



A newsletter from the Staff and Headteacher at Calverton Primary School April 2022 No.1

WELCOME BACK

As we start the summer term, Calverton will see some changes – all for the better I believe! As the Executive Headteacher of CPD Schools Federation, I (Darren Williams) will head the leadership team for the school in the summer term. We will continue to use other Federation Leaders to drive the necessary changes to help achieve the aim of making Calverton one of the best schools in Newham to send your children to. I know many of you recognise things do need to get better. Staff, children, parents and governors will need to work hard together to achieve this. We want the Local Authority to confirm this is the case. They will be working closely with the school and leadership team to monitor our progress.

The staff had the INSET DAY first day back as an opportunity to plan a fresh start for Calverton. This included creating a new vision statement for the school – a few sentences that sum up what we want to do at Calverton; what the school wants to be known for and wants to achieve. We have discussed the main priorities of focus during the summer and these will be shared with you very soon.

Over the next couple of weeks there will be opportunities for you to share your views with the school and let us know about what concerns you most and share any ideas you have. On the reverse of this newsletter you will see the first time I will make myself available so you can just drop in and chat with me and other leaders. It has been nice greeting so many of you in the playground this week.



OFSTED

Most of you will be aware of Ofsted—a Government Department for School Inspection. Calverton was last inspected in Summer 2017 and Ofsted aim to revisit schools every 5 years. That means we could expect a call any day from Ofsted to say they are coming in to inspect the school. This will be a Section 8 inspection. If the inspectors have real concerns about the school they will convert immediately to a Section 5 inspection. Whilst we are not expecting this, we do know that there needs to be a lot of improvements for the school to be judged securely as a ‘good’ school at the moment. During their visit they may think the same and say that they need to come back and look at the school again to make a judgement. Working together as a whole school community we can all help in our own way for the school to remain ‘good’. We hope everyone will see improvements and be able to talk about these changes when Ofsted do visit the school.

RAMADAN AND EID—As the end of Ramadan approaches, a number of you will looking forward to the festival of Eid-Ul-Fitr. Most primary aged children are not expected to fast but understand how they may want to participate. Any children who are fasting (with parental permission) and remaining at school at lunch time will be provided with a quiet area to rest. May I take this opportunity to wish those celebrating Eid Mubarak in advance of next weekend.



PARENT DROP IN MEETINGS

As mentioned on the front page I would like you to meet myself and other members of the senior team informally over the coming weeks through drop in sessions where there is no agenda, just to come and share your thoughts and ideas and let us know about anything that has been worrying you.

I am going to be available Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. next week.

I will base myself around the main hall so hopefully you can pop along as you pick up your children or after you have done so. If you want a more private conversation I am happy to arrange this if you let me know.



Dates for the Summer Term

20 April 2021 – TERM 5 STARTS

2 May 2022 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY

5 May 2022 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR POLLING DAY

27 May 2022 – LAST DAY OF TERM 5

6 June 2022 – TERM 6 STARTS

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

SUMMER TERM EVENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

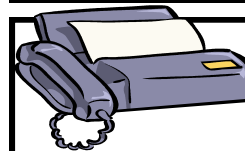
5 September 2022 – CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

REMINDERS

ATTENDANCE – We expect children to be in school every day unless they are ill. You should make every effort to make appointments, visits and holidays outside of school hours. Any requests for school leave need to be handed in to the office and not taken until approval has been given or you risk losing your child's school place.

SCHOOL TIMES – Please make sure your child is in school by **8:50 a.m.** and collected on time at the end of the school day, **3:15 p.m.** Regular lateness at either end of the school day will be followed up by Senior Leaders.

CONTACT INFORMATION – Please make sure that the school office has your current contact details i.e. mobile numbers and home telephone numbers, along with your correct address details. It is also important that the school has additional contact information in case we are unable to get hold of you. The school uses **WEDUC** to regularly send out information to parents. Please make sure you download the app to receive information quickly. There is guidance on the school website on how to use it and it can be downloaded via the App Store or Google Play. The school will help you set up the account if you do not already have one.



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