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Every Child. Every Chance. Every Day

Festive Newsletter



Parent Meeting

The next parent meeting here at Calverton will be on **Friday 24th January at 2pm** with Mrs Crompton.

Please do come and share your views about Calverton - all parents and carers are welcome.

If you have ideas, but are unable to attend, please do email us at: info@calverton.newham.sch.uk as we are always happy to hear from you.

Diary

Term dates can be found at: <http://calverton.newham.sch.uk/information/term-dates/>
Our 2019 / 2020 dates are on the website.

Last day of the autumn term:
Thursday 19th December

First day of the spring term:
Monday 6th January

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

New clubs for 2020 will start on 13th January. Letters will go out in the new year for applications.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Wednesday, the children wore Christmas jumpers and ate a delicious traditional roast dinner in aid of the Phab Kids charity.



Message from our Head Teacher

Dear parents,

We have had a successful first term this year, with a wide range of exciting events to spark the children's imagination and fuel their thirst for learning. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Remembrance Assembly and Black History Week.

This term has also seen our year 6s attend Lakeside and our year 5s perform Shakespeare at Stratford Circus. Such learning outside the classroom is vital to ensure our children continue to have access to a broad and varied Curriculum.

At our recent Parents' Evening, we were pleased to find that 84% of our parents attended meetings with their child's class teacher. This is so important and again thank you for your ongoing support. On behalf of all of the staff and the Governors here at Calverton, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Mrs Crompton



Upcoming Events

16th Dec - Christmas Fair & Carol Service at 3.30pm

17th Dec - Nursery (AM) & Reception Christmas Concert at 10am

Nursery (PM) & Reception Christmas Concert at 2pm

18th Dec - Christmas class parties

19th Dec - Last day of Autumn Term

6th Jan - First day of Spring Term

30th Jan - Nursery Stay & Play

3rd Feb - 7th Feb - STEM Week

5th Feb - STEM Parent Workshop

6th Feb - Safer Internet Parent Workshop

Parents are welcome to attend events in green.

Outdoor Learning



Earlier this term, Mr O' Hanrahan organised a group of parent volunteers and staff to plant a number of saplings into the grounds here at Calverton. The atmosphere and spirit of the occasion was truly heart-warming. With plans to set up a 'Friends of Calverton Wood' to help care for this area in the future, we ask you to kindly watch this space and hopefully to watch plants grow!



Calverton Learning Powers

Have a Go



SHAKESPEARE

Year 5 performed an amazing recital of Romeo and Juliet at Stratford Circus on Thursday 8th November 2019, attended by very appreciative parents and Governors. Well done to everyone who took part!



Educational Visits



A group of children from Singing Club recently attended the 'turning on the lights' celebration at the ExCeL with Richard House Children's Hospice. They performed Christmas carols with such enthusiasm and delightful singing voices that ExCeL wants them to come back every year!

Our Year 4 children went to visit themselves in an exhibition at the Tate Britain! As part of Steve McQueen's recent art project capturing children's learning in year 3, children from across the year group were photographed last year.

The children were very excited to find themselves on the wall of the gallery! The exhibition will be running at the Tate Britain until 3rd May 2020 and is free to enter.



Educational Visits



Pupils in year 6 had an incredible time in the Lake District for their Lakeside residential. Whilst there, children carried out problem solving tasks, admired the stunning views, enjoyed a camp fire and took part in many other exciting outdoor activities such as zip wiring and canoeing!



Can you help?



School Volunteers

Since September, we have welcomed even more parents into our classrooms as volunteers. They have helped the children by listening to them read, preparing activities, supporting them in class and even attending some of our most fun trips!

If supporting in class isn't for you, but you would still like to help, we are currently seeking anyone who may like to help with setting up and running the school library. But that's not all! If you have a liking for art, we are also seeking volunteers to help with decorating classrooms. Like the great outdoors? Volunteer and help with gardening. Is cooking your thing? Volunteer and help teach the children valuable cooking skills. Anything else? Please get in touch!

If you are enthusiastic and would like more information on any type of volunteering, please leave your contact details at the office for the attention of Mr Speed. We look forward to hearing from you!

Please note: All volunteers would need to be DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked before commencing volunteering in the school.



School Uniform

If you are able to donate new or hardly used children's school uniform, please let us know at the school office.

Whether it be a tie, pair of trousers or even school shoes, it will all be welcome. Thank you!



PE Kits

If anyone has any spare PE clothing or trainers / shoes, please bring them in and donate them at the school office. Any donations of clothing in good condition would be greatly appreciated.

Can you help?



Books

We are always seeking hardly used and new books to add to the choice and variety of books that children can read in school. If you have any, please do drop them off at the school office.

Outdoor Learning



All this outdoor learning can be dirty business, so we urgently need pairs of boots of any size so the children can get to work in the mud without bringing it all back with them!

Nursery Rainwear

Nursery are desperately seeking raincoats and wellington boots for use outside during the rainy weather. Any donations will be gratefully received.



Please bring all donations to the school office, where they will be distributed to the relevant person. Many thanks.