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#### **Head Teacher News**

This is the first newsletter after the Easter break and so officially we are now in the Summer Term! As I write this the weather doesn't seem to know, outside it feels like winter! However, this is not reflected in school; wherever I go and whoever I meet there is sunshine. The children are certainly showing that they are **Confident People Shining** and their commitment to working hard and learning is evident.

As always they were a credit to the school (and you) during our visit by the two Ofsted inspectors yesterday, with many of them engaging with the team in order to demonstrate their love of school and being fantastic ambassadors for Calton. We now have to wait for the information about the day. This can take between 3 and 4 weeks.

We have exciting news about the relationship which the school has with Calton Playgroup - we are looking to amalgamate in order to even more enhance the provision that the children and families in our community receive. There is a statement about this later on in the newsletter. We look forward to working with lots of people to ensure this amalgamation is carried out successfully. We don't have an official time when it will happen but are anticipating sometime in later 2019.

In the meantime, welcome back and the idiom for this newsletter is appropriate for the two Calton establishments coming together: "we are on the same page".



Sarah Bunce

# Class Attendance Figures

Mrs Short, School Attendance Officer, would like to say keep up the great attendance and a big **WELL DONE** to each of the following classes:

Week 16.04.18 - 20.04.18

Emerald Class, Year 3 for achieving best attendance 100%

Zinc Class, Year 5 for most improved attendance, achieving 99%

☆ Week 23.04.18 - 27.04.18

Indigo Class, Year 2 for achieving best attendance with 100%

Orange Class, Year 1 for most improved attendance, achieving 98.9%



#### **Reporting Pupil Absences**

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, please telephone the school office, before 9am, stating child's name, class and the nature of the illness.

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#### **Medical Appointments**

We understand that hospital appointments need to be attended at times offered, however, we ask that Doctor and Dental appointments are made out of school hours.



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#### Dates for your diaries

2017/2018

23rd April - 4th May Big Pedal

1st - 2nd MayY4 Residential, Croft Farm4th MayYellow Class Assembly, 9.10am11th MaySapphire Class Assembly, 9.10am11th MayY2 visit Redwood Learning Centre

14th May Y6 SATs week

18th May Y1 walk to Robinswood Hill

21st May Y2 SATs week

22nd May Y5 Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm 25th May Zinc Class Assembly, 9.10am

25th May End of Term 5 4th June Start of Term 6 4th - 8th June D & T week

7th June D & T Celebration Event

11th June iSingPOP week (more details will follow soon)

12th June Y6 Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm 15th June Mercury Class Assembly, 9.10am

18th June Reception visit Bristol Aquarium (letters out soon)

20th June iSingPOP concerts

22nd June Blue Class Assembly, 9.10am

27th June Reception/KS1 Sports Day, 9.30 - 11.30am

28th June KS2 Sports Day, 9.30 - 11.30am
29th June Green Class Assembly, 9.10am
6th July Purple Class Assembly, 9.10am
13th July Ruby Class Assembly, 9.10am

19th July End of Term 6

2018/2019

5th September Start of Term 1

14th November School photographs

Whilst we welcome siblings into school to watch assemblies and other performances we will also provide a crèche facility and would like to encourage parents and carers to use this. Younger children are very welcome to attend performances and assemblies however we appreciate that sometimes it is difficult to occupy them whilst watching the children. If you choose not to use the crèche facility and your younger child/ren are causing a disruption you will be kindly asked to leave the performance. Thank you.

#### Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year 2018

Thank you to those who sent an entry to GYP 2018. There were an amazing 361 entries from 23 Primary schools.

Well done to Chloe, Y1, who's image has been selected to be on display as part of the Cheltenham Camera Club's Annual Exhibition at Chapel Arts, Knapp
 Road, Cheltenham, GL50 3QQ from Wednesday to Saturday 25th – 29th April and Tuesday to Saturday 2nd – 5th May , 10am – 4pm.

#### **Collection from School**

Please remember to let the school office know, as early as possible, if someone else will be collecting your child/ren from school (must be someone over 16). If they are not on the contact list, you will be asked to provide a password.

Thank you

#### Healthy Snacks at School

Please can we remind you that children should bring fruit or vegetables for a mid-morning snack.

If they bring grapes ,or similar fruit/ vegetables ,we expect these are cut in half lengthways to avoid choking.





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#### Teachers2Parents Texting Service - Change of Number

Our text provider has changed the way that text messages look when you receive them.

### A telephone number ending in 1170 will show on your phone.

You can save this number as Calton Primary School so you know it is from us!

If you would like to check the full number that comes up on your phone is form Calton, please pop in to the office and we will be able to confirm this for you.

#### **Donations Please**

Do you have any board/card games or puzzles, in good condition, that you wouldn't mind donating to school?



We need these to use for KS2 children in the quiet area at lunchtime.

Thank you for your support.

#### **School Lunches**

The new summer menu is now on the school website.

The cost of a school lunch has increased to £2.36.

We prefer you to pay using ParentPay if possible.

Please contact the School Office for log in details.



#### Big Pedal 23rd April - 4th May 2018

Over the course of the 2 weeks the children will be participating in a variety of activities, so it is important that they bring their

bike or scooter to school every day.

#### Bling your bike competition

children will need to decorate their bike or scooter at home and ride it to school to win a prize.

Judging will take place as follows:

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April Years 3, 5, & 6 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Year 4 Thursday 3rd May

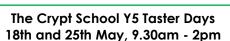
**Golden lock** 2 lucky children will win a prize if their bike or scooter has a golden lock placed on it during the 2 weeks!

**Sunny Weather** 

When we have warm, sunny days, parents are encouraged to apply 8 hour sunscreen before school starts and to send their child in with sun screen to apply themselves. Please clearly label sun screen bottles with your child's name & class. Suitable sun hats can be worn. Thank you



Well done to members of staff who ran the inflatable 5k race on 21st April Check out the photo and more news on the school website at www.caltonprimary.co.uk



Limited places. To take part contact sbailey@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk



## Sir Thomas Rich's Open Days

#### Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd May

8.30am - 1.05pm and 2.15 - 3.30pm www.strschool.co.uk for details Oakleaze, Gloucester, GL2 0LF

#### **Ribston Hall High School**

**Open Morning** for current Year 5 students anticipating entry in September 2019

## Tuesday 19th June 9am -12noon

Stroud Road, Gloucester GL1 5LE www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk

# Pates Grammar School Open Days Monday 25th June 2018

9.15 - 10.45am or 9.45 - 11.15am

Book on the website patesgs.org Telephone 01242 523169 Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham GL51 0HG



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## Calton Playgroup and Calton Primary School Amalgamation

We are delighted to let you know that Calton Playgroup and Calton Primary School have agreed, in principle for Calton Playgroup to become a Calton Primary School governor led playgroup. None of us see any reason why this would affect the provision which you have for your children.

The reason for initiating the proposal is the expectation that all the families for the Calton community we serve are able to access the best that we can all offer in an even more joined up way.

There will be lots of questions which you may all have about the proposal and we certainly don't yet have all the answers! There has been a Working Party from both establishments set up in order to move this venture forwards. We aim to give regular updates on progress and will liaise with experts on the way. Currently we have no "hurry" for this amalgamation to happen, we will take our time to get it right, however, we have said that sometime in 2019 is likely.

Calton Playgroup and Calton Primary School look forward to facilitating the next phase of this exciting journey.

J. Swankie.

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