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Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

COATS

The weather has really changed over the last few days however, there were still some children who arrived at school yesterday without a coat on despite the snow! Please ensure that your child is wearing a coat in the morning. They are outside for nearly an hour at lunchtime and it is very cold without a coat.



Run, Run Rudolph!

The children will have all received a sponsor form for the upcoming Rudolph Run. This is an annual sponsored run to raise much needed money for school funds. We recognise that times are tough for you and the cost of living is affecting everyone but any money that you donate will really benefit all of the children in school. We thank you in advance.

Year 6 Careers Fair

On Wednesday 29th January 2025, our Year 6 children are holding a Careers Fair to help them find out more about their future career choices. Giving children the opportunity to talk to professionals encourages them to have high aspirations for their future and this is something we consider to be extremely important. We are therefore reaching out to see if any parents are available to come and support us and share their expertise.



We have been running this event for several years and it has always proved to be highly successful. We currently have 60 children in Year 6 and each child has chosen someone to invite. The children will move around to the different visitors in small groups and will ask questions about each profession. If you think you might be able to offer your time and expertise, or perhaps you know of someone

who might be interested, please get in touch. The more the merrier!

Congratulations!



We are very pleased to celebrate Aleah's recent gymnastics achievement! The competition was held at Southampton Gymnastics club where she trains 4 days a week on top of the current 2 days a week at Calmore Acro Zone. She was entered into the shooting stars category of the regional competition held on Sunday 17th November.

Aleah and her partner entered the floor and put on a beautiful routine filled with different balances and lifts in front of a panel of 16 judges.

After her performance, parents and coaches waited to hear her results during the presentation section of the competition and Aleah and her partner were placed third overall in the Grade 2 Women's pair competitors. There were 6 pairs in total in this entry. This was her first competition so to be placed to a podium is a real achievement. As well as the fact that she has only been in this pair for 5 weeks before competition so to have the trust and bond to be able to perform and come 3rd is amazing!

Well done, Aleah! We're all very proud of you!

Now for something completely different...

Paisley in Year 4, recently took part in the EXGB Revvi Race which is a form of motor cross that sees young budding bikers compete against each other on electric motorbikes. Against a field of 12 experienced other riders, Paisley, who has only been riding since September, managed to finish third overall and receive a bronze medal to commemorate her wonderful achievement. Wow, Paisley! An amazing achievement that shows such courage and desire to learn something new!



Governor Vacancy

We currently have a parent governor vacancy.

We currently have an exciting opportunity for a parent/guardian to join us as a Parent Governor on the board of Calmore Junior School. We fully value the partnership it has with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor. The role of a school governor is a very rewarding one and it will enable you to meet new people and to work as part of a team. You will gain new knowledge and skills and will be able to bring a valuable perspective to the work of the board. Don't worry if you have no experience, as full training and support is available and you will be well supported by your colleagues on the governing body.

The governing body's main tasks are:

- *to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;*
- *to hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;*

- to oversee the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors are valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring that the governing body has access to parent perspectives and a greater knowledge of the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and to give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance, also, to play their part in ensuring that our pupils fulfil their aspirations. Full training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support, as well as access to external governor training.

If you would like to find out more about this wonderful opportunity, then please do call Miss Ingram on 023 80865354 and she will put you in touch with our co-chairs. If you would like to apply to join our board, then please contact the school office for an application form, which will need to be completed and returned to the school. The guidelines giving full details about how vacancies are filled can be found on the school's website. It will also be useful to look at the information for prospective governors on the Hampshire Governor Services website:

hants.gov.uk/governors-volunteer

Please note, that for the protection of children, all governor appointments are subject to an identity and DBS check. If there are more applications than vacancies, we will hold an election and you will be sent a voting paper in due course. You may return the ballot paper either via your child, school reception or by post.

We very much look forward to speaking with you and to receiving your parent governor application form.

Yours sincerely,

Rhonda Penny and Rosemary Lethbridge (Co-Chairs of Governors)

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GOVERNOR SUPPORT

Apply to be a parent governor

We are currently seeking applicants for the opportunity to join our school's governing body

Successful applicant(s) will:

- join a friendly and dedicated team;
- be supported to develop useful new skills and knowledge;
- work with school leaders to assist children and young people to fulfil their aspirations;
- give something of significant value back to our community.

Please get in touch to find out more about this opportunity

Closing date

Contact **Cathy Ingram (Headteacher)**
Telephone **02380865354**
Email **adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk**

You can find out more about the governing body on our website:

For more information about being a school governor in Hampshire visit:
hants.gov.uk/governors-volunteer

Hampshire
County Council

Please follow the link to find out more about the role of a school governor.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnEdsMdzFJc>

School office hours

Please note that until further notice and due to staff long-term sickness, the school office will close each day at 3:30pm. The answerphone will be put on so that you can leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you.

Calmore Junior School 12 Days of Christmas

To spread some Christmas cheer over the month of December, we will be once again running the Calmore Junior School 12 Days of Christmas draw.

