

Head Teacher News

Welcome back to school.

In my assemblies for the next few weeks I am discussing the importance of reading. To be able to read is a right which we all have as human beings. For some this is easier than others and the part we all have to play in this is huge. As Jack told the whole school on Monday "reading is the best skill you can have because reading is in everything", this was then reinforced by Shayden who said "reading improves your vocabulary".

At school we recognise that reading is key to unlocking the world for children and because it is an area of focus for whole school improvement we have recently used the commission money we received from the school photographs to have lots more books in our library. Having all of these books for our use is a privilege as of course many millions of children (and adults) around the world do not get access to such a wealth of books.

However, having the books is only the beginning - regular reading can only enrich not just our lives but also our ability to do well academically. Please remember to fill in WOW Books so that Calton Credits can be earned by your children, although the biggest motivation of all - and the one which would make me smile the most - is when they tell me they read for pleasure.

I aim to get on this weekend with the new book I received for Christmas! Happy reading and a very happy new year. Let's make 2018 the year when we can't get our noses out of books!

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 for having the best attendance over the last two weeks:

Week 03.01.18 - 05.01.18

Blue Class, Year Reception and **Sapphire Class, Year 3** for each achieving 98.8% attendance



Week 08.01.18 - 12.01.18

Sapphire Class, Year 3 for achieving 98.2% attendance and **Iron Class, Year 5** for achieving 97.7% 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



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
2nd February	Red Class Assembly, 9.10am
6th February	Parents Evening, 3.30-5.30pm
7th February	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.30pm Not RED Class (Thurs 8th instead)
8th February	Parents Evening RED & EMERALD Classes only
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*
9th March	Orange Class Assembly, 9.10am
16th March	Copper Class Assembly, 9.10am
23rd March	Emerald Class Assembly, 9.10am
29th March	End of Term 4
16th April	Start of Term 5
19th April	Reception start swimming lessons
20th April	Y5 start swimming lessons
27th April	Amethyst Class Assembly, 9.10am
4th May	Yellow Class Assembly, 9.10am
11th May	Sapphire Class Assembly, 9.10am
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
12th June	Y6 Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm
15th June	Mercury Class Assembly, 9.10am
22nd June	Blue Class Assembly, 9.10am
29th June	Green Class Assembly, 9.10am
19th July	End of Term 6

Calton Primary School Open Day

(for current parents)

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

English Week Open Morning

Tuesday 27th February
9.15 - 10.30am

We hope to see you
there!

**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.

Toys in School

Polite reminder that no toys should be
brought in to school.

Pokemon cards are acceptable.

Please ask the Class Teacher if you are
unsure.

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 over 16). If they are not
on the contact list, you will be asked to
provide a password.

Thank you

School Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform. It is a smart red and is worn with grey. The school logo is on the sweaters and cardigans. Our uniform with a logo is available from the Trutex Schoolwear Shop in Gloucester and many shops sell basics school uniform clothing.

Boys Uniform

Grey Trousers/Shorts
White Polo/Shirt
Red Sweatshirt
Sensible black shoes

Girls Uniform

Grey Skirt/Trousers/Pinafore
White Blouse/Polo
Red Sweatshirt/Cardigan
Sensible black shoes

All clothing and items brought into school must be clearly named. Please ensure that your child/ren are in correct uniform and have a full PE kit in school every day. Thank you.

Parents Evenings February 2018

Tuesday 6th February
3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 7th February
3.30-6.30pm

Red Class will hold parents evenings on Thurs
8th Feb, 3.30 - 6pm (instead of Wed 7th)

Emerald Class will hold parents evenings on
6th, 7th and 8th Feb, 3.30 - 5pm

Please book your Parents Evening slot on
eSchools. Log in from the home page of the
school website

www.caltonprimary.co.uk

Please ask at the school office if you need
help with this.

Behaviour Policy Changes

The Behaviour Safety and Welfare
governor committee would like to let you
know that there will be changes to the
school behaviour policy.

The updated policy will be in place
ready for the 19th February, which is after
the half term. We will let you know when
the policy has been updated so that you
can access this via the school website.

Prior to the start of the next term, the
children will be informed of these
changes and their part to play in the
new policy.



Traffic - Calton Road

Please can we remind parents to drive carefully along
Calton Road, being aware of the 20 MPH speed limit
as well as being mindful of safe places to park.

We have received many concerning reports recently
from local residents and parents who have witnessed
dangerous driving/parking particularly outside school.
Our priority, as always, is the safety of the children.

Thank you for your understanding.

Robinswood Hill Country Park Wildlife Watch

10am -12pm, first Sunday of every month starting in February 2018.

Do you have children aged 6 to 11 years old that love the outdoors?

Come and join Robinswood Hill's Wildlife Watch group.

The group meets once a month and offers a range of fun activities including Bush
Craft, Den Building, Mammal Trapping, games to learn about wildlife and
nature hunts.

£3.00 per child. One parent included free of charge.

Book on the website www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/whats-on