



Calmore Infant School

Autumn Newsletter 4— Friday 30th September 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have welcomed our phonics trainer and advisor to support our staff in teaching phonics, even though we are confident with our practice we are always striving to be better and to improve. We are pleased to share that she commented on how well our children learn to read at Calmore Infant School and the strengths of the staff working with the children. For those families new to us, we use Read, Write Inc phonics with our children to learn to read. If you want to find out more about the way we teach reading please look at our website for more information. We will be shortly offering a parents' workshop to share how we teach and how you can help your child at home. Keep an eye out on the dates we send out via Arbor.

We are currently assessing all the children in school, as we do regularly to make sure that they are in the right group. It has been so rewarding to see the progress that the children make. Please help your child to become even better at reading by hearing them read each day. It really does make a difference.

Harvest Festival and Food bank collection:

The week before half term is our harvest week, we will be collecting for the foodbank at Testwood Baptist Church.



We will be asking for donations of items that can be used for Christmas for families, including items that we may think of as treats. When we talk to our families that use / have used the foodbank they tell us that having a little treat really is appreciated.

The food bank often have a lot of pasta, rice and so therefore we will be asking for chocolate biscuits, puddings, tinned fruit etc. which are always in short supply.

We know that life can be difficult, we are able to refer families to the food bank, please come and speak to us in confidence if we can help you with this.

Safeguarding in school

Safeguarding is our absolute priority. Please act on concerns that you have about any children that you know. If you have a concern about the safety of a child or young person and you want someone to find out what is going on, contact the Hampshire Children's Services Department. Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm, phone 0300 555 1384.

At all other times, contact the out-of-hours service, phone 0300 555 1373.

At Calmore Infant School, Mrs Willes is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), while Mrs Weaver and Mrs Richman are the Deputy DSLs.

Please remember anyone can make a referral and safeguarding is everyone's concern.

Winter Warmers – Wednesday 4th October 5-5.45:

Do not forget that next Wednesday is our Winter Warmers evening, we invite you to come to school at 5pm for a story and a hot chocolate together.



We invite children to wear their pyjamas and bring a torch to read with.

Last year we were lucky enough to have the Gruffalo visit— you really do not want to miss out! Siblings are welcome to join— you need to book on Arbor by 9pm tonight so we know how many families are coming.

Well Done Certificates and Thank you Stars:

Ducklings :

Penguins:

Owls: Tayler, Paige & Liana

Goldfinches : George, Logan & Annabelle

Robins : Chae, Xavi & Lois

Swallows : Ralphie, Poppy & Chloe



Date for your diary - School Photos

Year R are having their photograph taken for the Lymington newspaper on Tuesday 3rd October .



Our school photographers are in school to take individual photographs for all children on Thursday 5 October. Please ensure children are wearing a Calmore Infant School jumper or cardigan on this date.

Naming Clothes

We have noticed that there are multiple items of clothing that do not have children's names on, including brand new jumpers, wellies and shoes. Please help your child to be independent by ensuring that all items sent into school are named. We do not want to lose valuable learning time trying to ascertain to whom items belong to.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Willes and Mrs Weaver