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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!

What a term it has been. The children have been wonderful, engaging with their learning as they have made huge progress to catch up the lessons missed during lockdown. School has been buzzing with all the exciting things they have been getting up to, including going on a class trip for the first time in over a year. As always the children have been a credit to you and Calshot School and I know that in September we will continue to build upon all the hard work everyone has put in over the year. I hope everyone has a fun filled holiday and manage to get some much deserved rest with their families. I look forward to seeing the children start back on **Monday 6th September.**

Covid-19 Update for September

I know that Covid-19 is still in our community and we must all continue to remain vigilant, however from September we expect to resume the daily procedures as they were prior to Covid-19. I'm hoping that we will be able to resume many of the activities that provide such a rich school experience that our children have missed for the last 18 months. I want all events to take place such as school discos, class assemblies and performances, after school clubs and the many fun events that our children enjoy. I ask that you work with us as we find ways to offer these activities in a safe way in line with the DFE guidelines. Other aspects of the school day will return to normal such as weekly whole school assemblies, a return to combined playtimes and dinner times for the majority of classes and group interventions. We will still maintain certain routines that we consider are good practice such as hand washing and keeping the school well ventilated, but the majority of current procedures will end unless there is an outbreak in school. If there is an outbreak I will update parents accordingly, we have a contingency plan in place that makes sure pupils are able to continue in school unless Public Health direct us not to. We may need to revert to similar procedures we currently follow, however if this allows us to remain open then I would prefer children in school rather than reverting to remote learning if at all possible.

If a child has Covid-19 symptoms they must not come to school until they have had a negative PCR test returned. We will not need to send year groups home unless the Track and Trace Team tell us to, they will decide if individuals are to be sent home as they will have been in close contact with the infected person. Those children Track and Trace identify will be able to return as soon as they have had a negative test result and will not need to isolate for the full 10 days.

Sports Day

Sports Day took place on Thursday, it was wonderful watching the children working together at the different activity stations. The children were very supportive of each other, not only cheering for their class mates but also when a child struggled they helped each other out. I want to thank Miss Trude for arranging sports day and getting everyone organised, it was a real success.

'Today we had our sports day and it was really fun! We had to go through a hoola-hoop, bounce a ball, balance a bean bag on our heads and run fast. I won a shiny sticker.' - Nuzhat (2H)

'We had to do an obstacle course, bounce a ball and then jump through a hoop. We had to balance a bean bag on our head and then run back to our team. My team came first and we got a gold sticker.' - Gunni (2T)

'It was great fun and I enjoyed it very much. My team came third in the obstacle race.' - Rio (2H)

'Today we did ours Sports Day, my favourite thing was everyone cheering for me. My team came third but it doesn't matter because it was a lot of fun. We are doing an egg and spoon race in the afternoon, I am really excited.' - Daisy (2T)

Active Fund Raiser

'Wingrove Wipe-out' & 'Atterbury's Assault Course' took place on Monday, the weather held out and the children had a fabulous day. I almost lost my voice but I really enjoyed seeing the children having so much fun and really getting into the spirit of things, I was exhausted by the end of the day. We raised £1336.40 which is a staggering amount that will go into School Fund and supplement the new reading scheme that we have bought into to school. Thank you!

'On Monday we took part in Wingrove's Wipe-out, it was a lot of fun but also tiring. Mrs Taylor did 1 and a half laps but I did 10 of the entire playground. We had to do sit ups, press ups, jump through tyres, and go under nets and over beams. Mr Wingrove only did one lap!' - Amber (4B)

'I took part in Atterbury's Assault Course, it was good fun! I liked it when I scored a goal.' - James (2H)

'Wingrove's Wipe-out was fun and amazing. We ran lots and got very sweaty, it looked like we had face paint on! Some of the obstacles were very tricky and hard.' - Priya (3C)

'Wipe-out was awesome! But it didn't defeat me. There was a set of challenges with different levels. We had to do sit ups, press ups, go over tyres, under the cargo net, under the PE equipment, over the balance beam and finally under some leaves. I bet most of us broke into quite a sweat!' - Lilly (3B)