Parents have the opportunity to buy tickets at £2 per ticket or 3 tickets for £5 for children to be entered into the 12 Days of Christmas draw. Then, every day from Monday 2nd December to Tuesday 17th December, a child's name will be drawn from the Christmas Wheel during assembly and the winner can then choose a prize from the prize box each day.

The more tickets that a parent buys for their child, the more times that child's name is entered into the draw.

Parents will also have the option to purchase and donate a ticket to another child in the school to allow them to have the opportunity to be entered.

You can purchase tickets at the school office from Wednesday 13th November.





What have we been learning this week?

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

Year 3 - In English, we have been writing, evaluating and publishing our setting description. Our published work is fantastic. Our next learning journey is to write a section of a story. We are continuing to focus on starting sentences with capital letters.

In maths, we have been applying all that we have learned in fractions and solving simple problems. We have now started our geometry learning journey in which we are identifying properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 4 - This week in maths, we have been learning about equivalent fractions and adding fractions greater than one. In English, we have planned our writing for our own narrative based on Beowulf. Our afternoons have been spent rehearsing for our Christmas play. Next week in maths, we will be comparing fractions and completing our maths assessments. In English, we will be writing our narratives based on the story of Beowulf. Don't forget our Christmas play is Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th December!

Year 5 - This week in year five we have been learning to name and identify the properties of 2d and 3d shapes in maths. In English, we have been investigating metaphors, personification, similes and noun phrases as we begin to draft our descriptions of dragons. In guided reading, we have been exploring the fifth of our six Hampshire Book Award titles, "Our Tower". In science, we are investigating how models of space have been viewed throughout history and we have learned about heliocentric and geocentric theories. Our gymnastics unit in PE has been welcomed by the children who have identified that many of the stretches which we use for our warm up are indeed or yoga poses from last half term!

Year 6 - In English this week, we have learnt about the structure and layout of non-chronological reports, before planning our own reports all about moths. We will be writing our reports next week. In maths, we have been learning how to calculate percentages of amounts. In Science, we have continued to learn about Evolution and the important work of Mary Anning.

For our DT topic this half term, the children will be making cars powered by a battery and pulley mechanism. If your child would like to take their car home at the end of term, to cover the costs, we ask for £3.00 to be paid via Scopay before Wednesday 18th December. Many thanks.

Celebration and awards

Each Friday, we have a celebration assembly where we highlight 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: Poppy R and Jowan

Yr 4: Asher and Vinnie P

Yr 5: Jack B and Logan

Yr 6: Charlotte and Clay



ACTIVE Awards

Yr 3: Summer and Lily N

Yr 4: Brandon, Alex and Oliver H

Yr 5: Sienna and Ava

Yr 6: Ewan and Hugo

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 -Charlie 3CB - Lois
4AV -Poppy 4LD - Elsie
5SJ -Ryan 5LP - Robin
6HS - Caisey 6JH - Isaac

Reading Certificates

BRONZE reading certificates awarded to: Summer, Kian, Ella, Jacob, Clay, Lottie P, Inaya and Lexi.

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.



Diary Dates

RED year 3,

YELLOW year 4

GREEN year 5,

BLUE year 6

PURPLE- all year groups



Event	Date	Time
Christmas Family Fun day (more information to follow)	Saturday 23 rd November	11-12.30
Year 3 exit point	Thursday 28 th November	2.15pm
Flu immunisations	Tuesday 3 rd December	am
Year 4 Nativity	Tuesday 3 rd December and Wednesday 4 th December	5pm
Rudolph Run	Friday 6 th December	am
Marcus Dilly in for year 4	Monday 9 th December	am
Christmas dinner and jumper day	Thursday 12 th December	12pm
Year 6 exit point	Friday 13 th December	9am
Year 4 Exit point	Monday 16 th December	9am
Year 5 Explorer Dome - Space	Tuesday 17 th December	9am & 10am
Year 5 Exit point	17 th December	2:30 pm
Testwood Baptist Church service	Thursday 19 th December	10am
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December	-
First day of spring term	Monday 6 th January	8:30am
INSET days 2024/2025	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 2

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

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



Breakfast Club drop off

With workers already on site and working at the infants early each morning, can we politely remind any parents that drop their child off at breakfast club, to park in the community centre car park and then walk into the school site. It is a busy but also darker time of the day with pupils, staff and external groups all accessing the site so would appreciate your help in reducing traffic and therefore any risk to visitors.

Communication



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

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Please go to our website address above, for more information.

*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

The Watering Hole & Calmore Acro Zone
present:

Annual Creative Arts
CHRISTMAS SHOW

Join us in a night filled with festive fun and creativity. Enjoy performances and more as we celebrate the season together.

December 14th
starting at 7pm

IN CALMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE - HUNTERS HALL

FREE EVENT

Reserve your spot now via QRcode or the link:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calmore-acro-zone>
Doors open at 6:30pm

Christmas FAMILY FUN

GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND MORE

led by **The Watering Hole**

Come along for a festive event filled with Christmas activities, decoration-making, and a fun costume competition - wear your most Christmassy outfit for a chance to win! Don't miss the holiday fun!

NOVEMBER 23RD
11 AM TO 12:30
CALMORE JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL

FREE EVENT FOR EVERYONE!
PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.