

Co-Head Teacher News



Wow – look at the poster about skills which Amelia created! Needless to say she has earned herself lots of Dojo points. A big thank you too to the other children in Year 4 Amethyst Class who also rose to the challenge and gained Dojos for their Space Teams. Talking of teams my thoughts are now turned to the second word of our values – Togetherness. Mrs Barker-Doe talked about this in the last newsletter. I think the pandemic has really reinforced to us how much we enjoy being together. I know that when I recently had Covid I found it very difficult to not see my family and friends for a period of time.

At school we focus on the value of togetherness in everything we do, from being an integral part of our curriculum to the basis of playtimes. When I am outside at lunchtimes it is wonderful to see the OPAL Play activities in use. There are so many different opportunities for the children – from dancing to ball games and scooter riding to quiet reading and everything in between! So my request this time is for children to have a go at making a paper chain of people showing how we all get along together in and out of school. It would be lovely to receive entries by Friday 4th March, again Dojo points are on offer and hopefully we get enough that we may be able to put them on display in school.

Sarah Bunce

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

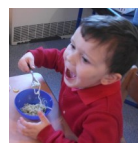


Calton Playgroup News

We have had such a lovely time immersing ourselves in Chinese New Year activities and learning about the culture and customs behind it. We have used story props to learn about the story of how the creatures in the Chinese Zodiac found their place. Shelley has taught us the art of making Chinese lanterns which really helped with our cutting skills and we have taken time to be very creative making our own mask designs.



Furthermore we have worked hard together to paint a Chinese dragon and really loved trying some traditional Chinese food.



We have also re-started our lending library which the children are enjoying. An email with further details will be sent out shortly.
All the best

Calton Playgroup Team

Key dates for your diaries



18th February	Y3 Emerald Class assembly, 9.30am
18th February	End of term 3
28th February	Start of term 4
11th March	Y4 Amethyst Class assembly, 9.30am
18th March	Y4 Topaz Class assembly, 9.30am
23rd March	Individual photos (<i>moved from Nov 2021</i>)
25th March	Y4 Diamond Class assembly, 9.30am
8th April	End of term 4
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
29th June	Class photos
1st July	Y1 Orange Class assembly, 9.30am
13th July	Y6 production (time TBC)
14th July	Y6 Soak The Teacher (details TBC)
19th July	Y6 Fish & chips and Disco (details TBC)
20th July	End of term 6
21st July	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
(22nd July is in lieu of Bank Holiday - Queen's Jubilee)	
9th November	Individual photos

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 – 9.25am
- **No hot drinks are to be brought on site.**
- **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.

2022 / 2023 Term dates for Calton Primary School are on the school website under "Parent Info"

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 absences / appointments

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DoodleMaths

Well done for working so hard on your Doodle Maths last week.



Top Doodlers of the week

Reception Sufyan, Aras
Year 1 Rowan, Layla, Hamza
Year 2 Samiha, Chloe, Shana
Year 3 Lilianna, Imogen, Rayyan
Year 4 Harveer, Zack, Sienna
Year 5 Karol, Murtaza, Zaina
Year 6 Daisy, Tobias, Samuel, Noah



Doodlers in the Green Zone

Reception Jacob, Lilyanah, Phoebe, Prisha, Zane, Hollie, Oscar
Year 1 Asma, Imogen, India, Lacey, Zahid, Maryam, Darcie, David, Olivia
Year 2 Isa, Victoria, Alex, Jonah, Tirth
Year 3 Austin, Damian, Helena, Isabella, Isobelle, Miya, Rafael, Zofia, Jude, Kurai
Year 4 Alexander, Bayley, Israel, Sarah, Tiana, Alisha, Almila, Samuel, Layla, Noah, Theo
Year 5 Leyla, Anna, Jonas, Wiktor, Rachel, Matthew, Jacob, Dylan
Year 6 Aiden, Freya, Ragu, Warwick, Tyler, Keegan, Kadie, Jameel, Isabelle, Inara, Cayden, Adyan



Dogs in the Playground

We appreciate that many people love dogs, we have a number of children in school who are either frightened and/or allergic to them. We therefore ask that dogs are not brought onto the school playground.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Cool Milk

If you would like your child to have milk at mid morning break please register online at www.coolmilk.com

Children in receipt of free school meals also qualify for free milk however, you must still register on the Cool Milk website.



Contacting the School Office

The school office is open Mon - Fri, 8am - 4pm.

Please contact the office by telephone or by email wherever possible.

Medicine in School

If your child needs medicine in school, please email full details of this, including the name of the medication, dose and time to be taken to admin@caltonprimary.co.uk.

Please hand the medicine in at the classroom when you drop off in the morning.

Children dropped off / collected late

As you know we take the safety and care of our pupils very seriously. Thank you to those of you who let us know if you are running a little late - for the vast majority of people this is a very rare occurrence. When they are late we expect children to be signed in / out and a reason given for the lateness.

Any Parent or carer who becomes more frequently late in dropping off / picking up their child will receive a letter inviting them to a meeting to explain the reason for such events.

Where being late collecting children becomes even more frequent our Attendance Policy states that where "Parents or Carers are not consistently fetching their children on time or do not keep us fully informed as to why they are late then we may charge a fee for after school care". This would be an extreme measure but ensures that staff are not put in situations where they become "child carers" beyond their paid roles. If you have any queries about this information please contact Mr Matt Holton - Inclusion Leader.

If you are late dropping off or collecting your child/ren late, please may we ask parents to be patient and courteous while school staff try to help you. Staff availability is often reduced once school has started / finished. Thank you