



Calton Playgroup and Primary School Newsletter

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Acting Head Teacher News



Here we are at the end of Term 4, moving very quickly towards Spring and Summer.

We sincerely hope – like all of you - that the national restrictions will be lifted and that we can look at returning the school to it's normal ways of working. However, at the moment the restrictions that we have in place are to remain, as schools are under different restrictions. Schools have to follow DfE guidance which will continue to come out through April and May. Face coverings, social distancing, the one way system, start and end times of the school will remain.



Please can I remind you all to leave the school site as soon as you have dropped or collected your child, rather than remaining on school site or at the bottom of the staff car park to have conversations. If you are driving to school, please be respectful of the school community and where you are parking. Parents are still parking illegally. The yellow lines are there for a reason e.g. it is not safe to park there.

We are unable to have visitors on school site including that of peripatetic teachers. I know many of you have asked when this will start. At the moment we are unable to confirm when this will be, but of course we will keep you fully informed if and when this changes. Many of the activities that as parents you would have been invited to towards the end of the summer term, unfortunately as it currently stands, we are unable to do; this does not mean that the children will miss out e.g. sports day, its means that it will be completed under COVID restrictions.

I continue to be proud of the staff and children at Calton and how they have adapted to the changes since returning on the 8th March 2021. I have given out many new Head Teacher Awards for positive attitude to learning – none of this could have been done without the support from you as parents.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th April.



Jane Barker-Doe, Acting Head Teacher



Calton Playgroup News

This term the children have enjoyed reconnecting with their friends and establishing new relationships after the lockdown. The outside environment has provided wonderful spaces and opportunities to develop friendships and build new partnerships. In forest school we have enjoyed climbing trees, making swings and seesaws as well as mud painting and bark rubbing. In the allotment we have planted our runner beans and herbs. See the pictures within the newsletter.

During the sessions we have created master pieces of paint artwork and made dens where we explored with the torches. The children have helped to make their own playdough. Swept up lots of puddles using our gross movements. Explored chalk marking; adding water then brushing it to achieve various effects.

Nursery rhyme this week:- *Tiny Tim*

I had a little turtle his name was Tiny Tim. I put him in the bathtub, to see if he could swim.(swimming action) He drank up all the water, he ate up all the soap, and woke up in the morning, with a bubble in his throat. Bubble, bubble, bubble POP!

Have a lovely Easter break, some of you might be lucky enough to go on an egg hunt. Enjoy and have fun in the fresh air - hopefully the sun will shine.

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

1st April (Thursday)	End of Term 4
16th April	Primary School Allocation Day
19th April	Start of Term 5
28th May	End of Term 5
7th June	Start of Term 6
21st & 22nd June	School Nurses in for Reception Screening (Height, Weight, Vision)
30th June	Class & Playgroup Photographs
16th July	End of Term 6

2021 / 2022

6th September	Start of term 1
27th Sept - 1st Oct	Y6 Residential to Condoover 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

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.**

School Lunches

As from 19.04.21 the cost of a school lunch will increase to **£2.34**.

We ask that you pay using ParentPay.

Please contact the school office by email if you need log in details admin@caltonprimary.co.uk.

Big Pedal 26th April – 30th April 2021

We are excited to announce that we are taking part in the Big Pedal.

There are some great prizes for the winning school, so we do hope that we can win! All children who ride or scoot to school will receive five space team points each day they do.

For further details, please see the letter that was emailed to all parents and is on our school website.

Thank you to Lucy & Georgia at Belvoir Estate & Letting Agents for the donation of a laptop for our school.



Amazing, thank you!



“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** Asma, Layla, David
- Year 1** Mihaela, Tirth, Oscar
- Year 2** Jude, Ranish, Lilianna
- Year 3** Zack, Sarah, Anuj
- Year 4** Zaina, Tommy, Wiktor
- Year 5** Tobias, Nikodem, Jameel
- Year 6** Nathan, Ethan, Aaron



Doodlers in the Green Zone

- Year R** Asma, Aditi, Lacey, Zainab, Layla, Olivia, India, Hephzibah, Manisha, Iggy, Rhona, Aadam, David, Imogen, Ayesha, Emily, Oban
- Year 1** Mihaela, Alex, Tirth, Jonah, Jensen, Oscar, Aayan, Ali, Victoria, Junaid
- Year 2** Jude, Mohammad, Alexander, Eesa, Isobelle, Alfred, Rex, Ranish, Rayyan, Kurai, Jack, Imogen, Andrew, Lilianna, Damian, James
- Year 3** Zack, Almila, Elliot, Sarah, Harveer, Bayley, Anuj, Demi, Theo
- Year 4** Zaina, Benaiah, Jonas, Matthew, Alexandria, Tommy, Anna, Sebastian, Wiktor, Rhemmy
- Year 5** Tobias, Nathaniel, Nikodem, Maximilian, Elizabeth, Corben, Adnaan, Jameel, Maja
- Year 6** Nathan, Tyrese, Aisha, Katie, Daisy-May, Mason, Ethan, Charlotte, Jack, Aaron



Doodle English

Well done for working hard on your Doodle English.

Top Doodlers of the week

- Year R** David
- Year 1** Lydia, Jensen, Victoria
- Year 2** Alexander, Ranish, Damian
- Year 3** Zack, Harveer, Theo
- Year 4** Zaina, Anna, Wiktor
- Year 5** Ethan, Nikodem
- Year 6** Tyrese, Ethan



Doodlers in the Green Zone

- Year R** Emily, Imogen
- Year 1** Aayan, Jessica
- Year 2** Mohammad, Austin, Michael, Eesa, Rayyan, Rafael
- Year 3** Bayley, James, Anuj, Demi
- Year 4** Matthew, Alexandria, Rachel, Thomas
- Year 5** Tobias, Corben
- Year 6** Nathan, Mason, Katie

Playgroup Outdoor Learning

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Year 3 Roman Day