'On Monday we took part in Wingrove's Wipe-out. It was super fun but it was an exhausting assault course. We had to do ten sit-ups, 10 push-ups, go through tyres and underneath obstacles. The teachers did 10 laps but Mr Wingrove only did 1!' - Kymani (4B)

'Miss Atterbury's Assault course was really exciting! We got to do kicks into the net, run on the ladder, go through the fish tunnel and throw a bean bag.' - Elsie (2H)

Wingrove's Wipe-out was super hard and was made for the most skilled children to complete. It covered the entire playground and was harder than climbing, it was super-duper extreme!' - Charlie (3C)

'It started out easy but gradually became harder and harder. I only got to do 6 laps because I was so hot!' - Zaaim (3B)

Year 6 Leaver's Performance

I was fortunate enough to be able to watch the Year 6 leaver's production 'The amazing adventure of Super-Stan!' and I can tell you it was amazing. The constant jokes from start to finish were brilliant, the acting superb and the singing was something special to behold. All this even though they weren't able to rehearse as they had to isolate for 10 days. They have shown how wonderful a year group they are. They will be truly missed by us all at Calshot and I look forward to hearing about their continued successes as they move onto the next step of their journey.

'On Monday and Tuesday Year 6 performed their play 'The Amazing Adventures of Super-Stan'. The story is about a young boy who sells sweets at his store, suddenly he becomes a superhero by getting a secret formula injected into him and he is made to save the day. Unfortunately due to Covid we were not able to perform in front of parents, however there will be a DVD coming out soon. It was a fun experience practising and performing our last ever Year 6 play.' - Harjas & Neeraj (Y6)

Year 6 Prom

On Wednesday Year 6 had their Prom, it had to be held outside to help maintain social distancing however the children had a great evening. They looked fabulous in their dresses and suits, even Mr Colling made an effort. I want to thank the PTA (Friends Of Calshot) who organised and set up the evening, without them the Prom would not have been able to take place. The children had a great time and will remember the occasion for ever, thank you.

Holiday Club

I have been asked by a local church to pass on details of their holiday club which they are running over the summer holiday.

'All Aboard!' Holiday Club Online with Beeches Evangelical Church. Monday 2nd - Friday 6th August - 10:00-11:00am. The club is a chance for children to spend some time having fun, hearing stories from the Bible, making crafts, and singing songs. You can read all about it on our website and sign up there: www.beecheschurch.org.uk

Message from the Chair of Governors

What a year it has been! We've all wanted things to be as normal as possible but there have been plenty of hurdles along the way. School has been one place where I think our children have been able to return to some form of normality thanks to the hard work of all staff across the school, led by Mr Wingrove and Miss Atterbury. We've been pleased to have been able to support them both as they have worked tirelessly in thinking ahead, stepping in wherever needed and doing their day job of running the school. We must remember that everyone has continued to work through the year while navigating their own personal and family needs around COVID. So a big cheer for them all as they get ready for the holidays and a well-earned rest.

Thank you to all the amazing children at Calshot who have brought back the magic as they returned to school following the various forms of lockdown and studied hard to catch up with their learning and get on with working through the rest of the curriculum. Finally, we never underestimate the support from parents and guardians, who get involved with children's learning and support the school however they can - thank you, we really do appreciate it.

It's been wonderful to see that the school has been able to send children on school trips this year and thanks to Friends of Calshot, who were able to support Year 6's outdoor prom. It's been lovely to see the caring nature of staff, children and parents as the food bank and uniform donations continue to support the community. The Governing Body are very proud of all that Calshot do and stand for and we recognise the hard work everybody puts in. We will be publishing the Governing Body Statement on the school website shortly - do take some time to read it as it outlines the work that we do across the year.

We hope you will all have a very safe summer break and look forward to seeing you back in September and wish Year 6 the very best as they move on to the next part of their scholarly journeys!

Dharmesh Rajput (Chair of Governors)

Thank you for your continued support and please keep safe.

Have a wonderful summer!

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