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Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents at the year 3 exit point yesterday. Thank you to all of you who came. We have never had such a good turnout at an exit point. It means so much to the children to show you what they have been learning. I hope that you all enjoyed making the bottle mazes together too.

We look forward to seeing the year 4, 5 and 6 parents at their exit points in due course. (See diary dates below.)

Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you to all of you that bought a poppy. We raised £150.55 which contributed to the Totton total of £19,000.

Sports hall Athletics



We are so incredibly proud of each and every pupil that took part in the Y5/6 Sports hall Athletics at Testwood on Wednesday. The excitement for the event had been building in school for a few weeks and knowing that it was a first competitive outing for several made it a very special few hours. With two teams, came the need for a

minibus and that seemed to add extra excitement, not to mention the new training tops that the pupils wore around school with pride. Once there, the realisation of what they'd be doing became very real and many questions suddenly needed answers...but without any hesitation or reluctance, they threw themselves into each race, each throw and each jump with true Calmore commitment. Many ran with smiles whilst others grimaced as they gave all they could for themselves but also for their team. The relays rounded off a hugely enjoyable competition and they wrung out every last drop of energy they had. Memories were made that will bring confidence and self-belief. It didn't bring medals, but brought so much more than that. Very proud of you all.

Governor Vacancy

We still 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)

Opportunity
Make a difference

Hampshire
Services
Governor Services

Apply to be a parent governor

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

Successful applicants will:

- join a friendly and dedicated team.
- be supported to develop useful new skills and knowledge.
- work with school leaders to meet 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

Contact: Cally Ingram (Headteacher)
Telephone: 0238065354
Email: admissionoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk

Going into... 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 and grammar, we have been learning about sentences and clauses. A main clause can be a sentence and contains a subject and a verb. This week we have also used co-ordinating conjunctions (and, but, for, so) to join two clauses, thus making a compound sentence. Tricky stuff! In maths, we have been learning about the properties of 3D shapes, making them and drawing their nets. Next week, we are learning about measurement again, most notably converting metres to centimetres. We will be learning that the number 100 (100cm = 1 metre) can be split into 2, 4, 5 and 10 to make fractions of a metre - 25cm is $\frac{1}{4}$ of a metre.

Our science is now coming to an end and we were lucky to see so many of you at our science Exit Point. Thank you for making some wonderful magnetic mazes with your children.

Year 4 -This week in maths, we have been completing our autumn assessments. In English, we have been writing our own version of the battle between Beowulf and Grendel. In the afternoons, we have been practising our Christmas play.

Next week in English, we will be starting our new unit of work based on the story of Beowulf. In maths, we will be comparing fractions and counting in tenths. We will also be performing our Christmas play to the school!

Don't forget that children need to be back to school at 4.30pm on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th December ready for our evening performances!

Year 5 -In Year 5 this week, we have been publishing and evaluating our descriptions of dragons during our writing lessons. In guided reading, we have been exploring more of our Hampshire Illustrated Book Award literature as the results have been revealed! In PE, we have begun to practise for the sponsored run, building our endurance for the big day, and in Science, we have been outside investigating shadows as part of our research into how night and day happen here on Earth.

Year 6 -Year 6 have been busy completing some maths and reading assessments this week to see the progress they have made since September. We have also learnt about relative clauses and parenthesis to enable us to use this when we write our non-chronological reports about moths next week. In maths, we have been learning how to read timetables and using this to solve time problems. In Science, we have learnt about the work of Charles Darwin. We also looked at the skulls and beaks of lots of different birds and discussed how we thought they had adapted to their environment.

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: Alana H and Harvey

Yr 4: Ethan and Alexa

Yr 5: Joshua and Freddie

Yr 6: Austin and Ronnie



ACTIVE Awards

Yr 3: Hollie and Bella

Yr 4: Mia and Sofia

Yr 5: Ivan and Isabelle

Yr 6: Jessica and Amber

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 - Oana 3CB -Kian
4AV - Dominic 4LD - Elyse
5SJ - James 5LP - Naya
6HS -James 6JH - Robyn

Reading Certificates

BRONZE reading certificates awarded to: Alfie, Jimi, Jacob, Thomas and Austin

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.



RED year 3,

YELLOW year 4

GREEN year 5,

BLUE year 6

PURPLE- all year groups



Event	Date	Time
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