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NEWSLETTER

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It has been a long and very busy half term, the children are a credit to Calshot as they have settled down well and engaged in their learning, despite all the changes that have been put in place around school. I wish everyone a very peaceful, healthy holiday and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November. Keep safe and remember the firework code!

Black History Celebrations

On Monday we celebrated Black History Day, we discussed and researched about black role models that have made a difference and helped shape a fairer society for everyone. I would like to thank Miss Harris (Y2) for organising the day.

'We liked writing about Dina Asher-Smith because she's the fastest woman in Britain. She races with other women.' - Romaine (1B)

'I liked learning about Dina Asher-Smith. She is a very fast runner and beats everyone!' - Carter (1J)

'On Monday we did some research about African-American inventors. Garret Morgan designed the electric traffic light and a smoke hood (also known as a gas mask).' - Isabel (6H)

'6C learnt about black inventors who invented different things we use today like: hairbrushes, crisps, traffic lights, typewriters, lifts and even a fridge. I wrote about John Standard who invented the fridge. We really appreciate how their inventions have improved our lives.' - Amara (6C)

'We learnt about Dina Asher-Smith because she is the fastest runner. We made a poster about her and I put hearts on mine!' - Alicia (1B)

'We learnt about Alma Thomas. She made nice bright pictures. We made our own picture of her work using coloured paper.' - Kaya (1J)

'Did you know black history month is every October and we researched famous black inventors? Black history month is a time where we discuss whatever your skin colour is it doesn't matter as everyone should be treated the same!' - Ksawier (6H)

'We learnt about black inventors who created lots of things we use today such as beauty products, combs, traffic lights and fountain pens, plus much more. You could research John Standard, C.J. Walker, Lee Burridge and George Crum, as these inventors made great things you may use too.' - K'Shien (6C)

Before and After School

There are a few things I need to remind parents of as we have had some incidents before and after school which has caused some concern. I must remind parents that social distancing and keeping separate bubbles is still very important and for this reason we do not allow the children to play on the equipment i.e. slide, tyres, football pitch. We do not allow children to play ball games or ride scooters as we do not want children to accidentally hit and hurt other younger children. This has always been a rule in school even before Covid-19, we usually have staff members outside in a morning to enforce this, however at present we can't. We have to keep year groups separate and this includes playtimes, before and after school. Therefore, children must not use the field, play equipment or Butterfly Garden before or after school. We appreciate there may be a time difference between collecting children from different year groups but we must try to adhere to the social distancing and Covid-19 guidance.

I must remind you that dogs are not permitted on the school playground, unless they are a sight dog. Please don't bring them as some children are scared by them and can get upset by them.

The rule is that one parent comes to collect a child. If an elder sibling is collecting them that is fine but I must ask that they don't bring their friends with them.

Tuck Money

The children have to order tuck at the start of the day which is then collected and delivered to each class by a member of staff. To make sure the process runs as smoothly as possible we ask that you provide the correct amount of money as change cannot be sorted and returned. Toast will cost 20 pence a slice and a drink will cost 30 pence. The correct money should be sent in an envelope with name and amount on it. If you wish you can either order daily, the whole week or even the half-term. The costs per half-term are £17.50 for toast and a drink, or £7.00 for just toast or £10.50 for just a drink.

Secondary School Places - Sept 2021

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2021, please remember to apply online by 31st October 2020 (**next week**) by visiting www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions If you have any questions, please contact Children's Services on 0121 303 1888.

School Fund

This week £18.60 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.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

