



Calton Playgroup and Primary School Newsletter

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Co-Head Teacher News

As this first newsletter of 2022 is sent to you we mark the end of a successful two weeks back at school. This is not least that we are open despite Covid 19 although of course it is continuing to have an impact on many of our lives, including here in school. However it was lovely today to welcome back an outside audience to watch the Year 5 Zinc assembly and the resumption of after school clubs this term makes things seem even more "back to normal".



I thank you for getting your children into school on time – it remains difficult to get out of a cosy bed on a cold and dark morning! For those of you that are finding it more tricky to be ready for the start of the school day please consider the impact this has on your children, they miss the settling in part of the day and over a period of time this can add up to a significant amount of schooling lost. Whilst we have been monitoring lates please know that this will be a bigger focus for us this term alongside usual attendance issues. If this applies to you maybe it's time to set your alarm clock ten minutes earlier.



As you know our school vision statement spells **STARS** and this is what we wish for our whole community. With this in mind my first newsletter challenge of 2022 is for children to create a poster which depicts our first value of "**Skills**" which show us learning, practising and doing both in and out of school. All entries to reach me by Thursday 27th January ready for the next newsletter. Entries will earn Dojo Points!

Sarah Bunce

Sarah Bunce & Jane Barker-Doe, Co-Head Teachers

Calton Playgroup News

We hope you all had a fantastic holiday and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all our cards, gifts and well wishes and wish you all a very happy new year.

We have been very busy in playgroup from the moment we returned; sharing our holiday news, catching up with friends and welcoming so many new starters.

We have been thoroughly immersing ourselves in activities based on a winter theme and have loved using our hands, a range of art tools and playdough equipment to create and explore. Some of which, led to rather messy but spectacular outcomes!

We've embraced the cold weather, wrapped up warm and headed outside to get some air in our lungs and burn off some of our holiday energy. This resulted in great turn taking with our ride on cars and balance bikes, and brilliant teamwork when building creations for our small world figures and vehicles.

Furthermore, some children were so kind and helped sweep up all the leaves and litter that had blown into the outdoor area so it is sparkling clean once again! What a great team effort!

As usual we have been listening to lots of lovely stories and joining in with counting rhymes and well-loved songs and soon you will receive playgroups topic web showing you all the lovely things we will be learning about this term which means you can join in at home too.

Nursery rhyme: **Horsey, Horsey don't you stop, just let your feet go clippity clop, your tail goes swish and the wheels go round, Giddy up we're home-ward bound.**

All the very best **Calton Playgroup Team**



Key dates for your diaries



21st January	Y5 Copper Class assembly, 9.30am
28th January	Y5 Iron Class assembly, 9.30am
4th February	Y3 Sapphire Class assembly, 9.30am
11th February	Y3 Ruby Class assembly, 9.30am
18th February	Y3 Emerald Class assembly, 9.30am
18th February	End of term 3
28th February	Start of term 4
1st March	Allocation day for Secondary School Admission Sept 2022
8th March	Deadline to accept / decline Secondary School offer
11th March	Y4 Amethyst Class assembly, 9.30am
18th March	Y4 Topaz Class assembly, 9.30am
25th March	Y4 Diamond Class assembly, 9.30am
8th April	End of term 4
19th April	Allocation Day for Primary School Admission Sept 2022
26th April	Deadline to accept / decline Primary School offer
25th April	Start of term 5
27th - 29th April	Y4 Residential, Croft Farm
20th May	YR Yellow Class assembly, 9.30am
27th May	YR Blue Class assembly, 9.30am
27th May	End of term 5
6th June	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
7th June	Start of term 6
17th June	Y1 Purple Class assembly, 9.30am
24th June	Y1 Green Class assembly, 9.30am
1st July	Y1 Orange Class assembly, 9.30am
20th July	End of term
21st July	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
(22nd July is in lieu of Bank Holiday - Queen's Jubilee)	

Important information for Class Assemblies:

