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NEWSLETTER

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Year Two Virtual Trip

Year Two have been learning about the Great Fire of London in their Topic lessons. On Thursday they took a unique trip without having to leave the classroom, instead Birmingham Museum streamed a live interactive show called 'London's Burning!' to them. As classes are unable to go on trips at the moment Mrs Taylor has been looking at other educational experiences available in school that link to the Topic lessons covered in class.

'We did lots of art and even pretended to be Samuel Pepys who witnessed the fire and wrote about it in his diary.' - Poppy (2T)

'I enjoyed making pictures of the Great Fire of London. Samuel Pepys wrote a diary about the fire.' - Ella (2H)

'This term we have been learning about the 'Great Fire of London'. We really enjoyed finding out how the fire started and what London was like in 1666.' - Gunni (2T)

'The Great Fire of London started in a bakery on Pudding Lane in 1666. Samuel Pepys watched from his window and wrote about it in his diary.' - Shiloh (2H)

Christmas

As we get ever closer to Christmas I wanted to let parents know what will be taking place across school this year, as arrangements will be slightly different to usual. Christmas is still taking place, classrooms are already preparing and as I type this newsletter I can hear carols being sung in the hall.

Children can bring in Christmas Cards to exchange, however they must be taken into class and not put in the post box at the main foyer. Cards can only be distributed within their own year group and please put names on the envelope. Teachers will collect them in class and then give the cards out after 48 hours of quarantine time.

Christmas Meal Day is taking place on Wednesday 16th December, if you wish to book a Christmas Dinner then you will need to access your Dolce account to order it on line beforehand.

Christmas Parties are taking place on Tuesday 15th December in the afternoon. Children can wear party clothes to school that day but must bring in their own party food bag. Normally we share food out however this year children must provide their own, we will provide the drinks, music and party games.

As we are unable to hold our annual Christmas performances this year so we have decided that we are going to do our own Christmas Video instead. The video is being recorded in the hall, where classes are putting together separate acts (to allow for social distancing) that will be edited together to create one video that we can all share. The video will be made available on the school website once finished. Towards the end of term I will let you know when it becomes available. If you have a concern and do not want your child to appear on the video then please contact school.

Christmas Jumper day is on Friday 18th December and if anyone wishes to make a donation then please do so, any money raised will go towards School Fund. This will also incorporate Christmas Toy Day, where children can bring toys in from home.

Usually at the end of the Autumn Term we hold our annual Calshot's Got Talent show in the main hall. This year the show will still go ahead but the acts will have to compete in class. There will be a prize for each winner in class as we want to encourage as many acts as possible to have a go.

Asda Free Meals

We have had a strong link with Asda Queslett for a number of years and Michaela (Asda Community Link) wanted me to let our families know that Asda are offering free children's meals throughout December. You only need to come to the café and ask about the promotion and each child will be given a free meal to take away with them. The offer is only available once a day per family. The café is open between 8.30am to 5.30pm every day. Thank you Asda!

Early Years Open Virtual Evening

Our Early Years Virtual Tour is available on the school website along with a frequently asked questions section that offers further guidance on what Calshot Early Years offer. To apply for Reception places for September 2021, parents must visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application by 15th January 2021 (final closing date). 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. If you wish to apply for our Nursery for September 2021 please come to the main office to collect an application form.

Crisis Food Collection



Another huge thank you to the families that brought in food for Crisis the charity that helps provide food for families that are homeless or in desperate need of support. The man who came to collect couldn't believe his eyes as he had to do two journeys to take it all to the shelter. I am so proud of us all, it truly exemplifies what our school is all about. Food is still being brought in which is great as we have been asked by a Great Barr shelter if we would help and I said we would if possible.

Pyjama Collection

As you may recall Ellie in Year 4 had taken it upon herself to collect new children's pyjamas for a charity that collects them and gives them out to hospitals and hospices. When Ellie set out she aimed to collect 20 sets of pyjamas, however by the time she'd finished she'd collected a whopping 127 sets, which is amazing! I want to thank everyone that has contributed to the collection, it has been overwhelming to see the support that staff and parents have helped towards this very worthy cause.

Online Safety

Over the past week I have heard from several KS2 class teachers about their concerns that pupils have been using different forms of online media such as WhatsApp and TikTok to send inappropriate messages to other pupils. Online media is something our pupils are learning to embrace as part of society however it is still the responsibility of the parents to make sure it is used safely. I urge that parents make sure they understand what their children are doing on these particular forms of media and make clear that there are consequences when it's used inappropriately.

Mrs Flynn

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that this week Mrs Flynn (Pauline) has very sadly passed away. She had been very poorly however this has still come as a tremendous shock to us all. Pauline has been a part of Calshot for over 40 years and many families will have known her as 'Aunty Pauline' through her wonderful work at CK Club and Playgroup. She will be remembered for the love and care she showed the children who have been fortunate enough to have known her. She has supported thousands of Calshot Kids over the years, many parents will remember her and have memories of her from their own childhoods. I'm sure you will join me in passing on our condolences to the family as she is going to be missed by so many people.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family at this time. God Bless Pauline and thank you for everything you did for us!

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