



Calton Playgroup and Primary School Newsletter

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Acting Head Teacher News



May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and relaxing summer break after what has been the hardest 16 months in Education for everyone since possibly World War II. I would like to say a big thank you to the staff, governors and of course the pupils and you as parents for your support during a very difficult period. As we come to the end of the academic year we say farewell to our Year 6 cohort and wish them all the luck for the next stage in their journey.



We also say farewell to a number of school staff: Mrs Cross, Miss Mayall, Mr Page, Miss Burkett, Miss Stainton, Miss Mabey and Miss Casanove who will be moving on into new roles. Whilst it may be sad to say goodbye to children and staff I am pleased that Calton has been able to provide such great education to children and professional development to staff to continue with their career.

In addition, we say farewell to Mrs Trigg who is retiring after working at the school for 18 years. She has worked across the whole primary phase including playgroup. Many of you would have known Mrs Trigg, if not have been supported by Mrs Trigg over the years. We welcome back Mrs Watkins to Reception following her maternity leave.

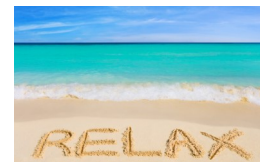


Congratulations to Mr Hutchinson who has received a certificate for 9 years of service working as the School Patrol Officer. Please see the letter sent today with updates regarding School Patrol for September.

Please can I ask that you read the letter sent earlier in the week regarding the opening of school following changes in COVID-19 regulations.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on the 6th September after what I hope has been a restful period for everyone.

Jane Barker-Doe, Acting Head Teacher



Calton Playgroup News

This week we have been playing outside in the sunshine, exploring the dinosaur swamp "Yucky, look it drips off my fingers" "The dinosaurs will need a bath to get clean" "I can see dinosaur foot marks". We have been making charts on clipboards "I want to see how many girls and boys are here today!" (mark making and counting). The children have enjoyed revisiting their learning journey and reminiscing on their adventures and friendships made during their time at Calton Playgroup. A big thank you to all our parents who have contributed to these journeys. We hope you enjoy looking at them with your child.

I'd just like all playgroup parents to know how amazing their 2/3/4/5-year-olds have been! (them too-sharing information and updates). They have been alive for 30-60 months and have seen two lockdowns, missed time in playgroup (for some), seeing family, grandparents, trips out, birthday parties, swimming lessons and martial arts.

What a year and the world expects so much of one so small - these children have worked hard and diligently all year and have 'gone beyond expectations'. They are amazing, we are so proud of them and would like to wish all our pre-schoolers "Good Luck in Reception". We will miss you all. You are all super stars □□□□ keep shining bright.

Thank you for the lovely cards and presents ☺ Have a lovely Summer break. Take care and stay safe.

See everyone when Playgroup re-opens on 6th September 2021.

Jackie Swankie, Playgroup Manager



Key dates for your diaries



2021 / 2022

2nd & 3rd September	INSET DAYS, school closed to pupils
6th September	Start of term 1
27th Sept - 1st Oct	Y6 Residential to Condover Hall
22nd October	End of term 1
1st November	Start of term 2
10th November	Individual Pupil & Playgroup Photographs
17th December	End of term 2
4th January 2022	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
5th January	Start of term 3
18th February	End of term 3
28th February	Start of term 4
8th April	End of term 4
25th April	Start of term 5
27th May	End of term 5
6th June	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
7th June	Start of term 6
21st July	End of term
22nd July	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils

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.**

The Family Information Service is a great website to check out to help you with ideas to entertain your children over the holidays. It Provides:

*Free impartial, confidential information, advice and signposting for families with children aged 0 -19

*Activities for children, young people and families in Gloucestershire including things to do during school holidays and seasonal events

*Specific activities and information on support for children with additional needs to access them
<https://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glosfamilies/home.page>

Bling your bike Well done to the following children for winning the bling your bike competition during Big Pedal week!

Key Stage 1 winners – Isa, Oscar and Molly **Key Stage 2 winners** – Noah, Yahya, Leyla and Chloe



“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



Year 6 Leavers



Playgroup Learning



"Would you like to come to tea?"



"It goes
buzzzzzzzz, it
bites"



Playing 1,2,3 Where are you? in forest school.
"I hid in a good place, you couldn't find me!"

"Wow that's amazing,
look how big it's
grown!!!"



Exploring a bumble bee
with a magnifying glass
"Gosh, it looks bigger!"

"It can go in the hole and then
give it lots of water to make it
grow big" Planting peppers



"I can do it" Taking risks and
meeting a challenge.