



Calton Playgroup and Primary School Newsletter

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Head Teacher News



Today you will have been notified of the first positive Covid 19 case here at Calton. This has resulted in Amethyst Class in Year 4 being off site until Thursday 26th November. I understand that this news may cause you to be concerned, as a school we have taken the correct advice and acted accordingly. All children who are not in Amethyst Class are still expected to be in school. We hope that all involved remain well.

As a community it is so important that we all work together during this time. This has been the reason for us stressing the importance of keeping 2 metres apart when on site and for adults to wear masks. Thank you to all who adhere to this request. However, now that we have had a confirmed case I would like to take this opportunity to ask again that we all stick to the rules.

School remains a calm, safe and happy place where the children and adults are getting on with their normal routines. It is important that we continue in this way so that when we are confronted with any changes we can deal with them. There has never been a more relevant time to call the whole Calton community **STARS!**

***Yours, with thanks,
Sarah Bunce, Head Teacher***



Calton Playgroup News

Playgroup has been very busy this week painting firework pictures and talking about our own experiences. We also managed to complete 1 minute's silence on Wednesday 11/11/2020 at 11.00am after we had watched the Remembrance video on CBeebies. (We are very proud of all the children).

We have been exploring textures using gloop, first it was dry 'like snow', then wet 'like water' we added polar bears and this led to discussions about the seasons and weather. The children's play was extended as a child's interest led to whales being added and new vocabulary learnt for example 'sperm whales and orca's'.



This week's nursery rhyme is: **Leaves are falling (to the tune 'I hear thunder')**
Leaves are falling, Leaves are falling, To the ground, To the ground, Look at all the colours, Look at all the colours, Red, yellow, brown, Red, yellow, brown.



We are collecting **empty clean** crisps packets along with the school to be donated to charity so they can be changed into survival blankets for the homeless this winter. These can be put in a basket in playgroup. We have until the 26/11/2020 to collect as many as possible. Let's get collecting!



Jackie Swankie, Playgroup Manager



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Key dates for your diaries



2020

w/c 16th November	Parents evenings telephone calls for YR, 4-7pm
23rd November	R, Y1 & Y2 Nasal Flu Vaccine, School Nurse Immunisation Team
24th November	Y3 & Y4 Nasal Flu Vaccine, School Nurse Immunisation Team
25th November	Y5 & Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccine, School Nurse Immunisation Team
18th December	End of Term 2

2021

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
22nd - 26th March	Year 6 Residential, Condoover Hall (rescheduled from Sept 2020)
26th - 28th April	Year 5 residential, Croft Farm (rescheduled from Year 4)
28th - 30th April	Year 4 Residential to Croft Farm

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.**

Childhood Nasal Flu Programme Reception to Year 6

The Immunisation Team will be at school in November (dates above) The vaccination is a quick and simple spray up the nose.

To give or to decline consent:

Please use the link or scan the QR code provided on the NHS letter that has been emailed to parents.

If your child is asthmatic they require you to complete a paper consent form. This is due to recent changes to the assessment criteria for those children with asthma which they are unable to update on their online system. A paper copy will be sent home only for those children known to school that have asthma.

Due to COVID -19 Calton Primary are not offering paper copies of the consent form (except for those children with asthma).

Please complete and return the online consent form to the Immunisation Team no later than Tuesday 17th November.

Admission to infant / primary school September 2021

Apply online for a place **by 15th January 2021**

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/school-admissions

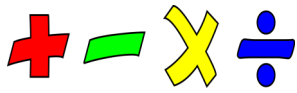
If you have not heard from Shire Hall by 1st December, you must contact them so they can send you the information to apply for a school place.

Email: school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Allocation day is 16th April 2021

School Office

In the current circumstances, we ask that parents contact the school office by telephone **01452 527689** or email **admin@caltonprimary.co.uk** rather than in person. Thank you for your understanding.



DoodleMaths



Well done for working so hard on your home learning.

Top Doodlers of the week

- Year R** Zahid Hephzibah Ayesha
- Year 1** Chloe, Jonah, Victoria
- Year 2** Ellis, Rayyan, Lilianna
- Year 3** Almila, Sarah, Sienna-Rose
- Year 4** Zaina, Rayaana, Wiktor
- Year 5** Courtney, Kelsie, Maja
- Year 6** Nathan, Luke, Aaron



