

Head Teacher News

As always school has been a very busy place. Maths Week has been great success, I look forward to seeing the huge 3D numbers which the children have created being used to aid their learning.

I had the pleasure this week of accompanying the Year 1 children on their visit to Beechenhurst in the Forest of Dean. The enthusiasm for learning I saw was fantastic. We had a super time identifying leaves from trees and exploring the patterns on the bark. As it was a beautiful autumnal day we could truly enjoy finding "treasure" from the forest floor - acorns, sweet chestnuts and rich coloured leaves to name a few.

The ipads were very useful when we were on the Gruffalo trail and helped us to find all of the characters from the story! Throughout the day the children represented Calton Primary School in an exemplary manner and based on all of the fresh air and activity I am sure that they slept well afterwards - many of them had a doze on the way home in the coach!

Thank you to all the grown ups involved in helping to make the day such a success and a big thank you to the children for letting me share in their learning.

Mrs Sarah Bunce

Governor Vacancies

We currently have 2 co-opted governor vacancies.

A co-opted governor is a person appointed by the governing body and who, in the opinion of the governing body, has the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

Ideally, we seek candidates with a background in Finance / HR.

For more information please contact the Chair of Governors at chair@caltonprimary.co.uk

LOOK ... NEW for Calton parents...

Drop in morning for parents. Every Thursday at school in Onyx building, 8.45-9.30.

Tea and coffee available. Members of the pastoral team will be available to talk, give advice or just get to know you.

Positive Parent Course "Time Out For Parents" starting *Oct 31st, 9.00-11.00am. Letters have been sent home, please return the slip to Mrs Smithson. *new start date.

Class Attendance Figures

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

Week 02.10.17 - 06.10.17

Ruby Class, Year 3 for achieving 99.3% and **Copper Class, Year 5** for achieving **100%** attendance

Week 09.10.17 - 13.10.17

Copper Class, Year 5 and **Indigo Class, Year 2** for achieving **100%** attendance



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.

01452 527689

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.



Dates for your diaries

17th October	Parents Evening, 3.30-5.30pm
18th October	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.30pm
20th October	Non Uniform Day & End of Term 1
30th October	Start of Term 2
31st October	Deadline to apply for Secondary School places
30th Oct-3rd Nov	Y6 Residential trip to Condover Hall
10th November	Y6 Platinum Class assembly, 9.10am
17th November	Y2 Magenta Class assembly, 9.10am
17th November	Arts week mini exhibition 3.30 - 4.15pm*
23rd November	Y1 Cinema visit
24th November	Y2 Indigo Class Assembly, 9.10am
24th November	Fireworks at Calton, 6-8pm
1st December	Y2 Turquoise Class Assembly, 9.10am
1st December	School disco
13th December	Christmas lunch
19th December	End of Term 2
3rd January 2018	Start of Term 3
11th January	Y1 start swimming lessons
12th January	Y3 start swimming lessons
19th January	Y5 Iron Class Assembly, 9.10am
22nd January	Y3 Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm
25th January	Y1 Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm
26th January	Y4 Opal Class Assembly, 9.10am
1st February	Y2 Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm
2nd February	Interim reports
6th February	Parents Evening, 3.30-5.30pm
7th February	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.30pm
8th February	End of Term 3
19th February	Start of Term 4
20th February	Y4 Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm
27th February	English Open Morning 9.15 - 10.30am*
29th March	End of Term 4
16th April	Start of Term 5
19th April	Reception start swimming lessons
20th April	Y5 start swimming lessons
22nd May	Y5 Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm
12th June	Y6 Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm

**for our current parents*

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.

Calton Primary School Open Days (for current parents)

We would like to invite our current parents to attend the following:

Arts Week mini exhibition

Friday 17th November 3.30 - 4.15pm

English Week Open Morning

Tuesday 27th February 9.15 - 10.30am

Please go to **Garnet Hall** on arrival

Check out Calton Primary School Open Days, we hope to see you!

Calton Primary School warmly invite prospective parents (Sept 2018 intake) to attend on either of the following:

Open Morning

Tuesday 14th November 9.30 - 10.30am

Open Afternoon

Wednesday 15th November 2.00 - 3.00pm

We look forward to meeting you in November

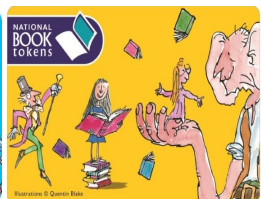
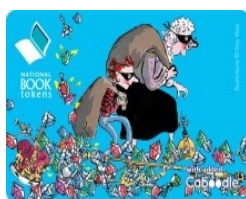


Whole School Reading Challenge

To continue to encourage children of all ages to develop a love of reading, we would like to set a whole school reading challenge. The idea is for every child and adult who wants to be involved, to send in a photograph of themselves reading in their most favourite way. The photograph can be as imaginative as they want and perhaps include their most favourite person or pet that they like to read to. All entries will have their photograph displayed in one of the reading galleries in school and their name will be entered into a prize draw where there will be a chance to win some fabulous book tokens. So get reading!! All entries must be sent in by Friday 3rd November to be included in the prize draw.

Good Luck!

(Please note: We will not be able to return photographs after the event)



Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust - What's On

Halloween Hoot at Robinswood Hill, Gloucester
Thursday 26th October, 11am - 2pm

No need to book, just turn up!

