



Calton Playgroup and Primary School Newsletter

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Acting Head Teacher News



The term has continued at great pace and there are loads of things that are always going on, lots of this we share on Facebook. Our pupils are continuing to work hard in their classes and to learn and apply key learning skills. We pride ourselves on ensuring that we offer a broad, creative curriculum and it is always wonderful to see an array of learning around the school even during times of restriction. It is exciting that some many children have signed up to a club after half term. We are still keeping emotional health and wellbeing for our pupils high on our priorities. The staff are conscious that pupils need time to express their feelings in a welcoming environment. Some pupils are also receiving counselling to support them further. We are still asking you to continue to wear facemasks on the school premises for the time being. We have noticed a drop in these as well as parents who seem to think that they don't need to queue. Please can we ask that you support the expectations – fingers crossed that June 21st brings new guidance for schools. It is with sadness that I share the passing of the author Eric Carle. The Hungry Caterpillar has been read to every child and probably no doubt many of you have read it too! His stories and cherished memories have been a childhood favourite for decades. His stories have impacted generations and hopefully will continue to do so. A sad loss for the children's literary community.



If you are going on holiday in term time please note that this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Parents/carers also need to take note of the Government guidelines regarding quarantine and COVID testing if they travel to specific areas. All holiday requests need to be emailed to admin@caltonprimary.co.uk

After the half term we will be sending out our parent/ carer questionnaire. Like all of the other questionnaires sent, this will be through survey monkey. We value your views and ask that you look out for the notification and complete the questionnaire as appropriate

Finally from me, the sun seems to have made an appearance in time for next week and I hope that you have a wonderful half term break.



Jane Barker-Doe, Acting Head Teacher



Calton Playgroup News

This week the children have enjoyed the sunshine being outdoors and exploring the world around them which helps to reduce stress levels and increase their attention. We have been on a Bear hunt (we weren't scared)! Then we did a little cloud watching. "Look how fast the clouds move" "I can hear a helicopter but I can't see it!" We have been on a bug hunt and examined snails, wood lice, worms and a (dead) bumble bee we found. We looked close up with magnifying glasses. "I can see lines on the bumble bee's wings". "They curl up in a ball when they are scared". We have also spent time weeding in our allotment plot around the herbs. "Look at this fat worm, it's wiggling". "Smell this, it stinks!"

We finish the last day of this term in our favourite place, Forest School, where the grass has grown and we can hide when we play "1,2,3 Where are you?" We have explored the area and reinforced the rules and boundaries while sitting in base camp and we practiced a little mindfulness. "You couldn't find me" "I love swinging in the hammock" "We made a house for Hettie and she got a bed, a soft pillow made of feathers for her head to sleep on" "I can hear me breathing".

This half term why not go on a bug hunt and see what creatures you can find? You could make your own inside fairy garden using old pots, stones, soil and flowers. Please share any photographs of your adventures at playgroup@caltonprimary.co.uk We would love to see them.

We would be grateful for any odd balls of wool you may have. Happy half term, stay safe.

Nursery rhyme this week:

Oh, do you know the muffin man, the muffin man, the muffin man,

Do you know the muffin man who lives down Drury Lane.

Oh, yes I know the muffin man, the muffin man, the muffin man,

Yes, I know the muffin man who lives down Drury Lane



Jackie Swankie, Playgroup Manager

Key dates for your diaries



2021

Due to current government Covid guidelines please note that the parent sports mornings will not take place this year

7th June	Start of Term 6
7th June	After school clubs start this week
14th June	Y2 visit Robinswood Hill
21st & 22nd June	School Nurses in for Reception Screening (Height, Weight, Vision)
30th June	Class & Playgroup Photographs
5th July	Last week of after school clubs
12th - 14th July	End of Year School Reports emailed out to parents
16th July	End of Term 6

2021 / 2022

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

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.**

If your child will be late into school due to a medical appointment, please ensure the Class teacher knows if they need a school lunch.



PARKING / DRIVING ON CALTON ROAD

Please do not park on the yellow markings outside the front of school. This includes the yellow zig zag and single yellow lines. Signage is on display at the front of school to emphasise the rules and anyone parking on the markings could face a fine.

Can we also remind everyone to be considerate of each other and of residents when parking / driving on Calton Road.

Let's work together to keep our children safe on their journey to and from school.

“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

DoodleMaths



Well done for working so hard on your home learning.

Top Doodlers of the week

- Year R** Maryam, Saniyya, David
- Year 1** Mihaela, Adam, Victoria
- Year 2** Mamadou, Rayyan, Damian
- Year 3** Zack, Sarah, Anuj
- Year 4** Siana, Riley, Wiktor
- Year 5** Isabelle, Nikodem, Maja
- Year 6** Aisha, Charlotte, Aaron



Doodlers in the Green Zone

- Year R** Maryam, Madany, Asma, Saniyya, Layla, David, Emily, Imogen, Oben, Lils
- Year 1** Mihaela, Alex, Phoebe, Adam, Jonah, Micah, Victoria, Isa, Aayan, Oscar,
- Year 2** Mamadou, Ellis, Jude, Elaina, Austin, Miya, Isobelle, Eesa, Rayyan, Imogen, Nathan, Damian, Rafael, Sakeen,
- Year 3** Zack, Almila, Yahya, Sarah, Harveer, Bayley, Anuj, Demi, Noah
- Year 4** Siana, Zaina, Kaydon, Jayden, Matthew, Jonas, Jona, Benaiah, Tamsin, Amelia, Amayah, Alexandria, Riley, Leyla, Anna, Raya, Sebastian, Abigail, Enzo, Wiktor, Rachel, Adam
- Year 5** Isabelle, Tobias, Nathaniel, Nikodem
- Year 6** Aisha, Noah, Nathan, Tyrese, Katie, Mason, Charlotte, Ethan, Jack, Aaron



Doodle English

Well done for working hard on your Doodle English.

Top Doodlers of the week

- Year R** David
- Year 1** Victoria, Jensen, Alex
- Year 2** Miya, Rayyan, Lilianna
- Year 3** Anuj, Harveer, Zack
- Year 4** Zaina, Leyla, Wiktor
- Year 5** Isabelle, Nikodem
- Year 6** Ethan, Tyrese



Doodlers in the Green Zone

- Year R** Emily
- Year 1** Jessica, Adam, Jonah
- Year 2** Damian, Rafael
- Year 3** Anna
- Year 4** Matthew, Macie
- Year 5** Nathaniel
- Year 6** Charlotte



Playgroup Learning

Be really quiet, they won't find us!



Examining close up a moon daisy

How deep is this hole?
Measure with a stick



Going on a trip "Where shall we go?" "holiday"