



FRIDAY FOCUS

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Friday 13th September, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who came to the Meet the Teacher evenings. We hope that you found them useful. If you have any other questions, please contact the school office. I have put the communication flow chart on this week's Focus. Please take a look so that you know our procedure.

Communication



We will communicate most of our information through Parentmail. Unfortunately, we are not able to receive messages back through this or through Arbor so please email us on adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk

Calmore Junior School Communication Flowchart 2024

Recommended Procedure for Parents

We know that when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school, whether it is pastoral, curriculum or staffing in nature, they often feel the best way forward is to ask to see the head or deputy head. In our experience, many of these concerns can often be most quickly resolved by talking first to the class teacher, as they know your children best. Therefore, if you want to speak to the class teacher, please make an appointment via the office. Thank you.

Teachers are available after school by appointment. 02380865354 or via email- adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk		
For queries relating to:		
Learning, Pastoral or Additional needs		School Administration/ dinners/ clubs/ payments etc
In the first instance, please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher after school by appointment. Your child's teacher should be able to help or if not, direct you to another adult who could help you.		Please speak to reception if you require information that is related to school administration 02380865354 or via email- adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk
If you feel that your query has not been resolved, please arrange to speak to our Deputy Head, Mr N Darch via appointment.		In the event that you feel your query has not been resolved, please ask to speak to our School Business Manager, Mrs V Artingstall
<u>Still need some help/advice?</u> Please make an appointment speak to our Headteacher, Miss C Ingram email adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk		
All staff are only contactable via the school office email- adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk If you are unhappy with the outcome of your queries, please contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs R Penny or Mrs R Lethbridge , via the school office. They are always here to support you in achieving a positive outcome.		

Secondary Schools for Year 6!

A few Year 6 parents were asking about information regarding how to apply for secondary schools. See diary dates below for the open evening times for Testwood and Hounsdown Schools.

Applications for a secondary school place need to be made online at Hampshire Admissions on the Education Online Portal where you will be asked to create an account and continue to apply for your chosen school. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

The application window is NOW OPEN with the deadline to complete your application, the **31st October 2024**. If you fail to apply by this date, you run the risk of not getting your child's first choice of school.

Any further questions regarding secondary schools should be directed to either Testwood or Hounsdown or wherever you are considering for your child.

Calmore Junior School Association (CJSA)

We hugely value the contribution that the CJSA makes to our school by organising superb family events and school events, selling ice creams after school and by providing teas and coffees at events. The money raised by these events benefit every child. Last year we bought hundreds of new reading books, a garden shed, supported each year group by giving the year group some funds to reduce the cost of trips, dictionaries and thesauruses and so much more.

However, the CJSA cannot continue to do this without help. We need parents/ grandparents to join us to help on the committee and to help at events. We know that your time is precious but without volunteers, we will not be able to keep doing these events so that we keep raising much needed funds for the school.

Please join us for our first CJSA meeting (AGM) on the 16th September at 8:45. If you are unable to attend but want to help on events, please let us know. Many thanks.

Advice/support for parents.

The ABC Online safety Checklist.

Internet Matters have done it again, this time with a really simple guide for parents using Activate, Balance and Check. It is aimed to help parents keep children safe when online by giving them useful information and what they can put in place at home.

The information can be found [here](#).



There is also a huge amount of advice and some great resources on the NSPCC website on how to support your child with keeping safe online.



What have we been learning this week?

Each week, we share what we have been learning in class.

Year 3 - This week we have been learning about the value of numbers, positioning them on a number line and learning facts about the number 100 (half = 50). In English, we have been writing the different forms of sentences (question, statement, command and exclamatory) and revising word classes - nouns, adjectives and noun phrases. We have created some beautiful houses in our art and enjoyed yoga and handball in PE. This week we will be taking home a library book, which should be returned every Friday.

Thank you for remembering to return reading packs on **MONDAYS**.

Year 4 - Welcome back everyone! It was so lovely to welcome all the children back into year 4 and to meet many parents at our 'Meet the Teacher' event. This week in English we have been completing our writing assessment based on the book 'Marshall Armstrong is new to our school'. In maths, we have been identifying the place value of digits up to four digit numbers. In science, we have been classifying living things.

Next week in English, we will be starting our new unit of work based on our new class book. We will be making predictions about the book and what happens in it. In maths, we will be estimating the position of numbers on a number line and finding 10, 100 and 1000 more or less than a number.

Do not forget our trip to Testwood Lakes next Wednesday! Children will need to wear long trousers and appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather. They will also need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle and a bag to carry it all in.

Year 5 - We have had a great week. We began our History unit with the amazing Mr Dilly talking to us about life in ancient Egypt. In maths, we have been using known facts within place value. In English, we have begun our new text- The days the crayons came home. We are really enjoying it.

Year 6 - This week, year 6 were thoroughly entertained by a visit from Marcus Dilly who did a superb show all about the Ancient Greeks as part of our Ancient Greek launch day.

