

Calton Playgroup and Primary School Newsletter 'Confident People Shining at School'

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Head Teacher and Operational Head Teacher News

What an amazing first few days we have had back at school!

A great big welcome to all of our new children and families and of course an equally big welcome to all of you coming



back. Things aren't as we have known them in the past but I have to say that I am so proud to be part of the Calton Community when I see how everyone has respectfully embraced the new routines which we have put into place - children and adults alike. In order to help further we also have a Parent Code of Conduct on our website.

There is no getting away from it that things in all areas of school life are "different" but our aim, as at all times, in conjunction with you all, is to make everything as safe and easy as possible for everyone. There will be more information coming to you next week about the arrangements for coming onto site and leaving. There will also be any update about how we have been directed to deal with illnesses which the children present with as the colds season comes upon us.

We adhere to national Covid guidelines which state that a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a change in taste and smell are the recognised symptoms in children. I thank you all for your vigilance in this matter and recognise that by again working together we make sure everyone is safe.

In the Newsletter from now on you will also have information Mrs Jane Barker-Doe the Operational Head Teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays whilst I am at Hatherley Infant School, (which is a school Calton are working with this year). Also for those new to the school you will see that there is also input from Playgroup. Our Newsletter isn't usually as long as the one this time but we have lots to share - look out for it every fortnight.

At Calton we aim to be **STARS** Sarah Bunce and Jane Barker-Doe

> "Confident People Shining; developing skills for life, supporting each other in our team, achieving our best and always showing respect because successful learners are the STARS at Calton Primary School."



Skills Team

Achieve

Respect

Success



Calton Playgroup News

We would like to welcome all our new children and existing children to Playgroup. The first week back has been very busy. Everyone has started to settle in to the playgroup routine. It's amazing how young children can adapt to new things. They are so resilient.

The new system has worked so much better dropping off at the gate and far less tears than we thought. Such a pleasure to see children playing happily and having some normality restored in their lives.

We have spent lots of time playing outdoors enjoying the fine weather. We have enjoyed lots of new experiences painting inside and outside, riding the bikes in the playground, visiting the allotment and planting some seeds, playing with the magnets and most importantly making new friendships.

Please remember to send in a named water bottle every day and replace any dirty clothes/nappies. Also, if you haven't sent in your child's full birth **certificate** for staff to sight, please do so as soon as possible.

Let's look forward to another exciting week.

Jackie

Key dates for your diaries

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☆ 15th September Titanium Class visit Cospegrove ☆ 16th September Mercury Class visit Copsegrove ☆ 17th September Platinum Class visit Copsegrove

Parents evenings telephone calls for Y6 and Y5

End of term 1 ☆ 2nd November Start of Term 2

Parents evenings telephone calls for Y4 and Y3, 4-7pm

Individual school and playgroup photographs (to be confirmed)

w/c 9th November Parents evenings telephone calls for Y2 and Y1, 4-7pm

w/c 16th November Parents evenings telephone calls for YR, 4-7pm

18th December End of Term 2

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4th January Start of Term 3 11th February End of Term 3

12th February INSET DAY, school is closed to pupils

22nd February Start of term 4

Coronavirus measures

If your child has a new continuous cough or a high temperature (defined as 37.8 C or above) or a loss/change to sense of smell/taste, please keep them at home (and isolate) for 7 days. Please arrange a Covid test. This advice also applies to staff.

Encouraging Good Hygiene

There are measures you can take to stop germs: always use tissues to catch coughs and sneezes, then bin the tissue and wash hands. Wash hands often with soap and water. Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Please can we ask parents/carers to regularly check https://www.gov.uk/ for the most recent updates on the Coronavirus and advice from the Government.

Medical Information

Please ensure that you have informed the school of any medical condition or allergies your child may have. Asthma inhalers should be taken home at the end of each term to be sterilised.

Polite Reminder

No dogs are allowed on the school grounds, not even if carried. Thank you





Important message from Gloucestershire Police

"Gloucestershire Police are aware of a video circulating on TikTok and other platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat which shows a male taking his own life. For parents' awareness, the still of this video is an image of a male with a beard, sat at a desk. Whilst social media platforms have removed the original video, it has been widely re-shared and some users are embedding the video within others to trick other users into watching it.

