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NEWSLETTER

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

World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day in school and it was fantastic to see the staff and pupils all joining in with their fantastic costumes. The children had a wonderful day exploring their favourite books and stories that excite them.

'World Book Day was fun! We got to learn about tremendous authors like Ross Montgomery. I am looking forward to getting a response from him as we sent him an email. We also made some stunning posters.'

Mahnoor (4B)

'World Book Day was good as I dressed as a Stormtrooper from Star Wars. We then wrote a paragraph about our favourite book, I wrote about James and the Giant Peach. My favourite bit is when he goes to New York. My favourite author is Francesca Simon.'

- Reece (3B)

'I dressed as Belle from Beauty and the Beast, Miss Bemand was Mr Twit and Mrs Morris was Mary Poppins. I helped Miss Bemand in assembly by reading out a paragraph about my favourite book 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl.'

- Ava (3B)

'World Book Day was fun! Everyone dressed up as a character from a book. I dressed as Billionaire Boy by David Walliams. We learnt about different authors, we even wrote an email to Ross Montgomery.'

- Amrit (4B)

Coronavirus

I want to let you know what advice we have been given in relation to the Coronavirus and school. We have had no reports of any child or staff member who have been to any of the infected areas across the world, we have no reports that any one has been diagnosed or even suspected as having caught Coronavirus. However we have to remain vigilant and we have told staff and children that they must frequently wash hands especially before lunchtime, if they cough or sneeze then they should use a tissue and then wash their hands. We have made sure there is plenty of soap and tissues available across school. I am aware that some children are bringing in hand sanitiser and that is okay as long as it is not shared with other pupils. I receive information daily and I have included the most up to date advice given to us from Public Health England:

Department for Education Coronavirus

Today we have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

- No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

The importance of hygiene

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds. Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas: <https://www.gov.uk/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

International Women's Day

On Monday 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 educate and support the values of the school that we are all equal no matter what!

Sport Relief Day

On Friday next week (13th March) we will be participating with Sports Relief a charity that tackles poverty and injustices in the United Kingdom and across the world. Children are invited to come to school in their Sports Kit in order to raise money for Sport Relief and will be taking part in PE activities during the day. If you would like to make a donation please do so as all proceeds go to Sport Relief which is such a worthwhile cause.

Dinners Email Request

The office staff have again asked me to remind parents that before we change (after Easter) to the new system of ordering school dinners online, parents need to have sent in their email addresses. The email address will be linked directly to your child and then you can order from the online menu what you want your child to have for dinner every day. If we don't have your email address we won't be able to set an account up for you to allocate from the menu what you would like your child to have.

Friends Of Calshot

A huge thank you to Friends Of Calshot who have very generously provided funds for every class to spend £50 each on new books. We need to continuously update our books so children can read a variety of genres and authors that creates and develops their imagination, so thank you again for helping our children, particularly in the week we celebrated World Book Day! Your continued support for the school makes such a difference and we are all grateful.

School Fund

This week £64.00 was collected in School Fund this week. I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have contributed to this fantastic amount.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

