Calton Primary School Newsletter



'Confident People Shining at School'

10th January 2020

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Head Teacher News

Happy New Year! I cannot believe we are nearly 2 weeks into 2020 already.

It was 10 years ago that I became part of the Calton family. Since then the journey we have been on has been amazing - from moving to a 2 to 3 form entry school to then amalgamating Calton Infant and Junior Schools into Calton Primary.

This year will see our exciting times continue as on 1st April Calton Playgroup will be joining us too!

We continue to be "Confident People Shining" and STARS who strive to always improve. Everyone at Calton is valued and I thank the community for the voluntary contributions made when fundraising - we recently raised money at the Reception and Year 1 Christmas performances.

It has been agreed that this academic year we will be supporting the Spinal Injuries Association https://www.spinal.co.uk/

This is due to a loved member of staff using their services - I am happy to say we can send them £122.00. Thank you! 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:

Week 16.12.19 - 20.12.19

Best attendance Amethyst Class, Year 4 with 96% Most improved Platinum Class, Year 6 with 95%

Week 06.01.20 - 10.01.20

Best attendance Copper Class, Year 5 with 100% Most improved Orange Class, Year 1 with 99%



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.

Key dates for your diaries 2019 / 2020

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CFA meeting, 3.30pm, all welcome ☆ 17th January Topaz Class assembly, 9.10am

☆ 21st January Young Voices concert

🕁 23rd January Deadline for Reception parents to withdraw from screening

☆ 24th January Diamond Class assembly, 9.10am Y3 visit Caerleon Roman museum ☆ 27th January

Reception Height, Weight & Vision screening, school nurses

☆ 31st January Sapphire Class assembly, 9.10am ☆ 7th February Ruby Class assembly, 9.10am ☆ 11th February Parents Evening, 3.30 - 5.30pm Parents Evening, 3.30 - 6.30pm ☆ 12th February

End of Term 3 ☆ 13th February

INSET Day, school closed to pupils ☆ 14th February

24th February Start of Term 4

☆ 13th March Emerald Class assembly, 9.10am 20th March Purple Class assembly, 9.10am ☆ 27th March Green Class assembly, 9.10am

☆ 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

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☆ 1st September 2020 INSET Day, school closed to pupils

☆ 2nd September Start of Term 1 ☆ 23rd October End of term 1

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.

The term dates for academic year 2020 - 2021 are now available on our website - please note the early end of the summer term on 16th July 2021.

Paper copies are available from the school office, please just ask.

Non uniform day - Wednesday 18th December raised £360.88 for the charity Save The Children. Thank you for your support.



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"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.

Extra - Curricular Clubs, Spring Term, Y1-6 pupils

We are very pleased to be offering various extra-curricular clubs within our school, as this enables our children to learn skills to become part of a team, achieve their goals, show respect towards their peers and relish in the success of completing a club at our school. Please refer to the letter for all the information regarding clubs.

Each club will be starting during the week beginning **Monday 13th January** (unless previous letters have been sent out). Clubs will run until week ending **Friday 7th February**.

Clubs will not run during the week beginning Monday 10th February due to Parent Consultation Meetings and Monday 17th February due to the half term holiday. Clubs will recommence week beginning Monday 24th February until Friday 3rd April.

Please note KS1 clubs will NOT be running on Thursday 26^{th} March and KS2 Clubs will NOT be running on Thursday 2^{nd} April due to school discos.

Clubs run straight after school and finish at 4.15pm.

If your child has been successful in gaining a place in a club, they will be sent home with a slip including the details of the club. Reply slips will have information on where to pick up your child from. Please pick up your child promptly at 4.15pm (Unless stated differently).

A copy of the letter can be found on the school website www.caltonprimary.co.uk, Parent Info, School Letters.

School Lunch Price Reduction

Please note that as from 6th January 2020 the price of a paid school lunch reduced 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)

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

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Allocation day is 16th April 2020



Top doodlers of the fortnight;

Year 1 Humaid, Brooke, Rayyan

Year 2 Anuj, Samuel, Jack

Year 3 Wiktor, Beniah, Anna

Year 4 Rosalie, Zach, William

Year 5 Aaron, Katie, Ethan

Year 6 Freddie, Amelia

Well done everyone





Tokens for Books

The Sun and The Sun on Sunday newspapers are running a book promotion for schools. There are tokens in the papers to cut out and hand in to school. If we collect 3,500 by January 16th we will receive free books for school in March. Please hand tokens in to the Class teacher. Thank you.

Drumming Success!

Congratulations to one of our pupils, Sebastian ,who gained a
Distinction in his Grade 1 drumming exam.

This is an absolutely amazing achievement – well done!

If your child is interested in learning to play the drums please contact the drum tutor, Phil Guest, by email midlandsdrumlessons@gmail.com.

Co-opted Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor, preferably with a background in finance. Governors serve a 4 year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the Governing Board.

You might like to look at the information for prospective governors on the Gloucestershire County Council website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/governors

If you have any queries regarding the expectations of being a governor at Calton Primary School, or would like to discuss the role further, please contact the Chair of Governors by email, chair@caltonprimary.co.uk

OPAL

As OPAL at Calton grows, we plan to use the field on a more regular basis and in most weather. From this term your child will need waterproofs and wellies in school to be able to use the field during wet weather. Throughout lunchtimes the children are being encouraged to creatively play through dress up, music, construction, ride on toys, role



play and many other activities. Calton has a vision to make playtimes amazing. We want to introduce mud kitchens and sand pits, but we need your help!

If you work in a trade and can help us with building, painting, sourcing materials please get in touch with the school office and help us to help your children.

Thank you Mr Coughlin and the OPAL team.



In the community



Aimed at boys aged 8-15 with Treble or Changing Voices Great performance opportunities Music from a variety of styles and genres



NEXT SESSIONS

Sunday 12th January Sunday 9th February Sunday 8th March

(2-3.15 for Treble Voices, 3.30-4.45pm for Changing Voices)
We rehearse in Christ Church, Cheltenham

For more details visit www.bensawyermusic.co.uk/boys-choir



Tesco School uniform update The Tesco Uniform Embroidery Service has closed

You can now order embroidered uniform directly from Tesco's old supplier through their new service, **My Clothing**. They offer great value as well as support for schools through their own donation scheme. See the poster on the left for details.

For details from Tesco, please visit: https://www.tesco.com/zones/ues

Parents Evenings February 2020

Tuesday 11th February 3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 12th February 3.30-6.30pm

You will be able to book your Parents Evening slot on eSchools as of 9am on Friday 17th January, until 5pm on Monday 10th February.

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

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



At Kip McGrath, our focus is to help your child reach their full potential.

✓ Maths ✓ English ✓ Reading ✓ Spelling ✓ Comprehension • Primary - Secondary

We make learning fun and engaging to improve results. You will receive progress reports and updates to track your child's improvement.

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CALTON PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2020/2021



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Early May Bank Holiday Spring Bank Holiday Summer Bank Holiday

3rd May 2021 31st May 2021 30st August 2021

195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2020/21 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide Individually or collectively which 6 days in the year as INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).

Total 195 days*