



Head Teacher News



Christmas really is in full swing here at Calton! Very well done to Reception and Year 1 for their wonderful Christmas performances. I know the grown ups who came to watch were very impressed and proud of you all. A big thank you too to the audience members who donated towards our collection (where half of the money raised is going to school to help pay for resources needed to put on more performances and half towards our chosen charities). I will let you know how much we have raised in the next newsletter.

As our minds are now turning to Christmas and all the fun and joy which comes at this special time of year I would like to use this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very happy time and to also remember people who are less fortunate.



We have been considering the importance of eating and drinking healthily during my assemblies and I have asked for some thought to be given to what the children have for their school snack - fruit and vegetables are always the best option. Over the next few weeks there will often be a lot of "treats" to be had, enjoy them but try to have food which is good for you too!

Have a lovely break and we will see you all back to school on January 6th 2020 when in my assembly we will start thinking about how important **play** is!

Sarah Bunce



Class Attendance Figures

Mrs Short is our School Attendance Officer. Each week, in whole school assembly, the classes with the best attendance percentage and the most improved attendance are praised and presented with an award to keep in their classroom for that week. Mrs Short would like to say keep up the great attendance and a big **WELL DONE** to each of the following classes:

Week 02.12.19 - 06.12.19

- Best attendance Orange Class, Year 1 with 99%
- Most improved Platinum Class, Year 6 with 96%

Week 09.12.19 - 13.12.19

- Best attendance Topaz Class, Year 4 with 99%
- Most improved Amethyst Class, Year 4 with 97%



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.**

Key dates for your diaries 2019 / 2020



2019	
18th December	Christmas jumper day, £1 donation for Save The Children
18th December	Christmas carols after school, 3.20pm
18th December	Christmas lunch day
19th December	KS2 Disco, Y3&4 3.30 - 5.00pm, £2.50 per child
19th December	KS2 Disco, Y5&6 5.15 - 6.45pm, £2.50 per child
20th December	Amethyst Class assembly, 9.10am
20th December	End of Term 2
2020	
6th January	Start of Term 3
15th January	CFA meeting, 3.30pm, all welcome
21st January	Young Voices concert
23rd January	Deadline for Reception parents to withdraw from screening
27th & 28th January	Reception Height, Weight & Vision screening, school nurses
11th February	Parents Evening, 3.30 - 5.30pm
12th February	Parents Evening, 3.30 - 6.30pm
13th February	End of Term 3
14th February	INSET Day, school closed to pupils
24th February	Start of Term 4
31st March	Mercury Class Wagamama workshop
1st April	Platinum Class Wagamama workshop
1st April	Calton Primary School and Calton Playgroup Amalgamation
3rd April	End of Term 4
20th April	Start of Term 5
27th - 29th April	Y4 Residential visit to Croft Farm
8th May	Bank Holiday, school closed
11th May	Y6 SATs week
18th May	Y6 Bikeability week
22nd May	End of Term 5
1st June	Start of Term 6
2nd June	Platinum Class visit Copsegrove
3rd June	Mercury Class visit Copsegrove
17th July	End of Term 6

Whilst we welcome siblings into school to watch assemblies and other performances we will also provide a crèche facility and would like to encourage parents and carers to use this. Younger children are very welcome to attend performances and assemblies however we appreciate that sometimes it is difficult to occupy them whilst watching the children. If you choose not to use the crèche facility and your younger child/ren are causing a disruption you will be kindly asked to leave the performance. Thank you.

OPAL



As **OPAL** at Calton grows, we plan to use the field on a more regular basis and in most weather. From January your child will need waterproofs and wellies in school to be able to use the field during wet weather. During next term we will be asking for further specific donations, which we will publish in due course. We will also be holding parent OPAL events, where you will be able to use key play types and experience what OPAL at Calton has to offer. Please keep an eye out for updates.
Thank you Mr Coughlin and the OPAL team.



“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





CALTON FRIENDS ASSOCIATION PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALES

Calton Friends Association will now be selling pre loved uniform.

Prices will range from 50p to £2.

We will be selling the pre-loved uniform at various events at school.

You can also email us at cfa@caltonprimary.co.uk if you wish to purchase any pre loved uniform at any time during the school year.

Many thanks for your continued support.



Calton Christmas Carol Concert Wednesday 18th December

Parents are warmly invited to gather around the amphitheatre behind Garnet Hall after school on Wednesday 18th December to enjoy carols



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

School Lunch Price Reduction

Please note that as from 6th January 2020 the price of a paid school lunch will reduce to **£2.32**.

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children are entitled to universal free school meals.

If you are claiming benefits and think you may be entitled to free school meals, contact Shire Hall 01452 425000 or look up <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk> (free school meals)

Admission to infant / primary school September 2020

Apply online for a place

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/school admissions **by 15th January 2020**

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 16th April 2020

DoodleMaths

Well done to everyone for practising Inter Rail at home. Please ensure that this is recorded in the WOW book so that your child can receive Calton Credits for their hard work.

Did you know that the company that provide Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables for us also have Doodle English. You are able to sign up for a free trial on their website!

Top doodlers of the fortnight;

Year 1 Nathanael, Rayyan, Isabella

Year 2 Anuj, Samuel, Jasmine

Year 3 Chloe H, Wiktor, Beniah

Year 4 Prathusin, Christopher, Aiden

Year 5 Aaron, Katie, Charlotte

Year 6 Amelia, Freddie



Well done everyone

Important message from Key Stage 1 staff: Pokemon Cards

Key Stage 1 would like to ask for your support in keeping Pokemon cards at home from now onwards. While we appreciate the social and educational value this game can have, the younger children are struggling to maintain fair trades during this time. Instead Key Stage 1 will be investing in our own set of Pokemon cards and Top Trump cards. Children will be able to play with these at set times and will be able to learn the importance of fair trades and sharing with adult support when needed.



