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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always **AIMING HIGH!**

Calshot Pupil Vision

Last week, I told you how we have looked at the school vision. In-light of this, the children have come up with their own version, which I want to share with you. The 3 key words the children have identified with are **Safe**, **Enjoy** and **Learning**, as the essence of what we aim for, for all children and staff in school. Our pupil vision incorporates this.

'School is a place that I feel **Safe** so that I can **Enjoy Learning** to the best of my ability'

Covid-19 Updates

Last week I told you how the new Covid-19 variant is impacting school and the measures we are putting in place to reduce the risk of it taking hold in school. We have been instructed by the DFE to inform parents that families no longer have to have a PCR test but can rely on Lateral Flow tests to see how prevalent the virus is. They have asked that I remind staff and parents of the importance of informing NHS Track and Trace online of any results whether they are positive, negative or void so that an accurate assessment of data can be recorded. The web link is below or you can phone 119. If you are on a low income, you may be eligible for the £500 Test and Trace Support Payment and will require a confirmatory PCR test to be able to access the financial support.

<https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/report-result/login-choice>

We have continued to see a rise in pupil cases in school. I must stress that if a child is unwell then please do not send them in to school. If possible, please regularly use a Lateral Flow Test, as many pupils do not display any symptoms. Often it is only when tests come back that parents realise their child has been positive but have also unknowingly been sending their child into school. Please beware that the traditional Covid symptoms apply, such as loss of taste and smell, dry coughs and a temperature. We have also seen other symptoms that seem to link to some positive cases we've had, such as nausea, general body aches and headaches.

I'm sending a reminder of some of the events we have had to postpone, such as:

- Year 5 Workshops this week have been moved to 15th March

- Year 6 Class Assembly has been moved to 19th February and will now be recorded and uploaded to the school website
- Year 1 Class Assembly on 10th February has been moved to 20th May
- Year 2 Class Assembly on 15th February will now be recorded and uploaded to the school website

Swimming

Year Three took part in their first swimming lesson this week at Beeches Pool. It's been a long time since we have been able to use the pool and under strict guidelines we are pleased that the children have begun swimming, a valuable life skill.

'Yesterday, Year 3 went swimming and it was really good. I am looking forward to next week!' - Alvin (3H)

'I enjoyed swimming as the water was warm. It was fun and we all loved it!' - Simrene (3B)

'Swimming was fun and I really enjoyed splashing when I moved my legs.' - Daniele (3H)

'When I went swimming the water was warm. It was a bit scary at first but I was brave. Next time I hope we get a bit longer in the water.' - Taiyo (3B)

School Dinner Price Increase

We have been notified by Dolce that from 18th April 2022 the cost of a paid school dinner is to go up to £2.35. They have assured me that this is the last thing they wished to do, however due to increases in inflation and the National Living Wage they have no choice. I wanted parents to have as much notice as possible, so there were no surprises, and give you the opportunity to change to sandwiches if you wished. This price increase will not affect pupils that receive universal free school meals.

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 this **Saturday 15th January**. 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.

School Fund

This week £9.50 was collected in School Fund this week. 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.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

