

Head Teacher News

In the last newsletter I was celebrating that the younger children in school regularly brought healthy snacks into school. The photo I had showed a selection of items which had been eaten by Key Stage 2 children that were not so filling or good for you as a banana. I hope some of you have changed your preferences based upon this!



However, I was reminded again that we are so fortunate to have all of these choices due to the generosity of our school community.

Not only did we raise £460.73 for Children In Need, we have also received hundreds of great donations towards tombolas etc for our Winter Market and, along with playgroup, we donated 232.25kg of food to the Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations.

On behalf of everyone who will benefit from these, I thank you all.
What a kind and big hearted Calton family we are!

Sarah Bunce



★ Class Attendance Figures

☆ Mrs Short is our School Attendance Officer. Each week, in whole school assembly,
 ☆ the classes with the best attendance percentage and the most improved
 ☆ attendance are praised and presented with an award to keep in their classroom
 ☆ for that week. Mrs Short would like to say keep up the great attendance and a big
 ☆ **WELL DONE** to each of the following classes:

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☆ **Week 18.11.19 - 22.11.19**

☆ Best attendance Emerald Class, Year 3 with 98.7%

Most improved Platinum Class, Year 6 with 95.5%

★ **Week 25.11.19 - 29.11.19**

★ Best attendance Topaz Class, Year 4 with 99.3%

★ Most improved Platinum Class, Year 6 with 99.3%



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

Key dates for your diaries 2019 / 2020

2019

3rd December

Year 2 Christmas Experience at St Barnabas, 12.30pm

4th December

Deadline to return photo orders, 3.30pm

5th December

Year 2 Christmas Experience at St Barnabas, 12.30pm

6th December

Playgroup nativity production, 9am

9th December

After School Movie Session Y2 - 6, £3.50 each

10th December

Y5 last swimming lesson

10th December

Reception production, 9.30am

11th December

Reception production, 9.30am

12th December

Year 1 production, 9.30am

12th December

KS1 Disco, 3.30 - 5.00pm, £2.50 per child

13th December

Year 1 production, 9.30am

18th December

Christmas jumper day, £1 donation for

18th December

Christmas carols after school, 3.20pm

18th December

Christmas lunch day

19th December

KS2 Disco, Y3&4 3.30 - 5.00pm, £2.50 per child

19th December

KS2 Disco, Y5&6 5.15 - 6.45pm, £2.50 per child

20th December

Amethyst Class assembly, 9.10am

20th December

End of Term 2

2020

6th January

Start of Term 3

15th January

CFA meeting, 3.30pm, all welcome

21st January

Young Voices concert

27th & 28th January

Reception Height, Weight & Vision, school nurses

11th February

Parents Evening, 3.30 - 5.30pm

12th February

Parents Evening, 3.30 - 6.30pm

13th February

End of Term 3

14th February

INSET Day, school closed to pupils

24th February

Start of Term 4

31st March

Mercury Class Wagamama workshop

1st April

Platinum Class Wagamama workshop

1st April

Calton Primary School and Calton Playgroup Amalgamation

3rd April

End of Term 4

20th April

Start of Term 5

27th - 29th April

Y4 Residential visit to Croft Farm

8th May

Bank Holiday, school closed

11th May

Y6 SATs week

18th May

Y6 Bikeability week

22nd May

End of Term 5

1st June

Start of Term 6

2nd June

Platinum Class visit Copsegrove

3rd June

Mercury Class visit Copsegrove

17th July

End of Term 6

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.

Term dates for 2020 / 2021 will be available shortly - a text will be sent to parents to notify when these are on the school website

"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 FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALES

Calton Friends Association will now be selling pre loved uniform.

Prices will range from 50p to £2.

We will be selling the pre-loved uniform at various events at school.

You can also email us at cfa@caltonprimary.co.uk if you wish to purchase any pre loved uniform at any time during the school year.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Children In Need

Thank you for all of the donations

UPDATE

Your donations have raised £460.73 for the charity.

Thank you



Calton Christmas Carol Concert

Wednesday 18th December

Parents are warmly invited to gather around the amphitheatre behind Garnet

Hall after school on

Wednesday 18th December



The Book Fair raised £174.25 worth of books for the school library.

Thank you for your support

School Lunch Price Reduction

Please note that as from 6th January 2020 the price of a paid school lunch will reduce to £2.32.

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

If you are claiming benefits and think you may be entitled to free school meals, contact Shire Hall 01452 425000 or look up <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk> (free school meals)

Congratulations to Mrs Wilson on her graduation day last week, receiving a National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination.



THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO:
CALTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TO SAY A MASSIVE THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS AT HARVEST 2019
THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF FOOD AND TOILETRIES DONATED CAME TO

232.25 kg

THIS GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THE FOODBANK TEAM AND THOSE WE ARE ABLE TO HELP

Admission to infant / primary school September 2020

Apply online for a place

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/school-admissions **by 15th January 2020**

If you have not heard from Shire Hall by 1st December, you must contact them so they can send you the information to apply for a school place.

school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester

Allocation day is 16th April 2020



Well done to everyone for practising Inter Rail at home. Please ensure that this is recorded in the WOW book so that your child can receive Calton Credits for their hard work.

Did you know that the company that provide Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables for us also have Doodle English. You are able to sign up for a free trial on their website!