Tokens for Books

The Sun and The Sun on Sunday newspapers are running a book promotion for schools. There are tokens in the papers to cut out and hand in to school. If we collect 3,500 by January 16th we will receive free books for school in March. Please hand tokens in to the Class teacher. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 18th December

All orders have now been handed in and have been processed. If you have not ordered a Christmas lunch for your child please send them in with a packed lunch on Wednesday 18th December as there will be no other lunch options on this special lunch day.

The school Christmas lunch costs £2.34.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2, or is entitled to Free school Meals, then there is no charge for the lunch.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will also be having our Christmas jumper day on **Wednesday 18th December**, £1 donation for the Save The Children charity.



Co-opted Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor, preferably with a background in finance. Governors serve a 4 year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the Governing Board.

You might like to look at the information for prospective governors on the Gloucestershire County Council website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/governors

If you have any queries regarding the expectations of being a governor at Calton Primary School, or would like to discuss the role further, please contact the Chair of Governors by email, chair@caltonprimary.co.uk

In the community



Christmas at City Church

Messy Christmas

Saturday 14th December, 10.30am - 1pm
Activities for children, creative stations, parent café

Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December, 5pm, followed
by mulled wine and mince pies



All welcome. The chapel, Seymour Road

Gloucester City Targeted Family Support Service



Please note that Creches are not available

Webster Stratton, The Incredible Years at Kaleidoscope Children and Family Centre from Monday 13th January 2020 – 12:30p to 2.30pm

10 week programme available, covering an age range of 2-8yrs
An evidence based parenting programme with a focus on strengthening parent-child interactions, nurturing relationships, reducing punitive discipline and fostering parents' ability to promote children's social, emotional and language development.

You and Me, Mum at Finlay Children and Family Centre from Friday 17th January 2020 – 10:00am to 12.00pm

10 week programme available
You and Me, Mum is a programme for mothers who have experienced domestic abuse focussing on the impact on their role as mothers and the effects of domestic abuse on children. The programme empowers women to reflect on their parenting and make positive changes for them and their children to move forward following the abuse.

To book a place on any of the above programmes or to make a referral into our service, please contact –

Early Help Front Door (details below)
Call - 01452 328584

Email - gloucesterearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk
Search - www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk



Calton Friends Association

CFA Members

Chair - Nikki Bell
Vice Chair - Jan Cussons
Interim Secretary - Jan Cussons
Treasurer - Nicola Collier
Eco Ambassador - Laura Juggins

Committee Members

Karen Horsley
Michelle Clay
Alison Glover
Natasha Dhawan
Becky West
Ellen Pearce
Kirsten Meacham
Laura Inch
Naomi Richards



St. Barnabas Church

Messy Christmas

Saturday 14th December in the Hall from 10am -12pm
All Welcome.

Christmas Day Lunch

A wonderful Christmas Day lunch for the community on Christmas Day £7.50 from 12pm. For more information see the sign-up sheet at the back of Church or call Kathryn Hargreaves on 01452 501145.



Everyone is welcome!

Spring Menu 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1					
Option A	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with wedges	Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
Option B	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Vegetable Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian Sausage & Chips
Option C	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Cauliflower Peas	Carrots Green Beans	Savoy Cabbage Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Peas
Dessert	Apple, Cheese & Crackers Yoghurt / Fruit	Pineapple Cake with Custard Yoghurt / Fruit	Iced sponge Yoghurt / Fruit	Syrup Sponge with Custard Yoghurt / Fruit	Orange & Lemon Shortbread Yoghurt / Fruit
Option A	Cheese, Tomato & Pepper Pizza with wedges	Beef Chilli with Rice	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun with Wedges	Breaded Fish with Chips
Option B	Mexican Beans with Rice	Soya Spaghetti Bolognaise	Guam Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Southern Style Vegan Burger in a Bun with Wedges	Cheese Frittata with Chips
Option C	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans
Vegetables	Peas Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Savoy Cabbage Swede	Sweetcorn Green Beans	Baked Beans Peas
Dessert	Apple, Cheese & Crackers Yoghurt / Fruit	Eves pudding with Custard Yoghurt / Fruit	Chocolate & Mandarin Brownie Yoghurt / Fruit	Banana Sponge & Custard Yoghurt / Fruit	Oaty Cookie Yoghurt / Fruit
Option A	Roasted Vegetable Pizza with wedges	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Baked baby Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fish Fingers with Chips
Option B	Chickpea Curry With Rice	Moroccan Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce with Baked baby Potatoes	Vegetable Hotpot	Vegan Sausage Roll & Baby Baked Potatoes	Potato & Courgette Stack
Option C	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans
Vegetables	Carrots Green Beans	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Cauliflower Savoy Cabbage	Green Beans Carrots	Baked Beans Peas
Dessert	Apple, Cheese & Crackers Yoghurt / Fruit	Jam sponge with Custard Yoghurt / Fruit	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Drizzle Yoghurt / Fruit	Fruit Crumble with Custard Yoghurt / Fruit	Chocolate shortbread Yoghurt / Fruit
Week 2					
13/01/20					
03/02/20					
02/03/20					
23/03/20					
Week 3					
20/01/20					
10/02/20					
09/03/20					
30/03/20					

Added Plant Power
 Vegan
 Wholemeal

Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination, traces or elements within products.