



## A newsletter from the Staff and Headteacher at Calverton Primary School May 2022 No.3

### EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND

The nature of the school layout means that children can come through various gates and make their way to their classrooms. This can include children passing by the equipment in the Nursery and Reception outdoor play area. Unfortunately, in recent weeks, some of this equipment has been broken. There are a few things to think about.

Firstly, the equipment is not designed for older children so it is not surprising that it will get broken. This means that equipment is put out of action and the young children in the Early Years do not get to use the playground as they should be able to do so.

Secondly, Early Years staff spend time each morning setting up activities ready for the lessons during the day. This can be a waste of time if carefully set out activities are then disturbed by children playing where they should not.

Lastly, of course replacing equipment or having to fix broken equipment becomes costly. The school wants to spend its limited budget on improving experiences for all children, not using it to fix things that really should not have been broken.



The Early Years staff particularly are getting frustrated by the situation. If you are bringing your child/ren into school each morning (or when leaving the playground at the end of the day) can you make sure you keep all children—young or old—off the equipment. If your child/ren come to school alone and you know they would usually use one of the front gates then please remind them to not use the Early Years play area themselves.

Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated by everyone and the youngest children in the school get to enjoy their outdoor sessions equally as well as the other children in the school during their playtime.

### QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

I do hope the children come home today having said they had a great time at school. As mentioned in the last newsletter, this celebration marks a first in history—the longest ever reigning monarch in Britain. Ask them if they learned any new facts today and what they enjoyed most.

Whether you are a fan of the monarchy or not, I do not think anyone could fail to



acknowledge the Queen's dedication to the role she has over such a long period of time.

### DOGS IN SCHOOL

It was brought to my attention this week that a dog was not on a lead in the playground. For the safety of everyone, we request you do not bring a dog onto the school site. Young children can easily be scared by dogs and / or the dog can be frightened by the children. No matter how well trained the dog is it becomes quite an unpredictable situation and no-one would want to hear about any attack on the school grounds when it can so easily be avoided.

If it is absolutely unavoidable then the dog should be on a lead and kept very close to you.



## PARENT WORKSHOPS

We held our first in a series of workshops aimed to help you to help your child's learning. These sessions will be held by staff from the Federation. The Phonics and early reading session was well received by those that attended.

Over the next half-term the following sessions are planned and we warmly welcome your attendance at any of interest to you. The sessions are held in the main hall each Wednesday morning and plan to be no longer than an hour. Of course, staff will happily stay around to answer any questions you may have. Please note the dates but reminders should be sent each week.

08<sup>th</sup> June Federation leadership

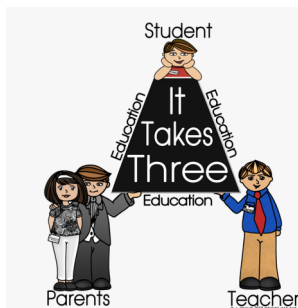
15<sup>th</sup> June Changing Adolescent Bodies

22<sup>nd</sup> June Supporting maths at home

29<sup>th</sup> June Comprehension at home

06<sup>th</sup> July Community event with parents

13<sup>th</sup> July Transition sessions



## Dates for the Summer Term

**27 May 2022** – LAST DAY OF TERM 5—Jubilee Celebration

**6 June 2022** – TERM 6 STARTS

**w/b 13th June 2022**—'This Is Me' week: the teaching of RSHE.

**12th July 2022**—Sports Day Planned tbc

**21 July 2022** – LAST DAY OF TERM 6 AND THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS BEGIN

**Next half term a series of parent workshops will be held each Wednesday morning. Look out for the advertisement.**

**5 September 2022** – CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES

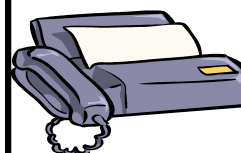
Calverton is well known for some of its sporting achievements over the years. A team came runners up in a tennis competition this week. The school recently gained School Games Gold Mark Award—a fantastic accolade. So in keeping with celebrating sport, a major sporting competition comes back to the UK this summer—the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, 28th July—8th August.

Did you know the first Commonwealth Games took place in 1930 in Canada? Only eleven countries took part and most of the competitors were men. Only six sports were part of the Games.

The Commonwealth Games happen every four years in a different Commonwealth country. Their aim is to promote a friendly games that strengthens the Commonwealth.

Over sixty countries are expected to take part in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. Twenty sports will be played during the Games and around four thousand athletes split equally between men and women. You may not be lucky enough to attend but do make sure you watch. Can you guess where England, or any of the other home nations will end up in the medal table?

Meet Perry the mascot.



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