

Head Teacher and Operational Head Teacher News



Here we are at the end of a nearly 8 week term. As I sit writing this I can hear the "normal" sounds of school life - children in the courtyard, voices from classrooms, photocopier working, phones ringing in the office etc. However, as we know this period of world history is not normal and yet, education has continued and we aim to give the children as near to an ordinary experience in school as we can.



So far the Calton site has not been affected by any closures due to Covid which is great but we must be realistic and say that this may not always be the case. With this in mind we are launching our new remote learning platform - more information will be coming your way about this - ready for if it is needed.



I am sure you will all know that all of the normality is able to happen because of the hard work of the staff and governors who are part of the Calton Team. As we come to the end of our first term in this academic year I thank them all and assure you that their determination to offer the absolute best for the children at Calton Primary School and Playgroup means that we expect to have a fantastic Term 2 as well.

I wish you and your families a restful break and we will see you all back on Monday 2nd November - keep shining! **Sarah Bunce, Head Teacher**



There is no denying that the world in which we are living in is presenting with new challenges. As a school we take each of these challenges with 'gusto' and work around them for the best for our community. My assemblies continue to focus on this with the last couple of weeks looking at 'Tolerance' and what that means for all of us.



You all should have received my COVID-19 update letter which provides an insight into some of the changes for next term in particular how home learning will now be set. Please remember that if your child/children is self-isolating, they need to be accessing the home learning available on eSchools. A link via text will be sent to you on how the home learning is now changing and what it will look like for you and the children. In addition to this, there is also a link within this newsletter. We do believe that what we are offering is engaging, progressive and challenging for the children and is explicit in the key concepts and taught strategies for you as parents.



Half term is a great chance to recharge and enjoy some family time in whatever capacity. My favourite is to snuggle in a blanket and enjoy a book or two! Did you know that if you read just one book a day to your child, they will have read 2555 books by the age of 7 - Wow!



Congratulations to Aaron, Amelie, Phoebe who successfully named the guinea pigs -

Rainbow, Pretzel and Buzz. The guinea pigs have continued to be loved by the Calton team and are very much looking forward to spending some time with the children and Miss Price after half term. Have a safe and restful half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back on the 2nd November. **Jane Barker-Doe, Operational Head Teacher**



Calton Playgroup News

This week we have been busy sharing rhymes and singing songs. This provides opportunities to explore mathematical concepts and help children with early counting. Some good examples of what we have been singing are Hickory, Dickory, Dock the mouse ran up the clock, Two little Dickie Birds sitting on a wall and the Grand Old Duke of York. This week's rhyme is:-

 **Doctor Foster went to Gloucester, in a shower of rain. He stepped in a puddle right up to his middle and never went there again.** 

The photographer will be taking individual photographs of the children attending on Wednesday 4th November during the morning session.

We would like to help raise awareness of the annual immunisation programme to help provide protection to children and reduce the spread of flu to families. Please follow the link for "**5 reasons to vaccine your child against flu and other complications**".



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Enjoy the half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone when Playgroup reopens 2nd November 2020. **Jackie Swankie, Playgroup Manager**



Key dates for your diaries



2020

2nd November	Start of Term 2
w/c 2nd November	Parents evenings telephone calls for Y4 and Y3, 4-7pm
4th November	Individual school and playgroup photographs (no siblings)
w/c 9th November	Parents evenings telephone calls for Y2 and Y1, 4-7pm
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. The vaccination is a quick and simple spray up the nose.

To give consent or to decline:

Please use the online option using the link or by scanning 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 17th November.

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.

Face Masks - Social Distancing

If you feel more comfortable wearing a face mask on the school grounds, please do so. Can we remind parents to maintain social distancing when queuing to drop off and collect children and at all times when entering the school grounds.

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

Admission to infant / primary school September 2021

Apply online for a place by 15th January 2021

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/school admissions](http://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

Year 6 moving to secondary school September 2021- applications

Parents/carers must submit an application by 31 October 2020.

