



WEEKLY FOCUS

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Do Your Best for Success

Dear Parents

We hope that you had a lovely half term and managed to get out and about on the few sunny days that we had. Only 6 weeks until Easter!

Weekly Theme

Our weekly theme this week is 'Be the best that you can be.' Sometimes things are hard in learning and it is all too easy to give up. In order to be the best that we can be, we need to be determined and keep trying. We need to look on mistakes as ways of learning and not obstacles that cannot be overcome. In order for children to be the best learners that they can be and succeed in life they need to:

- Be resilient and not give up when things are hard. Resilient children give things a try and we need to encourage this
- Show self-discipline and control their impulses-great learners need to listen and think
- Show courage-great learners need to show courage when learning new things and taking on challenges
- Show kindness to themselves-great learners are kind to themselves when they get things wrong and learn from their mistakes
- Be positive-great learners see enjoyment in the journey of learning

Online Safety

Having had a serious issue in year 6 over half term, it is essential that you monitor what your child is doing online.

- Check your child's online activity on mobiles, tablets and laptops
- Put parental controls on all devices
- Keep use of devices to rooms where they can be seen and monitored
- Keep devices downstairs when it is bedtime
- Use Apps such as Kidslox this is a parental App that can block the use of certain Apps and websites that are not appropriate for

children. This App can also limit daily use on screen time

- Talk to your child regularly about online safety and what they are doing online
- Remember the minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik, and Snapchat is **13**.
- YouTube requires account holders to be **18**, but a **13**-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission.
- Musically is not for children under the age of 13

Child psychologist Dr Richard Woolfson believes social media has removed the barriers between a young person's public and private self, leaving them vulnerable and exposed to danger by compulsive sharing online. "Children are gaining access to social media sites at a younger age, which could expose them to content, people or situations that are out of their depth and which they're not emotionally prepared for," he said.

Let's work together to keep our children safe.

Rock Challenge

Good luck to all the children performing at Southampton Guildhall on Thursday. The performance is looking amazing and we can't wait to see it. Apparently, in an article about Rock Challenge in the paper it said that Calmore Junior School was the one to watch! Go Calmore!

AFC Totton

Our football team is being allowed to train at AFC Totton Football club for the next few weeks. This is a wonderful experience for the children and we are very grateful to Simon Young for organising this. Have fun boys.

Macmillan Cancer

In aid of Macmillan Cancer support, one of our Year 3 parents is doing a very brave thing next week. She is having all her hair shaved off!

We have a box in the office if you wish to make a donation to this amazing charity, we would be extremely grateful.



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you very much to all the parents that returned their parent questionnaires. Here are the results:

1. My child is happy at school	97% Agree/Strongly Agree 1.5% Disagree 1.5% Don't know
2. The school has a happy atmosphere and I feel welcome when I come into school.	95% Agree/Strongly Agree 5% Disagree
3. The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his/her best.	100% Agree/Strongly Agree
4. I feel that I am working in partnership to support my child's learning.	95% Agree/Strongly Agree 5% Disagree
5. My child knows if they have a problem there I is someone they can go to in school who will listen to them.	92% Agree/Strongly Agree 3% Disagree 5% Don't Know
6 The school sets appropriate standards of behaviour and deals effectively with bullying (Behaviour by an individual or group usually repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally)	89% Agree/Strongly Agree 6% Disagree 5% Don't Know
7. My child's views are listened to eg in class, in groups, in assembly, in School Council	84% Agree/Strongly Agree 16% Don't Know
8. The school keeps my child safe eg by teaching safe play, road safety, safety in lessons, internet safety, stranger danger etc	96% Agree/Strongly Agree 1% Disagree 3% Don't know
9. The school celebrates my child's achievements	99% Agree/Strongly Agree 1% Disagree

10. The Weekly Focus/ParentMail /website keep me full informed about the life of the school	99% Agree/Strongly Agree 1% Disagree
11. I enjoy the opportunities to come in to see what my child is doing eg exit days, assemblies, come & read, productions etc	95% Agree/Strongly Agree 5% Disagree
12. There is a good range of extra curricular activities	1% Disagree 99% Agree/Strongly
13. Parent- teacher meetings are informative and helpful and the teachers tell me about my child's progress.	100% Agree/Strongly Agree
14. The school is led and managed effectively.	97% Agree/Strongly Agree 3% Disagree

If your child is unhappy or you have a specific problem it is far better that you come in and chat to us so that we can work together to solve the problem.

