

# CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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

### Year 3 INSPIRE Workshop

On Tuesday, we had our Year Three INSPIRE English workshop for parents and it was lovely to see how many of you were able to come in and join the children doing their work. The children were wonderful and I want to thank Miss Okaner and Mrs Hatfield for organising this informative workshop.

'I worked with my Grampy, I liked finding the missing commas and adding them in with him.' - Erin (3H)

'At the INSPIRE workshop we got to work with our parents so they can see what we do in class. We all enjoyed it.' - Kiyannah (3O)

'It was fun and exciting to be at school with my parents. I liked doing the SPAG work with my mum.' - Vimaljot (3H)

'We had fun at the workshop. Our parents were proud of our work and we taught them how to do our English work.' - Mehdi (3O)

### Problem Solving Day

On Wednesday and Thursday, children across school took part in a Maths Workshop with the 'Problem Solving Company' in the hall. Children were able to join in and explore Maths, by discussing problems in a fun and exciting way. Thank you to Miss Harris (6H) for arranging this exciting day for our children.

'We matched the colours, we turned them until they matched.' - Joshua (NB)

'We had to figure out colours and shapes. It was fun!' - Isla (RS)

'We did maths in the hall. We had different coloured shapes and had to make a Christmas tree. We had to cut out the shape of our feet to measure the length of things.' - Callie (1B)

'We made shapes using wooden blocks and numbers. It was hard work but fun.' - Chaiyim (2H)

## Strike Action

I'm sure you are aware that the National Education Union has announced industrial action for its members over the next few months. The days currently considered are for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Other unions also balloted their members but did not receive enough votes to allow them to create a mandate to proceed to industrial action. Although, they have said that they will re-ballot in the near future, as they felt the postal strike impeded the voting. This may enable further industrial action at a later date. Industrial action creates uncertainty for parents, as we may have to consider closing classes if teachers are not available. I will inform parents as soon as possible when I know which teachers are going on strike. Teachers are not obliged to tell me in advance, therefore notification to parents may have to be at short notice. I will endeavour to keep as many children in school as possible with the staff I have available to me.

## Safe Parking

A sincere thank you to all the parents who are parking in a sensible manner, which ensures the safety of our children. I am aware that parking can be an issue, but obviously a child's life is worth far more than being a few minutes late. I have had to speak to some parents who are parking on the pavement and zebra crossing further up Calshot Road, which is very dangerous; a child could be hit and pedestrian visibility is greatly hindered. Please park responsibly!

## School Dinner Price Increase

We have been notified by Dolce that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 the cost of a paid school dinner is to go up to £2.50. They have assured me that this is the last thing they wished to do, however due to increases in inflation and the National Living Wage they have no choice. I wanted parents to have as much notice as possible, so there were no surprises, and give you the opportunity to change to sandwiches if you wished. This price increase will not affect pupils that receive universal free school meals.

## School Fund

This week £37.50 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, such as having the 'Problem Solving' company in school for 2 days.

Mr. M. Wingrove

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