



# Calmore Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has flown by, the new children that joined us mid year, seem as if they have always been with us, they have settled in so well. This term also saw our new catering company start and we have noticed a real improvement in our food at lunchtime. A big thank you to Amy and her team as we have started our new menus and made a few tweaks. She is looking forward to cooking for the children in school for our holiday club this Easter. Remember the new menu will be in place for April.



What is so amazing about Calmore Infant School is the willingness for everyone to go the extra mile for our children and our community, working together to give the children the best possible 3 years. As we move towards our final term it has been wonderful to look at all the progress and improvements that we have made. We are really grateful to the FCIS for their help in organising our events and helping us to raise money to help our children. They have funded the surprise in school today for our children, thanks to your support.

One of our best achievements of the term has been creating our new library in the centre of our school, making it easier to access for our children. We want our children to love reading and this has helped to continue to ensure that they love coming to the library. The new music room is more spacious and I know that after school club love having a bit more space to play.

The next term will see us welcome our new families accepting their new Year R space and helping our Year 2 with the transition to their new schools. We will start to work with the Junior schools to help our children settle and continue the love of learning in their new schools. But for now we have a lot to squeeze in with our Summer term ahead, with the farm visit and other school trips. It is a great time to be at school.

You may notice that the Year R children have started planting in the tyres in the playground in memory of Tobias. They wanted to make a garden for us all to remember him. Work will begin after the Easter holiday on a car track in his memory, funded by the generous donations raised.

## Year R Wood Tech

The children in Year R are loving making their own creations using our woodwork area that Mrs Richman has set up. The children work in small groups at a time under her supervision to make their own projects. We have seen swings, clocks, a home for a gerbil and lots of other creations.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to develop their dexterity and hand eye co-ordination. If you think you would like to volunteer to help with this area of learning in school, please pop in and speak to Mrs Richman in Year R.



The saw we use in woodwork has to be held with two hands. This helps to keep our little fingers out of the way and keeps us safe, whilst giving us extra control.



## Year 2 Recorder Concert

Year 2 performed to their parents on Wednesday. We were very impressed with their confidence in performing in front of a large audience and playing the recorder with such enthusiasm.



## Entertainer

The children were lucky to end the term with a fantastic entertainer today. There was lots of laughter and a great way to finish this term.



### Grounds Update:

Over the Easter holiday, the Year R area is being repaired, cleaned and made ready for a summer term of more outdoor area.

Work is also underway to begin the replacement of our windows that the council are funding, due to finish in time for the new school term in September.

If you have any car tyres (without metal or sharp objects in) we would love to have them please for our playground.

### FCIS Sponsored Bunny Hop

Thank you to the families that have sent in their sponsored bunny hop money, we were overwhelmed with your generosity – we think we have raised £1980.

This will be used towards resources for all the children in school.

We all had great fun taking part in this, I am sure the children will tell you all about it!



### Attendance

This weeks whole school attendance is 97.6%. Expected national school attendance is at least 95%. This week the class with the best attendance is the Robins with 100% attendance!!! Well done Robins!

As it was the last week of this term, we did our lucky dip for the children that had been in everyday this half term. Well done to all the children that have been in every day this half term.

We start a new lucky dip again after Easter so everyone has a chance to be in it again. As well as our new children being able to enter!



We hope that you have a lovely Easter holiday with your family. We are all crossing our fingers for less rain as a bit of sunshine would not go a miss!

Remember on our website are lots of sources of information on mental health and wellbeing should you need support in the holiday.

Mrs Willes and Mrs Weaver.

