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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!

Ramadan Mubarak

Many of our children and families will be celebrating the holy month of Ramadan. Ramadan is a time for celebration, to spread happiness and joy. I wish everyone a peaceful and joyous Ramadan. We have some children who are of an age where fasting is important. A separate letter needs to be collected and returned to the main office for any child partaking in fasting over the month.

World Book Day

Next Thursday 6th March is World Book Day and the theme is favourite book characters. 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. Children will also be given a £1 book voucher, which can then be swapped for one of the special World Book Day books, or used as payment towards any children's book.

International Women's Day

Next Friday 7th 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!

Red Nose Day

On Friday 21st March, the children will be taking part in 'Comic Reliefs- Red Nose Day'. This year, Comic Relief is celebrating their 40th birthday'. Children can come to school wearing their own clothes. If they can, we ask that they donate 50 pence towards Comic Relief via the Parent Mail App. 'The money donated to Comic Relief goes to some incredible projects, changing people's lives across the UK and around the world. In fact, over the past few 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.'

Contacting School

Can I please remind parents that if a child is not going to be in school that you ring the main office to inform us of the reason why your child cannot attend and the expected timeframe your child will be off. If a parent is considering taking a child on extended leave from school (holidays) there is a letter that needs to be completed, you can collect a leave of absence form from the main office. This is a directive from the local authority as places can be offered to pupils on our waiting list if we don't know that a child is returning. I cannot authorise holidays (even for family emergencies), which means parents can be liable for a spot fine.

If you need to contact your child's teacher, it is advisable to try and see them before or after school. If this is not possible, as the time can be limited, can you please email the enquiry email address and mark it urgent. Alternatively, phone the main office and leave a message. If you try emailing the teacher directly, the teacher will not see it until after the school day, as during the school day they are busy teaching.

Marvellous Me

We have decided to cancel Marvellous Me as we will now use ParentMail to send you information, including school newsletters, forms and trip letters. Teachers will be able to send you updates via ParentMail too. Please make sure you keep contact information up to date so we can contact you in an emergency.

Parent/ Carer Code of Conduct

I want to draw to parent and carers attention the new 'Parent & Carer Code of Conduct' that Governors have ratified. It outlines clear expectations on parental conduct in school, as positive role models for all our children and to support the staff who work at Calshot.

Miss Donna Webb

It is with deep sadness that I have to inform you that Miss Donna Webb passed away during the Half-term Holiday. She had been very poorly for some time and our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. Donna has been a Playworker in CKs and Lunchtime Supervisor at Calshot School for many years and has played a huge part in helping hundreds of children learn and grow. She will be greatly missed!

School Fund

This week £26.30 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)

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Parent & Carer Code of Conduct

'At Calshot we aim to provide the highest quality of learning and care for ALL children in a safe and enjoyable environment, nurturing personal values, in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community. We expect everyone in our school to strive to achieve their full potential.'

Policy Lead	Head Teacher
Sub Committee	Full Governing Body
Link Governor	Chair of Governors
Date of Last Review	February 2025
Next Review Date	Spring 2026

1. Purpose and scope

At Calshot Primary, we believe it's important to:
* Work in partnership with parents to support their child's learning
* Create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents
* Model appropriate behaviour for our pupils at all times

To help us do this, we set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all members of our community. This includes staff (through the staff Code of Conduct) and pupils (through our Behaviour Policy).

This code of conduct aims to help the school work together with parents by setting guidelines on appropriate behaviour.

We use the term 'parents' to refer to:
* Anyone with parental responsibility for a pupil
* Anyone caring for a child (such as carers, grandparents or child-minders)

2. Our expectations of parents and carers

We expect parents, carers and other visitors to:
* Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school, including attendance and collection arrangements
* Work together with staff in the best interests of our pupils
* Communicate with the school, information that is pertinent to the care and wellbeing of the child
* Treat all members of the school community with respect – setting a good example with speech and behaviour
* Seek a peaceful solution to all issues
* Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care)
* Approach the right member of school staff to help resolve any issues of concern
* To make sure children attend school ready to learn

3. Behaviour that will not be tolerated

* Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports team matches)
* Swearing, or using offensive language
* Displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils or other parents
* Threatening staff or another member of the school community
* Sending abusive messages to staff or another member of the school community,

including via text, email or social media
* Posting defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about the school, its staff or any member of its community, on social media platforms
* Use of physical punishment against your child while on school premises
* Any aggressive behaviour (including verbally or in writing) towards another child or adult
* Disciplining another person's child – please bring any behaviour incidents to a member of staff's attention
* Smoking, vaping or drinking alcohol on the school premises (unless alcohol has been allowed at a specific event)
* Possessing or taking drugs (including legal highs)
* Bringing dogs onto the school premises (other than guide dogs)

4. Breaching the code of conduct

If the school suspects, or becomes aware, that a parent has breached the code of conduct, the school will gather information from those involved and speak to the parent about the incident.

Depending on the nature of the incident, the school may then:
* Send a warning letter to the parent
* Invite the parent into school to meet with a senior member of staff or the headteacher
* Contact the appropriate authorities (in cases of criminal behaviour)
* Seek advice from Birmingham City Council legal team regarding further action (for example, in cases of conduct that maybe libellous or slanderous)
* Ban the parent from the school site

The school will always respond to an incident in a proportional way. The final decision for how to respond to breaches of the code of conduct rests with the headteacher.

The headteacher will consult with the chair of governors before banning a parent from the school site.