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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!

Starting Back!

I am looking forward to Monday morning when we will see all the children returning back to school. I'm sure parents feel the same as we get back into some sort of routine. It has been a challenging few months for us all and I know how pleased the staff are that they will be able to see the children in person and in class. We will begin the process of settling back into formal lessons, whilst the children can finally get to see their friends. I hope this is the last lockdown and must encourage all parents to maintain social distancing when arriving and leaving school. I feel we must remain extra vigilant as the pandemic is still in our community and I don't want to jeopardise the safety of any of our school staff, pupils or families. I have to remind you that now school is open, attendance will be statutory, children must attend unless they are deemed extremely clinically vulnerable.

CKs Before and After School Club is open and if parents need to arrange a place then please contact Mrs Bye on 0212 6756689 or the main school office, so they can be booked in.

As of next week, we will start having music instrument lessons in school, those pupils that have violin or guitar lessons will need to bring them in as per usual. Year 4 will be having their whole class guitar lesson on Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs Taylor is starting to look at scheduling class trips over the summer term. The DFE guidance assures us that we will be able to go on trips and I am pleased that this can happen, as the children have missed so many enrichment opportunities this year. Mrs Taylor will send out information as and when possible.

On days when children do PE, they will need to come into school wearing their PE kit. This will avoid congestion in cloakrooms and the need for teachers to come into direct contact with pupils. All other days we ask that children wear their school uniform.

Lateral Flow Testing

All school staff have access to Covid-19 Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) kits and regularly test themselves to see if they have caught the virus, as they maybe asymptomatic. This is to protect all members of the school community and to prevent the spread of the virus. We are not going to administer tests for pupils (secondary schools will but not primary schools). However parents can order LFT kits for the home, here is the web

address: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

The rules have not changed despite the ease of lockdown restrictions. If a child has any symptoms of Covid-19 they must be tested, if they display symptoms in school the child will be isolated and sent home. You will need to get a test done and return a negative result before we can consider allowing a child back into school. If there is a positive case in a year group bubble, then that bubble will need to self-isolate for 10 days, in accordance with PHE guidance. Should it be necessary for pupils to self-isolate then we will return to remote learning for that year group.

International Women's Day

On Monday 8th March, the same day as we open up the whole school, the children will be taking part in 'International Women's Day', where they will be finding out about women that inspire us and have had an impact in promoting gender equality. We are asking that children wear school uniform as usual but also include an item of clothing that is purple. Purple is the colour used to represent women's equality across the world. Thank you in helping us to educate and support the values of the school, that we are all equal no matter what!

World Book Day

On Thursday 4th March we celebrated World Book Day, where some children dressed up as their favourite book character.

'I dressed up as Mary Poppins because she flies with her umbrella. I liked drawing a picture of my character.' - Amelia (1J)

'I dressed up as Lightning Girl because she's in the book I am reading by Alisha Dixon. I also have the second book which is really interesting.' - Ava-Rose (4B)

'I dressed up as Harry Potter because he is a cool book character. It was good seeing all the different costumes in school to celebrate World Book Day!' - Logan (4A)

'I liked dressing up as Horrid Henry because I like reading his stories. They are funny because he is a bit cheeky!' Olly (1B)

We challenge YOU to create 'A BOOK IN A JAR'. To enter the competition, we would like you to recreate a book scene inside a jar. Your completed story jars are to be brought into your classroom by Friday 12th March. There will be one winner per class and the winning jars will be displayed in the school library, prizes will be given out in class.

Red Nose Day

It may seem like a long way away but this year Red Nose Day is on Friday 19th March. Lenny Henry has sent me a message to tell you that there is a theme this year and in-light of the wonderful NHS heroes the theme will be superpowers. Pupils will be able to come to school in either non-uniform or their superhero costumes and there will be various activities taking place in class. You can make a donation into school and we will send all proceeds to Comic Relief, which is a fantastic charity that helps communities in need across the world.

E-Safety Week

Each February we celebrate E-Safety Week where the children recap and learn new ways to stay safe online. This year each year group explored a different negative interaction online and I am pleased to say pupils knew how to respond and who they could talk to if they felt worried by anything they saw. We also hosted an E-Safety poster competition. Well done to this year's competition winners. You can find their fantastic posters on the e-safety page on our school website.

Olly (Year 1) Tanveer (Year 2) Benjamin (Year 3) Ava-Rose (Year 4) Evie-Mae (Year 5) Dylan (Year 6)

Food Bank

On Monday 8th March, we are relaunching our school foodbank. The foodbank is small and modest but it will be open every day to anybody who needs the extra help and support. Due to the financial impact Coronavirus has had, we are hoping to help both parents and members of the local community. If you wish to use the foodbank, all you have to do is go to the main entrance and collect what you need. You can also collect for a neighbour or somebody locally who could benefit from the use of the foodbank.

We always appreciate your continued support here at Calshot and as a community school we welcome any help you can give to ourselves and the local community. If you wish to make any donations to our foodbank please place your food on the tables in the main entrance and follow the guide below:

| ✓ Donations we can accept | × Donations we cannot accept |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tinned foods• Dried food (pasta/rice)• Tea/coffee• Biscuits• Cereals• Long life milk/juice• Snack bars <p>(Please check all foods are in date)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baby food• Alcohol• Food with use-by dates• Fresh meat/fish• Refrigerated food/drink |

Uniform Exchange

Do you have any spare uniform and you are not sure what to do with it? As a school, we believe that helping each other in our community is an important value. Therefore, on 8th March we are relaunching our 'Uniform Exchange'. As you enter school, there is a clothes rail and shoe box. On the rail are donated items of uniform that children no longer require. This uniform is in a good condition so we do not want this to go to waste. If you require some uniform, you may take any number of items from the rail. All we ask is that you make a small donation for each item you take. This will go towards School Fund and can be paid at the main office. If you wish to donate uniform, please hand this in at the main office. We will then keep it in quarantine for 72 hours before putting it out on the rail. We will accept:

- Red jumpers/cardigans (with or without a Calshot logo)
- Grey/black skirts
- Grey/black trousers or shorts
- White tops/shirts (with or without a Calshot logo)
- PE shorts (black or red)
- White PE T-Shirts (with or without a logo)

- PE pumps (in a matching pair)
- School shoes (in a matching pair)

Please ensure that any donated items of clothing are in a good condition.

Voting Day

I have been informed by Robert Connelly (Returning Officer for Birmingham City Council) that Calshot Primary School is to be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 6th May. It means school will be closed for pupils on that day, staff will still need to be in school and work will be provided by remote learning.

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