We would like to remind parents that most social media apps, including Snapchat, Instagram and TikTok, are not suitable for people under the age of 13 due to the nature of some of the content shared on these platforms, including this video. We would also urge individuals to report any harmful content they come across on social media to the provider."

Message from Shire Hall: Incident in the GL52 area of Cheltenham

Below are details of an incident that took place in the above area w/c 7/9/20. If you have any further information, please call the Police on 101 giving the date, location, time of day, description etc. No incident number is currently available.

"A number of Year 6 Girls have this morning reported that on a number of occasions this week they have felt like they are being followed. The individual has been observed near to Oakley, Sainsburys and also in Humber Road. They describe him as being in his 40s with brown hair and a beard. They say that he drives a dark blue truck with a small cab (no registration details available)"



Safe Collection of Pupils from School

Our children's safety is of paramount importance to us all. The end of the school day is a busy time, and our aim is to ensure children are dismissed carefully, under strict supervision, collected on time and arrive home safely.

Staff will release children at the end of the school day from their respective doors to a responsible person that is known to school.

If, as a parent or carer of a child at Calton Primary School, you make arrangements for your child/ren to be collected by another person, it is important that you contact the school office and inform the staff of these arrangements. The authorised person must be a responsible individual aged 16 years or over.

A password will be asked to be provided which the person collecting must also have in order to say to the member of staff releasing the child/ren from school.

Children will not be released to any person that is unknown to school or to another parent unless the school office has been notified in advance.

Any unknown person collecting children will be challenged by staff and permissions checked with the parent/carer. We will also check that children are happy to be handed over to these individuals and that they are known to them.

Thank you for your understanding.

Extract from the Calton Primary School Attendance Policy, updated November 2019

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 routine Doctor and Dental appointments are made out of school hours.

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.





Nut Allergies

We currently have children in school with a nut sensitivity.

In order to minimise risks, no nuts/nut products are to be brought in to school due to possible allergies. This will be constantly monitored and under review.

School Lunches

The cost of a school lunch is £2.32. We prefer you to pay using ParentPay if possible. Please contact the school office if you need log in details.

Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 are entitled to universal free school meals.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 need to pay for school meals unless entitled to Free School Meals.

Please note Free School Meal entitlement has to be applied for and is not offered to everyone. To find out which benefits qualify, please visit http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk and search "Free School Meals".





House Captains



These children have been voted in by Year 6 to represent their own House as House Captain:

Atlantis

Endeavour - Jack & Phoebe Atlantis - Charlotte & Noah Enterprise - Amelia & Isla Discovery - Tomasz & Emily



Parents Evenings October / November 2020

This year parent evenings will take place via telephone, between 4 - 7pm, on the following dates:

w/c 19th October

Monday & Tuesday Y6 Wednesday & Thursday Y5

w/c 2nd November

Monday & Tuesday Y4 Wednesday & Thursday Y3

w/c 9th November

Monday & Tuesday Y2 Wednesday & Thursday Y1

w/c 16th November

Monday & Tuesday Reception

You will be need to book your Parents Evening slot on eSchools.

Slots are 10 minutes each. Booking will be available from 9am on Monday 21st September until 5pm on Thursday 15th October.

Log in to eSchools from the home page of the school website www.caltonprimary.co.uk

Your log in will be your first name.surname and the password is a 4 digit number Please ask at the school office if you need help with this.

**Log in details for reception children are being sent home w/c 14th September - please look out for this letter **

Please note that there will be one slot per child - parents who often come to parents evening together will need to arrange to be together for the phone call.

Due to the parents evenings, please note that the school cannot accept any incoming calls after 4pm on the above dates.

Scooters and bikes

Whilst we are encouraging children to cycle to school, we are unable to take responsibility for cleaning your child's bike/scooter if another child or parent touches it when trying to put theirs in or remove theirs.

We are encouraging bikes/scooters to be taken home once children have ridden to school.