Doodlers in the Green Zone

- Year R** Zahid, Darcie, Asma, Olivia, Aliyah, Hephzibah, Ely, Youstra, Oliver, Olivia, Violet, India, Saniyya, Rowan, Layla, Elisa, Dulcie, Hugo, Iggy, Ayesha, David, Emily, Oban, Imogen
- Year 1** Chloe, Alex, Jonah, Adam, Shana, Crystal, Tirth, Aarya, Victoria, Jessica, Matilda
- Year 2** Ellis, Alexander, Jude, Eesa, Miya, Isobelle, Michael, Rayyan, Jack, Kurai, Oliwia, Nathan, Imogen, Ranish, Inayah, Aalyan, Jacob, Lilianna, Isabella
- Year 3** Almila, Zack, Samuel, Yayha, Elliot, Sarah, Mylie, Hanah, Filip, Aahil, Bayley, Jasmine, Sienna-Rose, Emmi, Anuj, Noah, Theo, Sophie, Harvey,
- Year 4** Zaina, Jona, Amelia, Benaiah, Tamsin, Cerys, Matthew, Elliot, Riley, Rayaana, Fletcher, Evie-Mai, Sebastian, Wiktor, Dylan, Thomas, Rachel, Harvey, Layun
- Year 5** Courtney, James, Tobias, Tilly, Rosalie, Noah, Prathusin, Nathaniel, Daniel, Kaycee, Kelsie, Adnaan, Zach, Corben, Elizabeth, Maja
- Year 6** Nathan, Katie, Mason, Goncalo, Emily, Daisy-May, Luke, Tayonne, Flo, Jack, Aaron, Jai, Sasha



Doodle English

Well done for working hard on your Doodle English.



Top Doodlers of the week

- Reception** Ayesha
- Year 1** Victoria, Adam, Jensen
- Year 2** Alexander, Rayyan, Lilianna
- Year 3** Demi, Samuel
- Year 4** Zaina, Rayaana, Wiktor
- Year 5** Noah, Eliot
- Year 6** Nathan



Doodlers in the Green Zone

- Year 1** Adam
- Year 2** Miya, Eesa, Isobelle, Imogen, Aalyan, Inayah, Oliver, Sakeen, Damian
- Year 3** Anuj, Zack
- Year 4** Benaiah, Cerys, Matthew, Thomas, Rachel
- Year 5** Tobias
- Year 6** Mason, Katie, Tyrese



Clean, empty crisp packets needed

As a school, we are aiming to collect your empty crisp packets in order to provide survival blankets for those that are homeless. We need your help to stockpile clean, empty crisp packets and bring them into school, where a box will be provided in their classrooms until 26th November 2020.



These blankets are essential for the cold weather and could make all the difference to people's lives. Thank you so much for your support.

Calton Virtual Learning

Parent information for the new Home Learning provision can now be accessed by using the link bit.ly/CaltonVLE.

Any child who is self-isolating, including that of waiting for test results, will need to complete learning via eSchools until they return to school.

Coronavirus measures

If your child has a new continuous cough or a high temperature (defined as over 38) or a loss/change to sense of smell/taste, please keep them at home (and isolate) for 7 days. Please contact 111 online for advice or arrange a Covid test. This advice also applies to staff. Should you need to self isolate, please note that every Year group uploads their home learning/Class lesson every week to eSchools for you to access whilst at home.

Covid-19 School Update

As you are all aware COVID infection rates are increasing in Gloucester. In light of this worsening situation, we request that as of Monday 9th November all parents and carers wear a face mask/appropriate face covering when entering the school site to deliver or collect your child. It is important that if you are unable to collect your child, the adult that is collecting is informed of the new expectation. All staff members who are outside at the beginning and end of the day, will also be wearing face masks. **We also wish to remind that it is imperative to observe social distancing guidelines at all times when on school site, or when waiting to enter it.**

Arrival times are still 8:40am -9:00am and collection times are 3:00pm-3:20pm. After these times the gates and or doors are closed and you will need to wait outside the main entrance socially distanced to drop or collect your child.

Hopefully if everyone takes great care to follow the social distanced guidelines and arrive at the right times along with wearing face masks, we will minimise the risk of passing on the virus without needing to introduce any additional measures.

Thank you for your support.

Please check <https://www.gov.uk/> for the most recent updates on Coronavirus and advice from the Government.

School Parliament

The decisions of Parliament are at the forefront of everyone's minds these days, and this is something that the children understand well - at Calton Primary School we have our very own School Parliament.

Every year a political campaign from the hopeful candidates is run to select a cabinet to work with the Head Teacher in order to make important decisions that they feel are for the greater good of the school. For example, last year a great deal of work was put into the maintenance of the school allotment, as well as some excellent fundraising ideas thought up by School Parliament.

This year, a School Parliament vote was conducted to elect a Prime Minister, Chancellor, Eco Minister and Tech Team. Unlike other years before, it was important to do this within Covid guidelines. The candidates therefore shot and edited extremely well thought out video campaigns which were broadcast across the school for every class to cast votes, each class evaluated the campaigns and voted for their candidates remotely, before the results were revealed, live in an assembly broadcast, to the awaiting audience.

Congratulations to the successful candidates, and a huge well done to everyone who put time and effort into pioneering a political campaign.

Tech Team - Maizie, Emily, Preston, Holly

Eco-Minister - Katie

Chancellor - Eesa

Prime Minister - Harmony



“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

