

# CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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

I want to wish everyone a happy and relaxing half term holiday. Hopefully the weather will warm up and we'll all be able to enjoy being outdoors with our family and friends. School reopens on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**.

#### Asda Collection

Asda have been fantastic in supporting school over the years and have asked us if we can help them support several charities including 'Help the Homeless, Cradle Charity and Hospital Prem Unit', all of which are very worthy causes. They have asked if we can collect knitting wool, balls of wool or ends of wool that are surplus to requirements. If you have any wool the children can bring in I will collect it and store it in my office for Asda to collect. Thank you for your support.

#### Balls and Scooters

I've noticed an increased amount of balls and scooters being played with before and after school. Although I'm pleased to see children enjoying themselves, I am concerned that an accident is waiting to happen. We've had several near misses with bikes bumping into smaller children and balls accidentally hitting parents. Please be mindful of others, balls need to be kept in bags and scooters or bikes need to be sensibly walked to the bike racks.

#### E-Safety

Over the last few weeks we have had several concerns raised by parents about children using social media or online games at home that are inappropriate. Technology can be a wonderful thing, however it must be monitored and regularly checked by parents to make sure what children access is safe. Roblox is a very popular online game but it has many unsafe features such as an open chat room that anyone can access and characters that are not age appropriate for primary children. Social media has its uses but must be used responsibly, children need to know how to send and receive messages that do not upset or cause offence. Every time a message is typed it is saved and can be seen by the police to check whether an offence has been committed. We do teach our children about keeping safe online in school and this needs to be replicated when using technology at home.

## Covid Rules

As national restrictions have eased we have seen a huge increase in the amount of children who are having to self-isolate due to family or friends they have been in contact with having positive results. I want to remind you of the protocols that must still be followed. If anyone in your household or someone you have been in close contact with requires a test please do not send your children in to school until you know the result is negative. We have had too many parents sending children in whilst not knowing the outcome of a result, luckily they have turned out to be negative. If a child in school has a positive result and has been in contact with their year group bubble (within 48 hrs) I will have to send the entire year group home to isolate for 10 days. This is not the time to be complacent and I don't want the fantastic progress the school has made since the children have come back to be jeopardised by a few individuals who are not following the guidance. You can now receive free lateral flow tests from any pharmacy or chemist, which will give you a result within 30 minutes of testing. School staff use them twice a week to make sure we keep the children safe and reduce the risk of an outbreak in school.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and as always 'Keep Safe!'

Mr. M. Wingrove

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