Parents' Evenings

We had a massive turnout of 97% attending parents' evenings this year so thank you to all the parents that took the time to attend. Thank you also to the parents that took the time to complete the short questionnaire (over 100)

The teachers were friendly and approachable	100% strongly agree or agree
I was able to look at my child's books	99% strongly agree or agree
I felt I could ask questions that were important to me	100% strongly agree or agree
I felt the teacher knew my child	100% strongly agree or agree
I was told how my child gets on socially within school and how they behave	100% strongly agree or agree
I was given a clear picture of my child's attainment and progress	100% strongly agree or agree
I was given a clear understanding of the next steps my child needs in learning	100% strongly agree or agree

If you did not manage to come in for parents evening, then please contact the office or the teacher for an appointment.

Book of the Week

Our book of the week this week is called 'There's no such thing as Dragons' and it is recommended by Mr



Vaughan. Ansel's new master slays dragons for a living. He says he's hunted the monstrous worms all over Christendom and has the scars to prove it. But is Brock just a clever trickster in shining armour? Ansel is sure there are no such things as dragons. So what is the man-eating creature that makes its

lair in the crags of Dragon Mountain? Ansel and Brock must climb the ice face to discover the terrifying truth.

Gate Closure for Rock Challenge rehearsal

For safety reasons the gates will be closed in future when Rock Challenge rehearsals are going on after school. The gates will close 15 minutes before the end and re open 15 minutes after. Please park in the car parks outside the gates and not in the road up to school. We have informed the local PCSO and the area may be policed.



Late Registration for Rock Challenge children.

The children involved in Rock Challenge have the option for a late registration on Friday 23 February due to the show finishing so late on Wednesday evening. They can come into school for 10.00am. This will not affect their attendance records. They can come in at the normal time if you would like them to. This is only for children in Rock Challenge **not** siblings.

M&M theatre company



There are still quite a few of you that have not paid for the theatre production that is coming into school next week. Please send in

the permission slip and £4.00 asap. They have visited us in school before and give a brilliant production to the children who thoroughly enjoy it every year!

World Book day

Don't forget that next Thursday 1 March is World Book Day. Children are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character.

Brainteaser

Last time's solution: You walk across a bridge and you see a boat full of people yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible? They were all married

This week's teaser: What has to be broken before you use it?

Lisa Marshall – Headteacher

Assembly news

The following children were awarded

Head Teacher's Awards

Year 3: **Isabelle & Georgie**

Year 4: **Lucy & Finn**

Year 5: **Eleanor & Ben**

Year 6: **Alexie & Daniel**

B.E.S.T Awards

Year 3: **Grace-May & Logan**

Year 4: **Katie, Kezia & Saffia**

Year 5: **Ellie & Grace**

Year 6: **Emily & Matthew**

Maths Stars

Year 3: **Fred & Bryn**

Year 4: **Taylor & Emelia**

Year 5: **Amelia & Wally**

Year 6: **Chelsea & Kera**

Well Done!

Children receive these awards for outstanding and on-going effort, good work and attitude.

Congratulations!

IT'S COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL!

LAST WEEKS CLASS

ATTENDANCE WINNERS WERE:

Donaldson Class @ 97 %

Well done and keep up the good attendance!

Our Learning

Year 3 The children have come back refreshed and have settled back in well. This week in English, we have created our own portal destinations and looked at the pros and cons of going through the portal to our worlds. This then led onto looking at features of a letter, because next week we will be writing a letter to advise someone on whether or not to go through our portals. In maths this week, we have been focusing on doubling and halving numbers and what happens to numbers when we do this, e.g multiplying by 2 and dividing by 2. Next week, we will look at multiplication and division. To help at home, please research the Stone Age with your child, to give them some prior knowledge before our topic launch next week. Bring in any facts that you find!

Year 4 This week we have been learning about the nonsense poem 'the Jabberwocky'. We have thought about what some of these words could mean and had a go at creating our own nonsense poems. In maths, we have been learning to do column subtraction. Next week, we will be inspired by the Jabberwocky to create our own non-chronological reports, describing what a monster from the Jabberwocky is like. To help at home, you could have a look at some other

nonsense poems like, The Owl and the Pussycat and the Ning Nang Nong.

Year 5 In literacy this week, we have begun a new unit of work, learning about writing stories based on a journey. We will continue this next week.

In maths, we have been finding different ways to solve some problems about birds and eggs! We've used different resources and strategies and been finding lots of different solutions. Next week, we will be developing our written strategies for multiplication.

