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NEWSLETTER

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Harvest Celebrations

I wanted to say a big thank you for all the food donated into school and that food parcels have started to be given out. I am very proud that as a community school we are able to do something for the families of Great Barr, your kindness is greatly appreciated and will make a lot of difference. The children sang beautifully and it was lovely to see so many parents coming in to support the school. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves as you may have noticed with all their smiles and hand waving.

'We sang 'The Big Red Combine Harvester' beautifully. I saw my mum' - Malika (1B)

'Celebrating Harvest Festival was fun and exciting.' - Olly (3H)

'It was nice to see everyone's parents and sing our wonderful Year 3 song to them!' - Ella (3O)

'I loved singing 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' and carrying the harvest basket. I saw my mum waving at me!' - Maahirah (1J)

'Harvest is about collecting food from the field. We sang 'Cauliflowers Fluffy.' - Malik (1B)

'I liked singing 'Five A Day' with the rest of Year 3.' - Annie (3H)

'The Harvest Assembly was exciting because it brought everyone together.' - Harshiv (3O)

'My favourite song was 'Big Red Combine Harvester'. I saw my mum and she was waving at me and I loved it!' - Sami (1J)

Mental Health Awareness Day

On **Monday**, next week, we will be having a **non-uniform day** to raise awareness of mental health and how we need to look after ourselves. One in four adults and one in ten children suffer with a form of mental health illness every day and it is often overlooked or ignored. On the day, children will have a go at various age appropriate activities such as mindfulness, relaxation and breathing and looking at techniques that help to deal with anxiety. All children can wear non-uniform, if you wish to make a donation then you can. Any money received will go to a charity called MIND that works to support families who are struggling due to mental health issues.

Cbeebies

Next week Cbeebies will be coming to Calshot. Over the next 3 weeks, Cbeebies are filming a new show 'What's in the Bag' in the Before and After School club house. It means that before and after school club will be moving into the Dining Room. It's a very exciting project and we are really pleased to be a part of it. Some children from Calshot have successfully auditioned for parts in the show and we wish each of them the best of luck.

Car Parking

We have had more complaints about dangerous and inconsiderate parking, this time in the KS2 carpark. Parents must not park in the disabled spot, it is there for blue badge drivers only. A disabled parent was unable to use the space as a driver in a blue Volvo parked there. The carpark is not a public carpark, it is meant for staff only but as there is limited car parking along Calshot Road we have always allowed parents to use it. If we have a repeat of this week where parents are raising their voices and shouting at each other, it will have to be closed.

Dogs in the Playground

A reminder that no dogs of any variety, with the exception of guide dogs, are to be brought onto the school premises. Many of our children are frightened by dogs and even though you know your dog wouldn't harm them, the children are scared.

Year 6 Parents - Secondary School Places

At this time of year, many Year 6 parents will be busy attending secondary school open days, which is a wise thing to do. Just a reminder that applications for secondary schools can be made online by visiting the Birmingham City Council website www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the deadline for applications is 31st October 2022. If you require assistance, please ring the Admissions and Appeals Department on 0121 303 1888. If you live outside of Birmingham, you have to apply directly to the Local Authority that you live in.

Reception and Nursery Open Days

The Reception and Nursery Open Days for prospective pupils for September 2023 are being held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 (9:30am - 10:30am) and Thursday 3rd November 2022 (4:30pm - 5:30pm). Please ring the school to confirm your attendance.

School Fund

This week £16.60 was collected in School Fund this week. May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid. It does mean we can buy those 'extra' things for the children.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