See their website for more details of events

www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/whats-on

Open Morning at

Ribston Hall High School

Wednesday 18th October
2017

9.00am – 12 noon

No appointment necessary

St Barnabas Church

Messy Church is a totally new way of 'doing church'! Free and messy arts and crafts, stories and food. Children need to come with their grown ups. Smaller sisters and brothers welcome. 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month [in term time] at St Barnabas Church, Stroud Road straight after school until 4.30 pm. If you would like more details contact Revd Janet on 01452 545366 or Jane Arkell on 07966238192

Old Cryptians RFC are looking for boys/girls to join their mini section - teams covering Reception to Year 8. Training is on a Sunday 11.00 - 12 noon led by experienced DBS checked coaches. Subsidised kit. Membership £40 per year. Contact Brian for more details 07971 873237 email brihiggs@hotmail.co.uk

Stranger Danger

We recently received information from the police about a possible incident in the local area. Please be vigilant. Stay safe when out & about. Remind children not to talk to strangers.



Allotment News



Since starting the new challenge of creating our very own allotment so many great things have already happened! Thanks to the Woodburn's for donating four raised beds and the help of some very kind and hardworking families and staff from both school and Calton Playgroup; the first beds have been dug and filled, the grass has been mown, a green house erected and a few fruit and vegetables planted! There are so many more exciting things to do, but there has been a real sense of achievement felt by all involved so far. Once again, thank you to everyone who has already donated equipment too. Before I go ahead and buy one, I promise this is my final plea for anyone who may know somebody with a small (6x4) unwanted wooden shed!

All the best Miss Newnham



Don't forget you can email me on alloment@caltonprimary.co.uk

MMR vaccination call following increase in confirmed measles cases in Gloucestershire

Public Health England (PHE) is asking parents to check that they and their children have received two doses of Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine and to be aware of the signs and symptoms of measles, following notification of 8 confirmed, 12 probable and 5 possible cases of measles in children and young adults in the Gloucestershire area.

Parents are also being asked to remain vigilant for signs and symptoms of measles and keep themselves or children away from nursery, school or work if they display symptoms. You should stay off work or school for four days after the typical measles rash has developed.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can be very unpleasant and sometimes lead to serious complications. Most people recover from measles after around 7 -10 days but sometimes it can lead to serious complications and it is estimated that around 1 in every 5,000 people with measles will die as a result of the infection.

It is now uncommon in the UK because of the effective MMR vaccination programme. Although usually a mild illness in children, measles can be more severe in adults.

Headlice Please check your child's hair regularly for these unwelcome visitors. If you find any, we recommend using conditioner and combing through until clear. NHS Choices offer a "Minor Ailment Scheme". Some health care products are offered free to under 16's if you register online. Check out the details on the website: <https://www.nhs.uk/news/medical-practice/minor-ailment-scheme-doesnt-provide-free-calpol-for-all/>

Attendance

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. Children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in tests. The table opposite shows how your child's percentage attendance equates to the amount of school time missed.

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent (190 days in a school year)	Which means this number of sessions missed (am and pm)	Which is approx weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	10 days	20 sessions	2 weeks	54 lessons
90%	19 days	38 sessions	4 weeks	108 lessons
85%	29 days	58 sessions	6 weeks	162 lessons
80%	38 days	72 sessions	8 weeks	216 lessons
75%	48 days	96 sessions	10 weeks	270 lessons
70%	57 days	114 sessions	11.5 weeks	324 lessons
65%	67 days	134 sessions	13.5 weeks	378 lessons

Every minute counts

If your child arrives late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



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Our aim is for all children to achieve at least 100% attendance over the course of the year.

Parents/Carers, we need your help to achieve this. Any child's attendance that drops below 96%; we will be in contact with you.

Attendance and punctuality does matter. Parents/Carers are responsible for ensuring that their child arrives to school by 8:45am.

Information for Parents and Carers:

Absence line:
01452 527689

Attendance Officer: Mrs Rachel Short

What are the rules about school attendance?

Partnership:

By law we are required to keep accurate records of attendance. For this reason staff at Calton Primary School will:

- Ask for appointment cards, notes and or explanations from parents or carers for every single absence.
- Contact you about any unexplained absence.
- Let you know if your child's absence or lateness is of concern and work with you to find a way of improving it.

What about absences?

- It is the parents' responsibility to let the school know on the first day of absence and by 8:30am
- Parents and carers can only explain absences; they cannot authorise them
- The school decides whether explanations about absences are acceptable and if they can be authorised.
- If your child has too many authorised or unauthorised absences then someone from school will be in contact with you to find out what can be done to help get your child back into school regularly.

What parents and carers can do to help ensure good attendance:

- ❖ Let your child know how important education is
- ❖ Ensure your child arrives punctually and is properly equipped
- ❖ Send your child to school every day

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- ❖ Make time to encourage and show interest
- ❖ Attend parents' evening, functions and events
- ❖ Avoid taking family holidays during term time
- ❖ Support with reading, maths passport and spellings and complete Wow book
- ❖ Make sure your child has a good night rest

Absence can hide problems that we could be sorting out together

- Staying away from school and not wanting to go to school for a variety of reasons (like tummy ache, feeling sick etc.) often means that there is something, which may be worrying your child
- Every minor matter can be very big worries or concerns to your child. You may spot changes in the way your child usually behaves. Other things may happen like sleepless nights, pretending to be sick or just looking for reasons to stay at home.

What can I do if my child refuses to attend school?

- Never cover for your child/children
- Make early contact with the school
- Help the school to put things right
- Make sure that your child understands that you do not approve of him/her being absent
- Let us know – we can help