Stage Two classes about their fitness regime, as well as encourage healthy life styles.

In association with Premier Sport there will be a 'Before School Club' each Thursday starting on 27<sup>th</sup> April. The club is for gymnastics and is from 8.00 a.m. until 8.45 a.m. To book a place for your child visit [www.premiersport.org](http://www.premiersport.org)

### Easter Eggstravaganza – 6<sup>th</sup> April

Back by popular demand is the Easter Eggstravaganza. The event will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 3.15 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. There will be an Easter egg hunt, craft activities, games and a raffle. Children can enter the Easter bonnet parade with a chance to win prizes. Please note that bonnets are made at home and brought in to School for the event. All proceeds from the Eggstravaganza will be donated to Church. The money will be presented to Father Kevin on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

### Parent Consultations

Parents should have received a letter from their child's class teacher advising them of parent consultations taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please let the School office know if you have not had the letter and wish to arrange an appointment.

### Information Sessions for Parents of children with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism, who live in North Derbyshire

There are a number of workshops for parents organised by the NHS that cover topics such as managing sleep problems or anxiety; supporting communication; and developing play. For more information see the School noticeboard or ask at the School office. You will need to book early though as places are limited.

**Please note: School closes at home time on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April and re-opens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.**