Patrol

Please can we ask that once you have crossed the road using the school patrol that you join the line at the end and respect others who have patiently queued.

Calton Governing Board

Emma Richardson Chair of Governors Sarah Bennett / Daniel Hughes Co Vice-Chairs

Governors

Sarah Bunce Head Teacher

Emma Richardson (Chair of Behaviour, Safety and Wellbeing Committee)
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Sarah Bennett (Chair of Teaching, Learning and Achievement Committee)

Tracy Millard Sue Shaw

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Stella Smithson

Julie Cresswell

Terry Pullen

Lyn Ackroyd

Associate Members

I Jane Barker-Doe

Kirstie Norris

Andrea Preedy

Jackie Swankie



The governing board exists to provide strong strategic leadership to a school, ensuring accountability for its educational and financial performance.

The Calton Full Governing Board and the respective Committees each meet 6 times a year.

The Governing Board currently have a vacancy for a Co-Opted Governor, particularly with a financial background. A co-opted governor is a person appointed by the governing board and who, in the opinion of the governing board, has the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

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

Calton Friends Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Nikki Bell
Vice-Chair Jan Cussons
Treasurer Sam Higgins
Secretary Jan Cussons
ECO Ambassador Laura Juggins

CFA

Natasha Dhawan Laura Inch Naomi Richards Becky West Anna Morris Ellen Pearce

Kirsten Meacham Karen Horsley Calton Friends Association is made up of parents/carers. We fundraise for the school to provide extra funds to spend on the children by creating and supporting amazing events at school.

For more information, or if you are interested in joining, please email cfa@caltonprimary.co.uk

Added Plant Power Vegan	Wholemeal	Available	Daily: The menu is reduced from the normal	ensure we follow the	government guidelines and Covid safe	ALLENGY	in your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of	for information. If your child has a	has a food alegy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form	to ersure we have the necessary information to cater for your	large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our	kitchers it is not possible to completely	remove the rax of aross contamination, traces or elements within products.
	Friday	Breaded fish with Chips	Vegetarian Sausage and Chips	Baked Beans Peas	Vanilla Shortbread or Fruit	Fish fingers or salmon fish fingers with Chips	Vegetarian Sausage Roll and Chips	Baked Beans Peas	Apple cheese & crackers or fruit	Fish in Batter with Chips	Southern Style Veggie Burger	Baked Beans Peas	Fruit & Yogurt or Fruit
u 2020	Thursday	Beef Spagnetti Bolognaise	Jacket Potato Tuna and Vegetables or Salad	Sweetoom Green beans	Chocolate & orange cake with chocolate sauce or Fuit	Cheese and Tomato Pin wheel with potato	Jacket Potato with Vegetarian Bolognaise	Mixed salad Broccoli	Apple Sponge & Custard or Fruit	Chicken Cumy with Rice	Jacket Potato with Beans and Salad or Vegetables	Green beans Cauliflower	Orange drizzle cake or Fruit
Autumn Menu 2020	Wednesday	Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veg Wellington Roast with Roast Potatoes	Broccoli Carrots	Apple Cheese & crackers orackers Or Fruit	Roast Chicken Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Moroccan Veggie Balls with Roast Potatoes	Carrots Green beans	Cookie or fruit	Roast Gammon Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Hotpot	Sweetcorn Savoy Cabbage	Fruit jelly & peaches or Fruit
	Tuesday	Meatballs with Rice	Vegan Mexican roll with home baked wedges	Sweetoom Mixed salad	Fruit crumble with custard Or Fruit	Sausage Roll with home baked Wedges	Southern style veggie burger with home baked wedges	Peas Rainbow slaw	loed Sponge or Fruit	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Broccoi Carrots	Marble cake & custard or Fruit
	ion Monday	Macaroni cheese	Jacket Potato with ABeans and Salad or Vegetables	Cauliflower Peas	Lemon drizzle cake Or Fruit	Cheese & tomato pizza	Jacket Potato Tuna and Vegetables or Salad	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Chocolate brownie or Fruit	Veggie Hotdog	Jacket Potato with Beans and Salad or Veg	Carrol Peas	Banana chocolate ogty square or fruit
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