

# CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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

### World Book Day

When we come back after half term it will be World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March and the theme is 'favourite book character'. If children wish to join in for the day, they are encouraged to dress up and there will be various exciting activities going on throughout school. This year, as well as our usual dressing up as your favourite book character, we are launching a competition for you to enter from home. We would like you to recreate your favourite book cover, but with yourself in it instead.

Please send your entries to [enquiry@calshot.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@calshot.bham.sch.uk) and address them for Mrs Jones.

The closing date for your entry will be on World Book Day and winners will be decided from each year group on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

### Children Walking To/From School Safely

If your child walks to school, or walks home on their own, it is important that as a school we are aware of this. Therefore, if you decide to allow your child to do this, there is a form which we will need you to fill in. Please note, that if you have completed one of these forms in the past, there is no need to complete another one. We expect pupils who walk to and from school on their own to be sensible. We legally only take responsibility for a child during school hours, however if there is a concern then a child or parent can contact school.

### Red Nose Day

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, the children will be taking part in 'Comic Reliefs- Red Nose Day'. Children can come to school wearing their own clothes. If they can, we ask that they donate 50 pence towards Comic Relief. Children can also wear their red noses which are now on sale at various outlets. On the day, there will be a cake sale in the dining hall at playtime. If families can donate any cakes (bought or homemade), please bring them into school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March. All money raised will go to Comic Relief. 'The money donated to Comic Relief goes to some incredible projects, making a change to people's lives across the UK and around the world. In fact, over the past two years, Comic Relief funding has helped to support 11.7 million people, including:

- more than 750,000 people in the UK experiencing financial and material poverty to access advice and support.
- more than 29,000 people who have experienced or are at risk of domestic abuse to access safe accommodation and specialist services.
- more than 46,000 children and young people in the UK, and more than 8.1 million internationally.'

### Football in the playground

We encourage pupils to bring soft balls into school to use during playtime or dinnertime, however they are not to be used before school. We have lots of adults and small children in the playground and I don't want anyone to get hurt.

### International Women's Day

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, the 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!

### Football Matches

Over the last two weeks, Calshot football teams (boys, girls and mixed) have played in various competitions and as ever have done us proud. Last Thursday, we kicked off with the Year 5 and 6 mixed team, who played Brownmead Primary at Arena and won 5-2. I heard that we actually won 5-1, but the opposition were given an extra couple of minutes to score to make sure the result didn't reflect too badly on them. Then on Monday this week, the girls played Boldmere Primary and won by a staggering 17-0, this time the referee asked to end the match early! When I heard the result I couldn't believe my ears. On Tuesday, the boys took part in the North Birmingham Schools Football Tournament at Goals and did extremely well too. They won 3 matches and drew another.

I want to thank Miss Trude, Mrs Webb, Mr Colgan and Mr Walker (who you could hear shouting all the way back to school), for arranging and taking the children. Fantastic results, Well Done!

'Last week, we played amazingly well. Definitely worth waiting for. We were a brilliant team and our goal scorers were fantastic.' - Evie-May (6C)

'We're unbeaten and played amazing.' - Omarion (6C)

'We played really well and worked as a team. We were so determined from the start and it paid off.' - Lily (6C)

'We played fast, determined football, so we're on course to another final.' - Mubarak (6C)

### Twycross Zoo

This week the children in Year 1 went to Twycross Zoo to explore and find out about all the different animals. I know they really enjoyed themselves as they came back and told me all about it. Thank you to Mrs Broome and Mrs Jagroo for organising and taking the children on this wonderful visit.

'I liked seeing the zebras most, because they were funny.' - Amelia (1B)

'My favourite animal was the giraffes! I liked playing on the playground too.' - Scarlett (1J)

'I liked it when the gorilla was banging on the glass. It made us jump!' - Idris (1B)

'We saw giant tortoises! I liked watching the monkeys swing on the ropes.' - Finley (1J)

### School Trips

I know how important trips are, socially and educationally for our children, as they play an important part of developing a child's learning experience and understanding of the topics covered in school. Increasingly, we are having to subsidise these trips as parent contributions are not coming in to school. I understand that there are financial demands for us all, however the school budget cannot continue to subsidise this to the extent that it is. I want to make you aware we will have to limit or cancel trips if contributions are not brought in. We had to cancel the Y4 virtual Egyptian museum event in school last week. I am always willing to listen and will make adjustments for families that find it difficult, however a large proportion of families no longer make any contribution at all.

### E-Safety Week

Over the last two weeks, the children have been having lessons on how to keep themselves safe online. Some important reminders: never leave your child unsupervised when they are online, never allow them to use a webcam, use parent blocks and filters to limit what your child has access to, check your child's 'history' to monitor their usage and ensure that they only play age appropriate games - I am aware that this appears quite 'intrusive', but keeping our children safe is of the utmost importance. If you need any more support please access the school e-safety page on the school website. Thank-you to Mrs Hatfield, who is our Computing Lead, who organised this important event.

'We made useful e-safety videos and made sure no personal information was in the background.' - Mahrosh (3H)

'For E-safety week we made posters and learnt about how to keep safe online. We learnt how to do this by sharing what we do on the internet or social media, to help us remain safe.' - Jonella-Louise (5D)

### School Fund

This week £7.40 was collected in School Fund this week! May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid.

**We return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of February ready for another busy half term in school.**

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

