

Head Teacher and Operational Head Teacher News



1500!

That's how many steps I walked on my way into school this morning. Not many Head Teachers live near enough to their schools that they can walk there and back every day (I also walk to Hatherley Infant School on a Monday and Tuesday and that's probably around 2000 steps away). How beautiful it was to see the mist on the spiders' webs, which decorated hedges and fences. Everything seemed quite hushed too due to the fog.



During the day I have few opportunities to have any exercise and so I count myself lucky that I can squeeze steps in at the beginning and end of the day. The reason I am drawing your attention to my walks is that I wonder if more of you could be encouraged to not bring vehicles to get to and from school? I often write about the community of Calton and in this I am also including the lovely part of Gloucester in which we are situated. Residents in the area are noticing that there are a few families who are not observing road and driving rules. This is a shame and it reflects poorly onto the school.

Therefore I request that if you do choose to use a vehicle to get your child/ren to school (and I know there are many reasons as to why this has to happen for some of you) then please ensure you are respectful of our neighbours. Dropped kerbs or painted lines should not be parked over and if you do choose to do this then we are advising our neighbours (including on side roads) to report incidents of this nature to the police as it is against the law. Of course no-one wants this to happen and so please be considerate and show how we are all **STARS** - remembering in particular the "R" which stands for **respect**.

Talking of stars, I wonder if they will be out tonight as I walk my 1500 steps home?!



Sarah Bunce, Head Teacher



It would appear that the winter is drawing in, with the last few days being cold. This is one of my favourite seasons: I love seeing the different spider web shapes that can be seen when the frost is on them. I wonder if you could look out for them too. Please can we ask that children come to school with named coats and hats.



The focus of my assemblies has been celebrating differences and our PHSE sessions have also focused on that we are all unique and special. It does not matter what colour hair, or eyes or skin we have; it does not matter what we have in our bedrooms or whether we prefer "jammie dodgers" to "custard creams"! What is important is to know this and to celebrate that each of us is different and unique.

I am very excited to share that we will have school logo hoodies coming very shortly for parents to purchase through Trutex – more details to follow soon.



Jane Barker-Doe, Operational Head Teacher



Calton Playgroup News

We have celebrated Diwali, which symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness. We made diyas, (lamps) and some children talked about their own personal experiences with their families. We have been exercising our gross motor movements playing football and practising our yoga poses. We will have a Christmas card box at the entrance to allow the children to add cards as and when they want to. We will distribute them on a Monday after they have been quarantined over the weekend and are therefore safe.



This week's nursery rhyme is **See-saw Margery Daw**



See-saw Margery Daw, Johnny will have a new master. He will have but a penny a day, because he can't work any faster.



Have a lovely weekend and enjoy a walk but wrap up warm!

Jackie Swankie, Playgroup Manager



Key dates for your diaries



2020	
18th December	End of Term 2
2021	
4th January	Start of Term 3
15th January	Deadline to apply to Shire Hall for a Reception place in Sept 2021
11th February	End of Term 3
12th February	INSET DAY, school is closed to pupils
22nd February	Start of term 4
1st March	Secondary School Allocation Day
8th March (midnight)	Deadline to accept Secondary School place
22nd - 26th March	Year 6 Residential, Condoval Hall (rescheduled from Sept 2020)
1st April	End of Term 4
16th April	Primary School Allocation Day
19th April	Start of Term 5
26th - 28th April	Year 5 residential, Croft Farm (rescheduled from Year 4)
28th - 30th April	Year 4 Residential to Croft Farm
28th May	End of Term 5
7th June	Start of Term 6
16th July	End of Term 6

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.**

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.

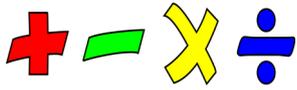
Please note that the school office is open to parents as follows:

Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm
Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm



“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 Darcie Oliver Ayesha

Year 1 Chloe, Jonah, Jessica

Year 2 Ellis, Rayyan, Felicity

Year 3 Almila, Sarah, Theo

Year 4 Jona, Tommy, Wiktor

Year 5 Courtney, Kelsie, Maja

Year 6 Nathan, Charlotte, Aaron



Doodlers in the Green Zone

Year R Darcie, Asma, Zainab, Isabelle, Aliyah, Maryam, Ashton, Oliver, Olivia, Violet, Hugo, Hephzibah, Yousra, Corey, Layla, Elisa, Saniyya, Rhona, Iggy, India, Ayesha, Emily, Oban, Imogen, David, Violet, Laila, Leo

Year 1 Chloe, Yogi, Alex, Jonah, Tirth, Shana, Adam, Crystal, Ivy, Jensen, Amiyah, Jessica, Victoria, Ibrahim, Lyvona, Summer, Isabella, Amiyah, Alexander

Year 2 Ellis, Alexander, Eesa, Jude, Mohammad, Isobelle, Austin, Alfred, Maya, Rayyan, Jack, Maryam, Praise, Oliwia, Ranish, Nathan, Inayah, Imogen, Jace, Felicity, Lilianna, Damian, Isabella, Rafael, Marcus, Eva-Rose, Dishan,

Year 3 Almila, Ellis, Logan, Zack, Fenn, Samuel, Elliot, Sarah, Hanah, Harveer, Bayley, Nabeel, Theo, Davi, Anuj, Noah

Year 4 Jona, Zaina, Tamsin, Amayah, Lexi, Benaiah, Amelia, Alexandria, Elliot, Magdalena, Siana, Caleb, Riley, Tommy, Sathvik, Kacper, Rayaana, Gracemil, Chloe, Fletcher, Sebastian, Wiktor, Dylan, Evie, Thomas, Rachel, Macie

Year 5 Courtney, James, Tobias, Noah, Prathusin, Nathaniel, Kaycee, Charlotte, Nikodem, Joel, Corben, Samuel, Adyan, Maja, Euan, Eliot, Kadie

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



Doodle English

Well done for working hard on your Doodle English.

Top Doodlers of the week

Reception David, Yousra

Year 1 Jonah, Victoria

Year 2 Alexander, Rayyan, Lilliana

Year 3 Bayley, Alisha, Theo

Year 4 Zaina, Wiktor, Rayaana

Year 5 James, Samuel

Year 6 Luke, Nathan



Doodlers in the Green Zone

Reception Ayesha

Year 1 Jessica

Year 2 Alfred, Austin, Inayah, Damian

Year 3 Harveer, Zack, Anuj

Year 4 Tamsin, Caleb, Jayden, Benaiah, Macie, Rachel, Thomas, Elisha

Year 5 Tobias, Noah, Nathaniel

Year 6 Charlotte, Katie, Mason, Eesa

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

We request that 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 this 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 off 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.

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.



PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We previously reported how important it is not to 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.

We are monitoring the situation and the number plates of regular offenders will be passed on to the police.

Can we also remind everyone to be considerate of our neighbours when parking on Calton Road.

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

Thank you for your support.