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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their half term break and have come back ready and refreshed. I thought I'd share with you our school vision as a reminder to what we all want for our children.

' At Calshot we aim to provide the highest quality of **learning** and **care** for ALL children in a **safe** and **enjoyable** environment, **nurturing** personal values, in **partnership** with parents, carers and the wider community. We expect everyone in our school to **strive** to **achieve** their full potential.'

Indian Celebration!

Last half term Year Four researched the Topic 'India' and have found out lots of interesting things and had an 'Indian Celebration Day' on the last day of half-term. I could tell Mrs Jones, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Waring really enjoyed exploring India, particularly the food tasting. Thank you to all the teachers who made this day so special for the children.

'On India Day we tried lots of different Indian food like spicy sauces, samosas, poppadoms and chai tea. We watched The Jungle Book and had a really fun day!' - Will (4T)

'India Day was really fun as there were lots of new food to try. The pilau rice had edible flower seeds in it. The chai tea tasted very gingery and sweet, but was very nice!' - Emilia (4J)

'On India day we did some food tasting, we tried samosas, chapatis, Indian sweets, poppadoms and onion bhajis. All the children dressed up in Indian clothing and we got to colour in some mendi patterns.' Ayaana (4T)

'India Day was fantastic as we painted elephants. After that, we had chai tea and food which was amazing. My friend and I ate lots of food, it was great!' - Armaan (4J)

Diwali

On Monday Miss Atterbury led a Diwali Assembly and shared with the children the story of Rama and Sita. The children discussed this important celebration and why it's called the festival of light. I hope everyone enjoyed celebrating Diwali with their friends and family too.

'Miss Atterbury told us the story about Rama and his love for his wife Sita. We know how the lights helped them find their way home and that's why it's called the festival of light.' - Yusaf (4J)

'In this week's assembly we learnt about Diwali and were told about the story of Rama and Sita. We learnt a lot and it was enjoyable.' - Alys (6C)

Reception Applications - Sept 2022

To apply for Reception places for September 2022, parents must visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application by 15th January 2022 (final closing date). If you have any questions, please contact Children's Services on 0121 303 1888. Please note, **all parents** need to apply, even if your child is currently in our Nursery.

Early Years Open Day!

I wanted to say a huge thank you to the Early Years team - Mrs Aldridge, Mrs Buck, Mrs F Thompson, Mrs Peers, Mrs Y Thompson, Miss Bunn and Mrs Sheargold who made sure the Open Events this week were such a success. We had a fantastic turn out, lots of future parents wanting to see what Calshot School is all about and lots of positive praise for the school.

'Children in Need' Day

On Friday 19th November is 'Children in Need Day' and the children are invited to come into school in non-uniform. The theme this year is 'Get Your Sparkle On!', so I'll leave that to your imagination! All children can wear non-uniform, if you wish to make a donation then you can. Any money received will go to Children in Need.

Lollypop Lady

I know parents have been concerned that we have not seen Jill the lollypop lady on the road in front of school for several weeks. We did ask Birmingham Council if a replacement would be sent while she was off, but they were unable to find a replacement. In the meantime, we have spoken to Jill yesterday and she has been unwell but appreciates all the kind messages of support she has received. She can't wait to come back as she really misses all the children.

Lost and Found

It's the time of year when children need to be wearing their coats, we have noticed a lot of them have not got names in them. Many coats look the same and this is causing issues when they are lost as we don't know which coat belongs to certain children. Please can you write your child's name in their coat as it will save any confusion when lost and found.

School Fund

This week £14.10 was collected in School Fund this week, which is superb! May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid. It does mean we can buy those 'extra' things for the children.

I hope everyone enjoys fireworks night, please remember to keep safe!

Mr. M. Wingrove

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