In PSHE, we have been thinking about problems friends may encounter and different consequences which may occur as a result of our actions. We have been learning peaceful ways to solve conflicts. Next week, we will be starting our new science topic about reversible and irreversible changes

To help your child with their learning at home this week, you can:

- Ask them to talk to you about how they can solve conflicts and friendship fallouts in a peaceful way
- Discuss their spelling homework – words with the suffix 'ible' or 'able'
- Find out about the differences between reversible and irreversible changes

Year 6 Well we're now officially half way through Year 6! Time has flown and means that we must make the most of our final few months at Calmore - past pupils are always returning or posting on the blog to say, 'Enjoy Calmore while you can!' and how much they miss it here. So far this week has been a mixed bag. Many of us have been involved in Rock Challenge rehearsals and Thursday's show is nearly here - we can't wait! For the rest of us, we have been looking at inheritance and how specific characteristics are passed down in our parent's genes. We all had a good look at our ear lobes this week! In maths we've been looking at geometry and the different properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Today we created our very own Kahoot quizzes to text each other on what we've learned recently. You can have a go at home by finding the link in the blog.

Prompts & Reminders

We will be promoting School meals 5-8 March by inviting Mums or Grandma's in for lunch to celebrate Mothers Day!

We will be inviting mums or grandma's in for lunch the week beginning Monday 5 March for 4 days. (Not Friday) This is an ideal opportunity for mums or grandma's to come and enjoy having a school lunch with their child. As we are promoting school meals, you and your child both need to have a school meal. You cannot come in and have sandwiches with your child. Adult meals will need to be booked and paid for before the day. More details will be available nearer the time and a menu order form will be attached to the focus. Adult meals are priced at £2.58 inc VAT. Children's meals are £2.15.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



Disco Thursday 1 March 4-5.30pm



Tickets are now on sale at the office for our Easter disco. They are priced at £3 each and include an Easter treat Refreshments will be on sale. Children need to be collected by an adult over 18.

TILE BARN

Thank you to all those of you that have paid the second instalment of £35 for Tile Barn. If you haven't paid it yet, please do so ASAP. Thank you.



And Finally We wish our Rock Challenge team all the best for tomorrow. Go Calmore!

Dates for your Diary



Rock Challenge show 6pm
M & M Theatre production
World Book Day
School Disco 4-5.30pm
Book Fayre in school
Bag pack at ASDA Rock challenge
Mums in for lunch
Come and do Maths-all yrs 2.15pm
Non-uniform day CJSA
Sport Relief run a mile
Easter Raffle & Cake Sale
Testwood Baptist Easter concert 10am
Easter holiday

New term starts
Rock Challenge Final
Class photos and Yr 6 individuals
SATS Yr 6
Royal Wedding picnic
Sports Day 9.30am
HALF TERM
Tile Barn
Governor's Awards evening
Year 6 Southampton Uni visit
Yr 6 leaver's show 6pm
Yr 6 leaver's show 6pm
Last day of term
Yr 6 leaver's assembly 11am
Inset Day

New School year starts for children

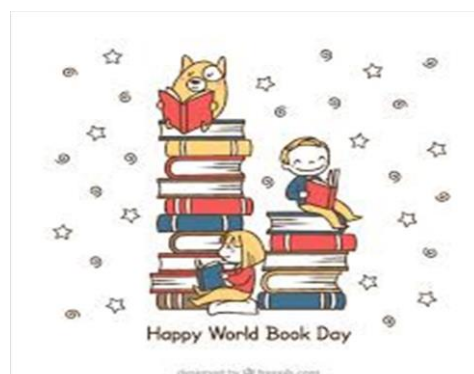
Thurs 22 Feb
Wed 28 Feb
Thurs 1 March
Thurs 1 March
Thurs 1 - 8 Mar
Sat 3 March
Mon 5- 8 March
Wed 7 March
Fri 16 March
Fri 23 March
Tues 27 March
Thurs 29 March
30 Mar -15 April

Mon 16 April
Wed 25 April
Fri 4 May
Week 14-18 May
Fri 18 May
Thurs 24 May
28 May-1 June
Mon 4 - Fri 8 Jun
Wed 13 June
Thurs 14 June
Tues 10 July
Wed 11 July
Fri 20 July
Fri 20 July
Mon 23 July
Wed 5 Sept

M & M THEATRE PRODUCTION
'The Secret Garden'
Coming to Calmore JS on Wednesday 28th February
Please complete the reply slip and return with payment as soon as possible, to allow your child to watch it.
Thank you 😊

Next Messy Church - Saturday 24 Feb
Starts at 11.00am
Venue: Calmore Junior School
A time of fun, games and activities for all the family, includes tumble track, sports, crafts puppets and the topic of " Learning from the past and moving on" There will be a light lunch afterwards.

Children invited to come to school dressed as a Book Character
Thursday 1 March



Leaflet about our Book Fair are coming home soon.