



'Aiming High
Together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the holidays, I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy Christmas. It has been an extremely busy term, as we have surged forward with improvements to teaching and learning in our lessons, at the same time as striving hard to provide a full, rich, interesting and exciting range of opportunities for our children.

Thanks to all our teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, cooks, lunchtime supervisors, cleaners, and caretaker for all their hard work and dedication – we are fortunate to have such a strong team of professionals, who are all committed to developing our knowledge, skills and practice to make this school the very best it can be.

Thank you for all your support, this term, and for all the constructive suggestions and comments – we do listen to them all and take them on board.

Merry Christmas, and a happy new year!

Kind regards,
Daniel Sumner



If you haven't yet had a look at our new **Facebook** page, please do – it's been nice to be able to share our activities with you directly, and to read your lovely comments and reactions to what we have been up to. You can find our official page by searching for the school, by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/CalowCofEPrimary/> or through the feed on the homepage of our school website.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Christmas productions – they were all wonderful!

Years 1 and 2 kicked off with "Prickly Hay" – a highly entertaining show with energetic singing and dancing.

Next, it was the turn of our Year 5 and 6 children, who brought a touch of James Bond (or "Jane Blonde"!) suavity to the stage, for "Christmas is Forever". It was superb.

Nursery and Reception were next, with "Whoops a Daisy Angel" – a lovely nativity play, which brought a tear to many eyes and a smile to many faces.

Finally, Years 3 and 4 gave us a thoroughly enjoyable and informative tour of Christmas traditions, with some particularly excellent singing and dancing in "How Christmas Came to Be".

Well done, team Calow – you made us all proud!

Our **second book swap** event of the year was well attended – thanks to everyone who donated, and we loved seeing children walking off with books that they were excited to read.

The next book swap event will be on 21st January, when we will also include a table for adults to swap books.



The **school choir** was enormously privileged to perform twice, out and about, this term – firstly at a coffee morning at the church with KS2, on 5th December, attended by guests including residents of Amberley House, and then at Goodman Court on the last day of term with the whole choir. We enjoyed the opportunity to sing and share our Christmas cheer with the wider community, and we will look forward to more performances in the spring and summer. Choir membership has grown to over 60, and we are still welcoming new singers, so please do consider joining up after Christmas.

Clubs will start in the first week back:

Tuesday Choir (Y1-6)
 Wednesday Multi-Sports (Y1-2)
 Thursday Netball (Y3-6)
 Friday Football (Y3-6)



We have put all unnamed lost property outside, under the shelter, for the last week of term, so anything still unclaimed is now being passed to the PTFA to be sold as second-hand uniform.

We find an astonishing amount of clothing without names, so **please make sure that you label every item** before the start of next term. Thank you!

Key Dates for the Diary

7 th January	Start of term
21 st January (1pm)	Year 3&4 handball and dodgeball festival
(3:05 pm) (6:30pm)	Book Swap PTFA meeting
1 st February (12:45pm)	Reception Early Racers cycling event, Queen's Park
6 th February (5:30pm)	Bingo Night
12 th February (9:30am)	Years 1&2 Sing2gether music event
6 th & 7 th March	Learning Conferences
15 th February	School closed (INSET)
18 th – 22 nd February	Half Term
12 th March (12:45pm)	Y5 Primary Dance event, Winding Wheel
15 th March (1:15pm)	Years 1&2 Infant Agility event, Hasland
19 th March (3:30pm)	Years 3&4 Netball event, Netherthorpe
15 th – 26 th April	Easter Holidays



We raised £126 for Save the Children, through our Christmas Jumper Day – thank you!

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your kind cards and generous gifts – everything addressed to the whole staff has been taken through to the staff room and much appreciated!