



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

'Aiming High

Together'

## Newsletter

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### A Tribute to Mrs. Nichola Reddish

It was with great sadness that we reported the sudden death of Mrs. Nichola Reddish after a short illness. Mrs. Reddish worked at Calow Primary as a mid-day supervisor for the past thirteen years. Comments from children include: "She was always there for us" and "she was kind and caring to everybody." Calow Primary has lost a dedicated member of staff who was extremely loyal to the School. Mrs. Reddish enjoyed being with the children and their welfare was a priority. Her funeral will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a memorial service at School in due course.

We have been informed that former school cook Mrs. Margaret Booth has died. Mrs. Booth worked at Calow Primary for twenty-two years until her retirement some years ago.

### Opening of Eastwood Park Children's Play Area

Calow Parish Council is responsible for the installation of a children's play area in Eastwood Park. There was some consultation with School in that children were asked for their opinion on the play equipment. The play area was 'officially' opened on 4<sup>th</sup> May. There were a number of invited representatives from the local community. Four members of the School Council attended on behalf of Calow Primary and Mia, Chair of the School Council, was asked to cut the ribbon for the play area. Pictured are our pupils trying the new play equipment.



### Bikeability for Year Five Pupils and other cycling news

Chesterfield based company Wheely Fun Wheels will be providing Bikeability training for Year Five pupils at Calow Primary between 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May. Training from fully qualified instructors, includes safety check for all bikes and helmets. Pupils will perform an assessment of their basic handling skills in the school grounds before riding out, carefully supervised on local roads.

The Women's cycling tour of Britain will be starting and finishing in Chesterfield. We have been asked to decorate a bicycle to add to others that will be displayed in the town and other locations this June. Pupils will be working on decorating the bicycle in the next few weeks. Look out for our pink bicycle (official colour of the tour) in Chesterfield town centre soon!

### Outdoor Classroom Day – 18<sup>th</sup> May

Outdoor Classroom Day is a day to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, thousands of schools around the world will take lessons outside. Outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them with learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. Calow Primary took part in the initiative last year and it was a great success. Teachers are planning a number of educational activities to ensure pupils learn in an exciting way.

### Calow Primary signs up for the Global Learning Programme

The Global Learning Programme (GLP) is building a national network of like-minded schools, committed to equipping their pupils to make a positive contribution to a globalised world by helping teachers to deliver effective teaching and learning about development and global issues in Key Stage 2. The programme is helping schools to: promote values such as empathy, fairness and respect; develop and enhance enquiry and critical thinking skills; deepen curriculum knowledge and understanding; expand global awareness; and strengthen school ethos and values. Many schools have reported the positive impact of the programme and we are looking forward to starting work on it at Calow Primary during May.

### Derbyshire STOP Anti-Bullying Award Scheme

Calow Primary has been recognised by Derbyshire County Council previously with an award of Excellence for its anti-bullying work. The School has now registered for the STOP Anti-bullying award scheme. The award builds on good practice already in place, supporting the development of anti-bullying practice across seven standards of achievement.

**Just a reminder:** The meeting for parents of Year Six pupils about the residential visit to Scarborough takes place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the school hall starting at 6.00 p.m.

The On line Safety meeting for parents takes place at Hasland Hall Community School on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00 p.m.

**School closes at home time on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and re-opens on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.**