- **Entry and exit via Garnet Hall back doors** – parents and carers will come onto site via the gates next to the Reception Classes from 9.15am – 9.30am
- **Masks MUST be worn whilst inside** (we would also request that Lateral Flow Device Testing has been carried out prior to coming on-site but we will not check)
- **We request that each family has a maximum of 2 people attending** – this means we can spread people out more in the Hall
- **Pre-schoolers who may need a creche facility MUST be made known to Class Teachers in the days beforehand so that we can ensure provision is in place**

Please note that any of the above may be postponed at short notice should national or local Covid restrictions be changed. We would also expect that parents and carers respect the safety of others as well as their own safety.

Unfortunately there will be no other alternative offered for assemblies – they won't be filmed or be available for external viewing.

Reporting Pupil Absences

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, please telephone the school before 9am (please press 1) stating child's name, class and the nature of the illness.

Medical Appointments

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

01452 527689 (please press 1) or email attendance@caltonprimary.co.uk to report any absences / appointments

A nurturing, inclusive learning community that enables everyone to be their best

Skills Togetherness Aspiration Resilience Success

February 2022 Parent Consultations with Class teachers (in school)

Tuesday 15th February 3.30 - 5.30pm

Wednesday 16th February 3.30 - 6.30pm

Appointments can be booked on eSchools from 9am on Monday 17th January until 3pm on Tuesday 15th February.

Important information for Consultation Evenings:

- Entry and exit will be via the front of school but we request that you are mindful of others when coming in and leaving
- Masks **MUST** be worn inside (we would also request that Lateral Flow Device Testing has been carried out prior to coming on-site but we will not check)
- Once in the meeting it will be agreed in a mutually convenient way between teachers and families as to whether masks will be worn
- Unfortunately books will not be available to be looked at as this would prolong time on-site (teachers will have them in the meeting to discuss)
- We request that each family has a maximum of 2 people attending
- Timings will be kept as tight as possible to minimise the amount of people around
- We will aim to keep rooms as Covid safe as possible and staff will sit at least 2 metres away from you

We understand that not everyone will wish to come into the building. If you wish to have a phone call consultation instead of a face - face meeting, this can be arranged with your child's Class Teacher separately.



DoodleMaths



Well done for working so hard on your Doodle Maths

Top Doodlers of the week

Reception Lilyanah, Aiden

Year 1 Layla, Rowan, Hamza

Year 2 Jayden, Ezra, Harrison

Year 3 Liliana, Rayaana, Jacoby

Year 4 Zack, Harveer, Emmi

Year 5 Karol, Jonas, Zaina

Year 6 Rosalie, Tobias

Doodlers in the Green Zone

Reception Lilly-Rae, Mohid, Henry, Hollie

Year 1 Maryam, Imogen, India, Lily, Oliver, Rowan, Zahid

Year 2 Aayan, Chloe, Alex, Eli, Jonah, Tirth

Year 3 Austin, Damian, Helena, Miya, Oliwia, Jude, Imogen, Sakeen, Zofia

Year 4 Aiden, Bayley, Sarah, Noah, Lydia, Anuj, Anna

Year 5 Rhemmy, Wiktor, Rachel, Jayden



Admission to infant / primary school September 2022

Apply online for a place by 15th January 2022

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/school-admissions

If you have not heard from Shire Hall you must contact them so they can send you the information to apply for a school place.

school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Allocation day is 19th April 2022

Playgroup Learning

The children have been exploring activities based on Winter, some of which were rather messy!



Concentration, great decisions
& so much fun!

An amazing job was done by the children sweeping the leaves!



FREE weekly coffee mornings at Calton - every Tuesday starting from 25th January 2022

9am - 10.30am, drop children off and then go straight to the Onyx building.

All parents / carers welcome. Toddlers and babies welcome.

A chance to meet other parents, enjoy free coffee and biscuits and each other's company. Hope to see you there! Mrs Stella Smithson

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