



A newsletter from the Staff and Headteacher at Calverton Primary School July 2022 No.6

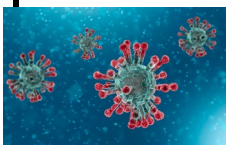
THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

So what an academic year it has been at Calverton. So much has happened it is difficult to know where to begin! However, thank you for having faith in the school and the changes being made. Thank you for all the positive comments you have said over the year and appreciation you have shown. Not everything has gone as planned, or as smoothly as wanted, but as the year comes to an end I am very proud of what has been achieved and the drive from the whole community to achieve has never been greater.

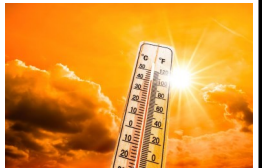


I want to thank the Federation staff who have worked with us, working alongside a talented staff team at Calverton, to nurture and cultivate the best from our pupils. Calverton is now a school where the children are as focussed as they have ever been. It is a pleasure to walk through the school and see the wonderful things happening in the classroom and children responding well. There has been a significant shift in pupils' behaviour and attitude for the majority. There a few children, mainly with additional needs, who have found it challenging to adapt but progress is being made here also.

It has been a tough year and Covid seems to have never gone away, which has made it doubly difficult at times. I look back on the high number of absences in the Autumn



Term, and the school closure before Christmas, and know learning has been disrupted but we have pushed on and kept things going as well as we can. As we end the year, we are battling another national crisis with the extreme hot



weather. Again, we adapt to keep children in school and learning. The school has had a change of leadership during the year and starts the new year with another. I know that Lando DuPlooy will take the school on the same journey he did with Dersingham Primary and continue to achieve good things for the school. In one way it won't be easy, as the leadership is shared across two schools, but in another it could be the start of a new model of success as those with leadership responsibility can look across schools and see them as one setting. Hopefully, as a school community, it has been evident that the leaders will listen and respond as best we can to anything raised with us. This will continue into 2022 / 2023 and beyond.

MIXED AGED CLASSES

It was good to see many of you at the meeting to look at mixed-aged class teaching. As raised, this is not new at Calverton; Federation staff have experience of running a mixed age curriculum and we have put some of our most experienced staff in these two classes. It is normal to have a span of ability in any class and teachers are expected to plan to meet their needs. I know there is still some anxiety but we will revisit this early next year to check in with you as parents.

NEW SENDCO

As you will see over the page, some staff are leaving this week, including Joseph Wynne—the special needs co-ordinator. We will start the new school year with Sarah Hodges in the role as SENDCO, she works in the Federation and has many years of experience. Over the past few weeks she has had an opportunity to meet with Mr Wynne and have some handover meetings. I know she will be welcomed warmly and plans to meet with parents of children with SEN early in the new year.



STAFFING UPDATE

As every year, there will be staff leaving Calverton and not returning in September. Some of them decided to take voluntary redundancy, some are leaving for promotions and some leaving due to a change in personal circumstance. Many of these staff have been at Calverton for a number of years and I know they will be missed by staff, children and parents. We wish them all the very best as they begin the next stage in their career, deal with their personal situations or simply taking a bit of a break from education after a gruelling couple of years.

Mrs Eaton, Mr Wynne, Mrs L Ahmed, Mrs Parmar, Mrs Brunt, Mr Chowdhury, Mrs Leung, Mrs Hida, Ms S Ahmed, Ms Burrows, Mrs Akande and Ms Richardson will be leaving. We also have a Teaching Assistant leaving—Ms Ho. We will be saying our farewells Thursday to these staff members. I'm sure they will keep in touch and let us know how they are getting on.

We welcome 4 new teachers to the school—Ms Prabhakumar, Mr Marley, Mr Slee and Ms Begum. Two Federation staff will also be joining the SEND team—Mrs Hodges and Mrs James—and Mrs Boyce will become a permanent member of staff.

Fortunately, we have been able to have most of them in school the last couple of weeks so they have been able to get to know children, meet staff and be inducted into the school. You may have also noticed a new face on the front desk, Ms Kambulu, who joins the staff as an admin apprentice.



Dates for the Summer Term

19 July 2022—A school community event p.m.— **CANCELLED**

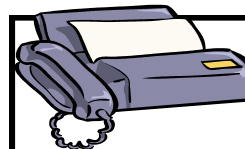
20 July 2022—End of term class parties p.m. Please provide a 'party food bag' for your own child to enjoy during the afternoon.

21 July 2022 9:00 a.m.—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (parents invited).

21 July 2022 – Last day of the school year. **School closes at 1:30 and the summer holidays begin.**

PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR THE 2022/23 ACADEMIC YEAR DATES.

5 September 2022 – Children will return to school after the summer break.



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YEAR 6 LEAVERS

It is also the time of year we say goodbye to the Year 6 pupils as they move on to their Secondary Education. They have had a great year overall and really worked hard to achieve. The Year 6 staff team in particular are proud to have prepared them for Year 7 as best they could have done. They enjoyed a great end of school disco last Thursday and we have a thank you event planned for this Thursday, the last day of term as we send them off.

We hope they get to follow their dreams by working hard in Secondary and want to hear great things in the future. Good luck!

