

A newsletter from the Staff and Headteacher at Calverton Primary School June 2022 No.4

NEXT YEAR

As the end of the 2022 academic year rapidly approaches we are working on plans for 2022-23. Some decisions sit with the Governing Board and once they have been announced then we will let you know.

LEADERSHIP

The main decision is the future leadership of Calverton. As you know, across the summer term the school has been lead by members from across the Federation and whilst generally this is working well, having the single point of contact will be better for all. As result of some delayed decisions, it does put a hold on some choices we may have already usually made by this time in the year. Please

bear with us as I know it is an important question being asked.

RECRUITMENT

A number of staff will be leaving at the end of the academic year; some of these are as a result of redundancy discussions and some through personal decisions and circumstances. I am pleased to announce that the final teaching position is due to filled through



interviews on Friday. We can then start to allocate teachers to year groups and children to classes, a process that should be complete by the end of next week.

CLASSES

In a previous newsletter, I have mentioned that next year we will have some mixed aged classes. This is when half the class is from one year group and the other half from another e.g. a Year 1/2 mix. The driver for this decision is the number of pupils currently in each year, there are not enough children in each year group to make two full classes. The deficit budget position is also a driver for these decisions being made, fewer classes means the need for fewer teachers.

Firstly, I am aware there has been the need for mixed aged classes previously at Calverton for similar reasons so it is not new. Secondly, I want to assure parents and carers that Federation staff have experience of leading a school where there were mixed ages classes throughout the whole school. The main action required is to make some changes to the curriculum overviews and ensuring there is a good pitch to the lessons and abilities within each class. Otherwise there should not be any significant impact on running the school.

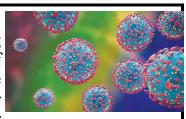
When deciding classes next week the most obvious process is to rank the pupil by date of birth; this will be our starting point so older children in one year group will be with



younger children in the year group above. Once that has been completed we will look at the make up of the class and identify those with Special Educational Needs—both on the higher and lower spectrum—and some individual movement may be made in the best interests of each child.

COVID

Covid once again appears to be on the increase; we are seeing some cases in school. Please remember the main rules of hands, space and good ventilation. If in enclosed places where there are lots of other people then wear a mask. Look out for the symptoms of a fever, cough, loss of taste or smell. If your



child has symptoms then do not send them to school, 5 days of isolation is advised to reduce further transmission. If you can, do get tested to confirm the status.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Calverton has a history of doing well in sporting tournaments and this year is no different. After a few runner up positions recently we came first in a tennis

competition. Congratulations to the children involved and to Mr Rob Cooper who has been nurturing their talent. Over the last couple of weeks we have managed to get these achievements into the local newspaper which is great publicity for the school. I'm sure we will have another full cabinet of trophies out front very soon with more wins!

EXTENDED DAY DISCUSSIONS

We recognise that a number of you require child care beyond the school day. The Extended Day provision is a long standing arrangement at Calverton but

numbers have dwindled over time. In times when every part of the budget is being scrutinised, we have to make sure that it is a sustainable provision.

The requirements to run this provision have also changes over the years but the school isn't quite where it needs to be and so a current review is taking place to ensure that we are compliant at all times, especially over the holiday periods.

We absolutely want to make sure we help support your needs but in a safe and the most impactful way. We are also looking to establish a programme of clubs in the Autumn Term that will act as one aspect of our provision going forward.

Further updates about Extended Day provision will be sent to all currently involved in the coming weeks.

END OF TERM EVENTS

Over the next few weeks there will be a number of typical end of term events happening at the school sports day, fete, class



parties, etc.. Some of the key ones are listed under the dates section opposite. In the build up to each event we will provide additional information for you regarding timings, what is happening and any requirements. Please note those we hope you can attend.

On the day of term, Thursday 21st July, we are posing an early finish (1:30 p.m.). If Governors confirm this then I will let you know. We will of course support any families that will find this challenging.



Dates for the Summer Term

w/b 4 July 2022—Children will get to meet their new teacher and transition activities begin.

11 July 2022—Pupil outcomes shared with parents.

12 July 2022—Sports Day a.m.

13 July 2022—Parent Open Afternoon 2:30 p.m.

19 July 2022—A school fete p.m.

20 July 2022—End of term class parties p.m.

21 July 2022 – Last day of the school year, summer holidays begin.

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



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