

Co-Head Teacher News

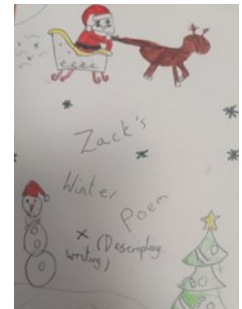
In my last newsletter I set the challenge to write either a poem or piece of writing about the seasons of either Autumn or Winter. You will see from the photo that I have received one entry which is embracing Winter and Christmas. I think I probably haven't given enough time for children to have a go so I am extending the window of opportunity to enter until Friday 3rd December so hopefully the change in weather (it is due to become much colder this weekend) will give you some inspiration.

On another note it has been wonderful to hear that the nurses who are administering the flu vaccinations to our children have commented that the pupils are so polite and well behaved. This is so lovely as these people go to lots of different schools and our Calton children have reinforced what **STARS** they are. Thank you to all parents and carers who have consented for their children to have the vaccination as any further protections we can put into place to keep everyone safe is only helpful.

Safety is always paramount for us and on this can I please request that those of you who drive to school continue to be careful and are considerate of our Calton Road neighbours. Unfortunately there have been recent incidents where drives have been parked in front of and members of our school community have responded in an unpleasant manner. This is disappointing as it goes against everything we stand for at Calton. We would always advocate that you park at 'The Club' in Tuffley Avenue and take the opportunity to walk part of the way to the site and enjoy the last of the autumn colours and sun.

Sarah Bunce

Sarah Bunce & Jane Barker-Doe, Co-Head Teachers



Calton Playgroup News

We have been extremely busy the last 2 weeks celebrating Diwali. Some of the children talked about how they celebrated it at home. We drew around our hands and created Mendi patterns. We made clay diva lamps with a tea light to take home. We had coloured rice and created a rangoli pattern together in a tuff tray.

We created some beautiful firework pictures and talked about the noisy ones that scared us too.

On 11th November we managed a one-minute silence to remember all the soldiers who were sent to war and say thank you to the people who have since fought in wars. We made poppies and talked about how they remind us to be kind and peaceful to each other.

We have enjoyed lots of fresh air playing outside and going on adventure walks around the playground.

We are excited about Children In Need Day and have been making Pudsey Bear plates.

Rhyme **Falling Apples**

**Here is the tree with its leaves so green.
Here are the apples that hang between.
When the wind blows, the apples will fall.
And this is the basket to catch them all.**

Have a lovely weekend and make the most of the sunshine before the cold weather sets in.

Jackie Swankie, Playgroup Manager



Key dates for your diaries



19th & 26th November	Y2 Turquoise and Y2 Indigo Class assemblies will be videoed & a link will be made available on relevant eSchools Class pages by the Monday afterwards for you to watch the assembly.
23rd November	Y6 Height & Weight, School Nurses
17th December	End of term 2
4th January 2022	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
5th January	Start of term 3
12th, 13th January	Reception Height, Weight, Vision, School Nurses
14th January	Y5 Zinc Class assembly, 9.30am
21st January	Y5 Copper Class assembly, 9.30am
28th January	Y5 Iron Class assembly, 9.30am
4th February	Y3 Sapphire Class assembly, 9.30am
11th February	Y3 Ruby Class assembly, 9.30am
18th February	Y3 Emerald Class assembly, 9.30am
18th February	End of term 3
28th February	Start of term 4
11th March	Y4 Amethyst Class assembly, 9.30am
18th March	Y4 Topaz Class assembly, 9.30am
25th March	Y4 Diamond Class assembly, 9.30am
8th April	End of term 4
25th April	Start of term 5
27th - 29th April	Y4 Residential, Croft Farm
20th May	YR Yellow Class assembly, 9.30am
27th May	YR Blue Class assembly, 9.30am
27th May	End of term 5
6th June	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
7th June	Start of term 6
17th June	Y1 Purple Class assembly, 9.30am
24th June	Y1 Green Class assembly, 9.30am
1st July	Y1 Orange Class assembly, 9.30am
20th July	End of term (22nd July is in lieu of Bank Holiday - Queen's Jubilee)
21st July	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils

Here is the **link** to the current issue of
[Families Gloucestershire Magazine Nov/Dec 2021](#)

The magazine features information about upcoming local activities for children as well as activities and information for families for the Christmas period.

Reporting Pupil Absences

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, please telephone the school before 9am (please press 1) stating child's name, class and the nature of the illness.

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.**

01452 527689 (please press 1) or email attendance@caltonprimary.co.uk to report any absences / appointments

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Admission to infant / primary school September 2022

Apply online for a place
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/school admissions
by 15th January 2022

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 19th April 2022

Healthy Snacks at School

Please may 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 to be cut in half lengthways to avoid choking.



Due to some children in school having severe nut allergies **nuts, or any food that may contain nuts / nut products, are not allowed in school.**

This includes Nutella and any other chocolate spreads that may contain nuts.

Consultation on schools reducing Published Admission Numbers for 2023

Calton Primary School is seeking to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for September 2023 from 90 to 60.

This proposed reduction is to enable the school to ensure the efficient use of their resources.

Although the Regulations and Code of Practice relating to school admissions no longer require an admissions authority to consult when maintaining or increasing a school's PAN, there remains a requirement to consult when the proposal is to reduce a PAN.

Full consultation details available are available at [School Admission Consultation](#) which is open from 20th October – 15th December 2021. Any comments regarding the consultation should be made via this link.

If you have any other queries, please email:

SchoolAdmissionPolicy@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, starting in Term 3. Parent Governors are elected by the parents of children currently attending our school. They serve a 4 year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the Governing Board. Nomination letters have been emailed to parents today.

The Role of Parent Governors

Parent governors should play a full and active part in the governing board but, parent governors, like other governors, do not have the power to act as individuals or as a group, unless specifically authorised to do so by the governing board.

Parent governors are not on the governing board simply to represent the interest of parents, or to be the only link with parents because all governors must have regard to these issues. Parent governors have the same rights, responsibilities and duties as other governors.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, please complete and return the nomination form (self nomination is acceptable), to clerk@caltonprimary.co.uk no later than **12.00 noon on Friday 3rd December 2021**. (A paper copy of the form is available upon request)

Playgroup Learning



"I got that noise, it's a sneeze"

Exploring the texture of the clay when adding water to make our divas



"This is my poppy, it's lovely "

Playing 1,2,3
Where are
you? "Can't
find me!"



Investigating Fungi found in the undergrowth. Wow. Look what I found!!"



"Who's going to make the BBQ to cook the fish we caught?"