Top doodlers of the fortnight;

Year 1 Elaina, Safiyyah, Lilianna

Year 2 Anuj, Zack, Samuel

Year 3 Ruby, Zaina, Wiktor

Year 4 Keegan, Christopher, Prathusin

Year 5 Jadean, Zuzanna, Charlotte

Year 6 Freddie, Alesha



Well done everyone

Important messages from Key Stage 1 staff:

Pokemon Cards

Key Stage 1 would like to ask for your support in keeping Pokemon cards at home from now onwards. While we appreciate the social and educational value this game can have, the younger children are struggling to maintain fair trades during this time. Instead Key Stage 1 will be investing in our own set of Pokemon cards and Top Trump cards. Children will be able to play with these at set times and will be able to learn the importance of fair trades and sharing with adult support when needed.

Gentle reminder

Please respect the Key Stage 1 classrooms when collecting children from Playgroup and at the end of the day. Lessons are still going on, and it can be distracting and unsettling for the children. As always, we appreciate your continued support.

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 18th December

All orders have now been handed in and are being processed.

If you have not ordered a Christmas lunch for your child please send them in with a packed lunch on Wednesday 18th December as there will be no other lunch options on this special lunch day.

The school Christmas lunch costs £2.34.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2, or is entitled to Free school Meals, then there is no charge for the lunch.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will also be having our Christmas jumper day on **Wednesday 18th December**, £1 donation for the Save The Children charity.

★ Well done to Elsee ★

Elsee decided that this year she wanted to raise money for Children in Need. Elsee sat for hours making loom bracelets and asked Miss Kendrick if she could sell them at school to raise money. After a successful sponsored walk and the help of Miss Kendrick setting up her stall Elsee has raised a total **£142.06**. We would like to thank all the parents/children/teachers that supported Elsee in making this possible and for donations received.



❄️ The Great Calton "Winter Market" Bake off ❄️



Today is Winter Market day and hopefully we will be able to report what a huge amount of money we raised in the next newsletter.

Thank you to all who worked with your children to make cakes to sell.

We had a competition for each year group for entries with a theme of "snow" and it is clear that the children have been involved.



A very well done to:

Reception Isa

Year 1 Austin

Year 2 Eli

Year 3 Ameera

Year 4 Mia

Year 5 Katie-May

Year 6 Ammarah



And we also created a special prize for Michah, Josiah and Abigail for working well together on a snowman cake.

Calton Friends Association

CFA Members

Chair - Nikki Bell

Vice Chair - Jan Cussons

Interim Secretary - Jan Cussons

Treasurer - Nicola Collier

Eco Ambassador - Laura Juggins

Committee Members

Karen Horsley

Michelle Clay

Alison Glover

Natasha Dhawan

Becky West

Ellen Pearce

Kirsten Meacham

Laura Inch

Naomi Richards



Winter Market Bake off ❄️





In the community



Gloucestershire Multiple Sclerosis and O2 Centre Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December 2019, 12 - 4pm

Craft stalls, raffle, tombola, chocobola,
bric-a-brac, cake stand
Tea, coffee, cakes

Visit Father Christmas in his Submarine Grotto between
1 - 3pm. Children £5 to include a small gift.



71 - 75 Frampton Road, Gloucester, GL1 5QB

Gloucester Wildcats Cheerleading

Quedgeley Community Centre
Lessons for ages 4+
Additional stunts and tumbling
classes

All levels of ability welcome
For more info

www.balance-dance.co.uk
01452 741711

Gloucester City Targeted Family Support Service

Believe in
children
Barnardo's

Please note that Creches are not available

Webster Stratton, The Incredible Years at Kaleidoscope Children
and Family Centre from Monday 13th January 2020 – 12:30p to
2.30pm

10 week programme available, covering an age range of 2-8yrs
An evidence based parenting programme with a focus on strengthening
parent-child interactions, nurturing relationships, reducing punitive
discipline and fostering parents' ability to promote children's social,
emotional and language development.

You and Me, Mum at Finlay Children and Family Centre from Friday
17th January 2020 – 10:00am to 12.00pm

10 week programme available

You and Me, Mum is a programme for mothers who have experienced
domestic abuse focussing on the impact on their role as mothers and the
effects of domestic abuse on children. The programme empowers women
to reflect on their parenting and make positive changes for them and their
children to move forward following the abuse.

To book a place on any of the above programmes
or to make a referral into our service, please
contact –

Early Help Front Door (details below)
Call - 01452 328584

Email - gloucesterearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk
Search - www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk



Join us at Gloucester Library as we get
into the festive spirit with our

Christmas Fayre

- ♦ Treasure Hunt ♦
- ♦ Live Music ♦
- ♦ Christmas Crafts ♦
- ♦ Santa's Grotto ♦
- ♦ Face Painting ♦
- ♦ Festive Games ♦
- ♦ Card Making ♦
- ♦ Table Top Sale ♦

Tuesday 10th December
3.30pm – 6pm

01452 426973
Gloucester Library, Brunswick Road, GL1 1HT

The Library

Christingle service, St. Barnabas Church Sunday 1st December 4pm

A service for all the family
with oranges, candles and
sweets.

Each lit candle signifies
hope for a changed world.

Children will love it.
Everyone is welcome!