You can submit an application via the Family Portal below:

<https://emsonline.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal%2F>

If you have any questions, please contact school admissions on 01452 425407 or school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk. They are more than happy to provide advice and support regarding the secondary school transfer application process.



Christmas Box Appeal



This year we are supporting the FCSI Christmas Box Appeal. Please look out for the leaflet coming home this week with full instructions of how to do this. See the link to see more information about the charity. <https://vimeo.com/464802593/75ee6c4aa1> We would love to help this charity and support the children it serves. Please bring completed boxes to your child's class, if you cannot create a box please consider donating some of the items below and Calton Staff will make up some boxes to send. Please donate any of the items listed below.

Boxes will be collected from Calton Primary School on Thursday 12th of November, please make sure any loose items are with us by Monday 9th of November so we can create boxes.

With half-term approaching we thought it would be the ideal time to create one together.

We can accept...

Toys: soft toys (with CE labels), vehicles, small dolls, small balls, small lego sets, jigsaws

New clothes: hat, gloves, scarf, socks, underwear, baby-grows, t-shirts

Stationery: pens, pencils, notepads, erasers, colouring and sticker books

Toiletries: soap, shampoo (in a clear plastic bag), toothpaste, toothbrush, facecloth, sponge, comb, brush, roll-on deodorant, razors, shaving foam

Other: sweets, make-up (new only), sewing kits, candles, small household tools, hair accessories

Stranger Danger

School have been made aware of police incident reports of stranger danger in Gloucestershire.

Please can you discuss the importance of stranger danger with your child .

Stay safe when out & about.

Baby News - It's a boy!

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Lucy Watkins, Blue Class Teacher, has had her baby.



Baby arrived safe and sound on Saturday 17th October.

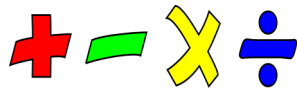
Congratulations to Lucy and her family.

"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 last week.

Top Doodlers of the week

Year 1 Chloe, Adam, Isa

Year 2 Alexander, Rayyan, Lilianna

Year 3 Yahya, Sarah, Anuj

Year 4 Zaina, Apilesh, Wiktor

Year 5 James, Samuel, Gaywalin

Year 6 Nathan, Ethan, Aaron



Doodlers in the Green Zone

Year 1 Chloe, Alex, Adam, Phoebe, Kiyaan, Adam, Jonah, Harrison, Micah, Shana, Crystal, Aarya, Tirth, Maria, Riley, Isa, Aayan, Victoria, Ali, Jessica

Year 2 Alexander, Jude, Elaina, Michael, Julia, Isobelle, Austin, Humaid, Alfred, Isabella, Daniel, Robyn, Amaya, Rayyan, Kurai, Jack, Praise, Olivier, Imogen, Trystan, Nathan, Inayah, Jace, Maryam, Lilianna, Jakub, Damian, Kian-Lee, Eva-Rose

Year 3 Yahya, Zack, Josiah, Almila, Abigail, Samuel, Sarah, Harveer, Bayley, Anuj, Madinah, Muhammad, Noah, Theo, Roman

Year 4 Zaina, Magdalena, Alexandria, Jona, Apilesh, Gracemil, Tommy, Anna, Rayaana, Sebastian, Wiktor, Thomas, Rachel, Rhemmy, Macie

Year 5 James, Prathusin, Rosalie, Courtney, Tobias, Noah, Daisy, Nathaniel, Samuel, Charlotte, Zach, Corben, Inara, Zahid, Gaywalin, Victoria, William, Angel

Year 6 Nathan, Mason, Katie, Emily, Eesa, Holly, Ethan, Luke, Tayonne, Aaron, Madison



Doodle English

Well done for working hard on your Doodle English. To celebrate we have published the names of the Top Doodlers of the week and all Doodlers who have made it in to the Green Zone!

