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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 21st March (3.30-5.00pm) and Thursday 23rd (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. Books can only be purchased with cash, as there is no card facility.

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 Nock for arranging this very enjoyable trip. When the children came back into school they had smiles from ear to ear and were so excited to tell me what they had done.

'I liked feeding milk to the lambs.' - Brody (RS)

'I liked stroking the horses.' - Alayna (RW)

'I liked seeing the sheep and feeding them.' - Kai (RS)

'I liked going on the big green bus.' - Khemet (RW)

'I liked stroking the chickens.' - Meygan (RS)

Year 5 Assembly

On Tuesday, Year Five performed a fantastic Class Assembly 'It's All Greek to Me!' based on the Topic area they have been covering in class. Despite the occasional hiccup with the music, the children were not discouraged and were a credit to the school. Wonderful acting and superb singing. Thank you to Miss Secker, Mrs Wedderburn and Mrs Myatt for all the hard work they put in to making the assembly such a success.

'We had our class assembly all about Greeks. My role was Zeus, the king of all the Gods. I enjoyed having a lightning bolt. Everyone wore togas and sang beautifully.' - Rayyan (5S)

'In the play I was the dinner lady called Miss Plato. Other children were Greek Gods or Goddesses and a teacher that taught us facts about ancient Greece. We sang three songs called 'It's All Greek to Me', 'The Olympians' and 'Have You Heard the Story.' - Katie (5S)

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 28th March**. All entries will be displayed in the main reception area and there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for each year group, which will be decided **after school on Thursday 30th March** and announced in assembly on Friday morning (the day we break up for Easter). Even though Year 5 will be at camp, we will make sure their winners are included.

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!

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. 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, especially 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.

School Fund

This week £36.70 was collected in School Fund! May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have contributed.

Over the coming days there are a few celebrations that our families may be celebrating. I want to wish everyone a very happy Ramadan, Saint Patrick's Day and Mothering Sunday.

Mr. M. Wingrove (Head Teacher)

