

# CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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

### Parents' Evening

Next week we shall be holding both our Spring Parents' Evenings. You should have received a letter telling you your appointment date and time. Parents' Evening takes place next Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (3.30-5.00pm) and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> (3.30-7.00pm). On each of those days we shall also be holding a book fayre, children can come and purchase a book to celebrate all their hard work accomplished over the term.

### Donations

I want to thank all of you for the fantastic support you have given the school in helping raise money for Red Nose Day. On Thursday my office was filled with cakes, which we could sell at playtime to raise funds for this worthy charity. I had to bring in an extra table because of your generosity, truly wonderful, thank you!

In these difficult times I do understand that money is tight and whenever we as a school ask for any donations, I know it cannot be easy for everyone to contribute. There is never an expectation that you must and I certainly don't want parents to feel the added burden from school that you have to when there may be other concerns going on. I value the varied and rich experiences that a child's primary school life should offer, that go beyond the education in a class room, and cake sales, raffles, dressing up days are all part of that. Many children come to school in their own clothes on dress up days. I don't expect anyone to go out and buy a costume unless they really want to, please don't add additional pressures on yourselves when you don't need to. A donation is voluntary, we appreciate whatever we get, so thank you for doing what you can, when you can.

### Reception Ash End Farm Trip

On Wednesday the children in Reception went on a local trip to Ash End Farm. They experienced seeing all the animals and having a picnic. I want to thank Mrs Buck and Mrs Aldridge for arranging this very enjoyable trip. When the children came back into school, although slightly wet from the rain, they had smiles from ear to ear and were so excited to tell me what they had done.

'I liked riding on the bus and I fed a bottle of milk to a sheep.' - Erik (RW)

'I liked the chicks, they were cute. We sang 'Happy Hatch Day' to them!' - Maliha (RS)

'I liked looking at the tarantula!' - Malika (RW)

'I stroked the goats, the sheep and the lambs. I got my egg from the chickens and took it home.' - Leo (RS)

### Years 3 and 5 INSPIRE Workshops

On Tuesday Year Five and on Thursday Year Three had their INSPIRE workshops, that informed parents of the work the children do in Maths. I was very pleased to see the parents all having a go at some of the calculations (even the difficult ones!). A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and the teachers that organised these informative workshop.

'The workshop was amazing and as my dad was there it made it even better. We learnt about addition, subtracting, multiplication, division and problem solving.' - Connor (5M)

'At the workshop we did some Maths and it was fun! My mum came and she helped me do some sums.' - Rio (3B)

'The workshop was good, usually I don't really like Maths but Mr Mitchell made it fun. I had to do lots of problems and my mum helped me. I was able to whizz through them thanks to my teacher and mum!' - Amarah-Jae (5M)

'I really enjoyed the workshop and managed to do one whole sheet of maths. My dad came and I had to show him how to do  $7 + 4$ .' - Thomas (3H)

'On Tuesday we learnt some Maths with our parents. They helped us but we also helped them as they were taught Maths in a different way.' - Seattle (5D)

'At the workshop we did some hard sums, like our Eight Times Table. My mum came and she helped me with my multiplications.' - Izzah (3B)

'We did some maths and it was really fun. I sat with Miss Hillier and showed her how to do the hard sums.' - Clara-Maye (3H)

'In our INSPIRE workshop we did lots of Maths, looking at multiplication, subtraction and addition. We also showed our parents how to do the bus stop method of division.' - Seb (5D)

### Easter Preparations - Advance Notice

To celebrate Easter there will be a couple of special events taking place in school. Children in Reception and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) are going to take part in a sponsored hop for the John Taylor Hospice. Children will bring in £1 and be able to take part in a hopping challenge. Easter bunny ears will be provided! A letter that explains the event will come out shortly.

Children in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) are invited to exercise their creative skills and decorate a hard-boiled egg. Children are asked to bring their decorated eggs into school from **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**. All entries will be displayed in the main reception area and there will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for each year group, which will be decided **after school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April** and announced in assembly on Friday morning (the day we break up for Easter).

## Grand Easter Egg Raffle!

Once again, this year, we will be holding our Grand Easter Egg Raffle! There will be three separate raffles: Early Years (Nursery and Reception), KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) and KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6). At this moment in time, we are asking parents, if they can, to donate Easter Eggs for the raffle. Please pass on eggs directly to your child's class teacher, so that they can be allocated to the relevant raffle. Thank you for your support!

## 48 Hour Sickness Policy

We have had a few cases of children who have been unwell in school and I want to remind parents that if your child is sick, they cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. This is to prevent pupils returning to school and passing on the sickness bug to other pupils.

## School Fund

This week £50.70 was collected in School Fund this week! May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid.

Mr. M. Wingrove

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