



Calmore Infant School

Spring Newsletter 5– Friday 7th February 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for the effort and time spent in helping with our Superhero Day in memory of Tobias, who we had the pleasure of teaching in Year R. The children were very excited about it all week leading up to the day and have really enjoyed talking about their costumes and home clothes.

Tobias loved to play with cars, tubes and marbles and find insects, acorns and bugs. We will use the money raised to ensure that the children at Calmore will be able to play with the things he so loved playing with.

After School Clubs:

Please keep an eye out next week for the information on new clubs that are running after school after the half term holiday.



We have listened to feedback and tried to expand places for the clubs that are most popular.

Places need to be booked and paid in advance. School run clubs are on Arbor and Team Spirit clubs are booked directly with Team Spirit.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 10th February– Parents Evening Booking open at 9am

Tuesday 11th February– FCIS Cake sale, 3pm

Friday 14th February– Inset Day

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February– Half Term

Tuesday 25th February– Year 2 to Testwood Lakes

Thursday 27th March– FCIS meeting, 9am– all welcome

Week of 17th March– Parents Evenings– please see email from the office sent today

Friday 21st March– Rock your Socks Day (Down Syndrome Awareness Day– see info)

Thursday 27th March– Year R trip to Hillier's Gardens

For more dates please look under trips on Arbor!

Rock Your Socks – 21st March World Down Syndrome Day



We would love you all to Rock Your Socks on 21st March to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day.

Please wear brightly coloured socks – the more colourful and individual the better!

Individuals with Down Syndrome have an extra copy of chromosome 21, so three instead of the usual two. Therefore, World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated each year on 21st of the third month, March. The shape of a pair of socks mirrors the shape of the chromosomes.

At Calmore Infant School we have been learning about 'Same but different'. We have been learning about how we are all the same in lots of ways but different in others. We have been celebrating our similarities and differences, and learning about how we all learn differently and to treat all people with respect and with kindness.

Change in Adults Picking Up

If your child is being picked up by a different adult at the end of the day it is really important that you let the Office know, ideally by writing in the diary or for emergencies, emailing or phoning the Office.

We need to know as part of our duties to safeguard the children. If we do not know, we have to contact you to get permission which as you can understand takes more time.



World Book Day- Book In a Box

As part of world book day, we hold our annual book in a box competition for all children. The children are asked to make a book in a box with their family to share at school. There will be an opportunity to come into school at the end of the day to see them. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter for more information regarding this.



Well Done Certificates and Thank you Stars:



Ducklings : Noah, Miah & Harry H

Penguins : Eva, Alice & Esme

Owls: Atahan, Jacob & Liv

Goldfinches : Finley, Riley & Louis

Robins : Harley, Skye & Rowan

Swallows : Harry A, Paige & Darcey



Biscuit Break Winners: The class with the best attendance this week was the Penguins class with 96.5%. They really enjoyed their biscuits. Well done Penguins class!

Thank you for the support this week, whether you donated to a collection, helped build the sheds with Mr Roy, helped on the PTA or purchased a disco ticket. All of this goes a long way in helping our school to be so successful and is so appreciated.

Mrs Willes and Mrs Weaver

Meanwhile at the Junior School:



It was wonderful to see so many parents at the year 3 and 5 exit points this week. Thank you for supporting your children by coming in; I know it means so much to them. Year 3 became proud Cafe owners and presented their parents with a deliciously homemade healthy sandwiches. They also designed the menus and place mats.



Well done year 3- it all looked very professional.

This has been a week filled with both pride and sadness in year five as we have completed our final week of swimming. It has been such an amazing experience for us, and all of us without exception have made huge improvements in our swimming and technique. Year 5 spent some time outside showing off their orienteering skills and then showed off to their parents the learning they have been doing.

Gymnastics

It felt like Spring yesterday and not just the weather! There was a lot of spring in the steps of 12 Year 4 pupils who took to the floor at Noadswood School as part of the Y3/4 gymnastics festival. The event had proven so popular that we took our older aged pupils this time, knowing there will be more opportunities for our Year 3s in the coming years. The children were certainly put through their paces and were shattered by the end of another exhilarating afternoon of tumbles, leaps and somersaults. Led once again by the impressive young leaders from @noadswood_pe the children had a great time experiencing gymnastics in a completely different environment to normal. Individual skill on show but also collaborative work in creating their own balances and sequences - an inspiring afternoon for future Max Whitlocks, Joe Frasers and Elissa & Becky Downies!



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