Meanwhile, in English this week, we enjoyed a treasure hunt around the school grounds, which revealed several clues all linked to the Greek Myth of Theseus and the Minotaur. We then read the myth and identified the main parts of the story as well as making inferences about the character of Theseus. In maths, we have learnt to partition 6-digit numbers, as well as decimals in different ways.

Celebration and awards

Each Friday, we have a celebration assembly where we showcase some of the children who have been working really hard and displaying our learning behaviours. The following children were awarded....

Head Teacher's Awards

Yr 3: Bella and Oscar

Yr 4: Billy John and Vinnie N

Yr 5: Leo and Alisha

Yr 6: Rosie and Henry



ACTIVE Awards

Yr 3: Nyla and Summer

Yr 4: Caitlin and Emily

Yr 5: Mason and Kensie

Yr 6: Olivia and Caisey

Vending machine winners.

Congratulations....

.... to these children whose names were pulled out of the 'hat' and who chose a prize from the vending machine this week. All of the children in the draw made it onto the gold section of the behaviour chart during the week. Well done.

3ED - Emma 3CB - Bella
4AV - Poppy 4LD- Paisley
5SJ - Elisiya 5LP - Leo G
6HS -Rhys L 6JB- Megan

Reading Certificates

BRONZE reading certificates awarded to:

SILVER reading certificates awarded to:

GOLD reading certificates awarded to:

PLATINUM reading certificates awarded to:



Congratulations! Research proves that regular reading has a huge impact on a child's academic future. Those that read more, do better at school and in life.

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

Congratulations, this week to **Salamander**, **Phoenix** and **Unicorn** who all got 139 house points this week and therefore came joint 1st and then **Griffin** with 119 just behind. Amazing - this has never happened before. It just shows that every house point counts!

Diary Dates

RED year 3,

YELLOW year 4

GREEN year 5,

BLUE year 6

PURPLE- all year groups



Event	Date	Time
CJSA AGM (all welcome)	16 th September	8:45
Year 4 trip to Testwood Lakes	18 th September	All day
Testwood Open Evening (correct date)	16 th September	5pm
Year 5 trip to Leeson House (parents information meeting)	Thursday 19 th September 2024	3:15pm
Year 3 walk around Calmore	Tuesday 24 th September	am
Hounslow School Open Eve	Thursday 26 th September	5:30-7:30 pm
Year 2 parent tours	30 th September + 1 st October	1-3pm
Year 2 Open evening	Wednesday 2 nd October	5pm
Come and do some maths with your child	Thursday 3 rd October	8:45
Parent forum- more information to follow	Thursday 3 rd October	9:15
Year 3 Exit point	Wednesday 9 th October	9 am
Year 4 Exit point	Thursday 24 th October	8:45 am
Year 6 Exit point	Thursday 24 th October	9am
Year 5 Exit point	Thursday 17 th October	2:30 pm
Parents Evenings	Tuesday 15 th October and Wednesday 16 th Oct	Tues 3-6:30 Wednesday 3-5
Year 6 Bikeability	Friday 18 th October	
Last day of the half term	Friday 25 th October	All day
Half term	Monday 28 th Oct- Friday 1st Nov	All week
INSET days 2024/2025	Friday 25 th October 2024 Fri 14 th February 2025 Mon 21 st and Tues 22 nd July 2025	

Have a wonderful weekend.
Miss Cathy Ingram, Headteacher

REMINDERS

PE days for Autumn 1

Please can the children come into school in their PE kit on these days.

Year 3	Thursday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday



- Children need to wear black shoes each day (trainers on PE days)
- Children need to wear a white or blue polo shirt each day and a white round neck t shirt on PE days.
- Please ensure all long hair is tied up each day - no large hair bows please.
- No make up, nail varnish or jewellery - stud earrings only please.
- Children may wear a watch but this cannot be a smart watch which can take photos or receive messages.
- Please ensure that all inhalers/regular medicines have been brought back into school.
- Morning break snack needs to be fruit/vegetables or a healthy cereal bar, not crisps or a chocolate bar/biscuit please.
- Please let us know if there are any changes to the end of day arrangements for your child.

Raise money for the Calmore Junior School Association every time you shop at Asda!

We have some exciting news to share with you.

Parentkind - a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com. Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 - every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. In addition, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. In addition, it does not stop there - Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools
2. Choose our Primary School - searching either by name or postcode
3. Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most. Remember, anyone can sign up - so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school. This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper - so you will not lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit asda.com/cashpotforschools



The **Calmore Junior School Association** is a small charity who run events and raise funds to benefit the children in the school. As a parent with a child/children at Calmore Junior School you are a member of the association.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on

Monday 16th at 8.45

This will look back at our activities during the last school year. We will then elect committee members and look ahead to the new school year.

We desperately need members to come to the meeting. You do not need to commit to anything, unless you would like to.

If we do not get enough members we will be unable to hold the meeting and we may need to close the Association. This would mean that events such as discos, bingo and the annual colour run may not be able to go ahead.

Please come to the meeting and find out what we do.