Top Doodlers of the week

Year 1 Victoria, Adam

Year 2 Alexander, Rayyan, Lilianna

Year 3 Zack, Anuj, Harveer

Year 4 Sebastian, Zaina

Year 5 Noah, Nathaniel

Year 6 Nathan, Charlotte, Aaron



Doodlers in the Green Zone

Year 1 Maria

Year 2 Eesa, Inayah, Harveer, Damian

Year 3 Thomas, Macie, Lytel

Year 4 Anna, Matthew

Year 5 Tobias, Noah

Year 6 Mason, Katie, Ethan



Gloucestershire Family Information Service

With the current impact of Coronavirus on people's ability to work we wanted to take this time to remind our families that if times are hard and you find that you need financial support visit www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk or call 01452 427362 / 0800 542 02 02 and the Gloucestershire Family Information Service team will be available to help you.

Gloucester Feed the Hungry

If you know anyone that needs help or if you need help yourself with anything from a hot meal to essential groceries please contact the number below. All calls will be discreet.

Gloucester Feed the Hungry 07905 417266



Vacancies

We are currently recruiting!

Please visit <https://bit.ly/3kmPKzX> to view our current vacancies.

Calton Virtual Learning

Following the C19 letter that the school sent at the beginning of the week, the parent information for the new Home Learning provision can now be accessed by using the link bit.ly/CaltonVLE.

Look out for the text message with this direct link to access information.

Safe Collection of Pupils from School

Our children's safety is of paramount importance to us all. The end of the school day is a busy time, and our aim is to ensure children are dismissed carefully, under strict supervision, collected on time and arrive home safely.

Staff will release children at the end of the school day from their respective doors to a responsible person that is known to school.

If, as a parent or carer of a child at Calton Primary School, you make arrangements for your child/ren to be collected by another person, it is important that you contact the school office and inform the staff of these arrangements. The authorised person must be a responsible individual aged 16 years or over.

A password will be asked to be provided which the person collecting must also have in order to say to the member of staff releasing the child/ren from school.

Children will not be released to any person that is unknown to school or to another parent unless the school office has been notified in advance.

Any unknown person collecting children will be challenged by staff and permissions checked with the parent/carer. We will also check that children are happy to be handed over to these individuals and that they are known to them.

Thank you for your understanding.

Extract from the Calton Primary School Attendance Policy, updated November 2019

Parents Evenings - November 2020

We have the remaining parent evenings taking place between 4 - 7pm via telephone, on the following dates:

Y4 Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd November

Y3 Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th November

Y2 Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th November

Y1 Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th November

Reception Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th November

If you have not booked an appointment, please see the Class Teacher or contact the school office on 01452 527689

Due to the parents evenings, please note that the school cannot accept any incoming calls after 4pm on the above dates.

Newent Community School & Sixth Form Centre Electronic School Prospectus for Y6 Parents

<https://newent.gloucs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Prospectus-2020.pdf>

Telephone: 01531 820550



With many firework displays cancelled this year due to COVID-19, we want to ensure that all our families remain safe if fireworks and or firework displays are being held at home. Skills Zone have created a very good information poster which we would like to share so that you remain safe.



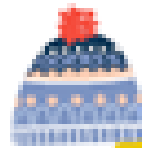
FIREWORK SAFETY



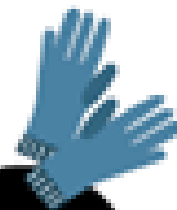
TO HELP KEEP YOU SAFE AT A FIREWORK DISPLAY DRESS LIKE A FIRE FIGHTER



Wear a scarf and never leave a hood hanging loose. Something might drop into it!



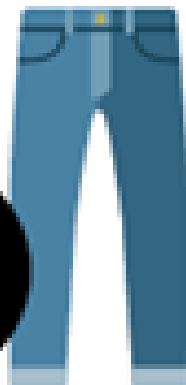
Cover your head. Always wear a hat



Always wear gloves when holding sparklers



Remember you want to be seen. Always wear a bright coloured jacket or carry a torch



Everyone should wear trousers to protect their legs. Jeans are best

Protect your feet. Wear boots or 'strong' shoes. Allow your trousers to hang over your boots, this will stop sparks or fireworks from dropping inside them

