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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!

New Playground

Next week building work will start in the playgrounds as we are having new AstroTurf laid in KS1, a new Astro Turf football pitch (with markings) and trim trail in KS2, plus the Butterfly Garden being updated. This should mean the children have more space to play all year round no matter what the weather is like. I know the children are really excited but there will be some disruption in the playground as builders will separate where they work and where the children will play. Lorries will only deliver materials when the children are safely in the building. Parts of the rear carpark will be used to store materials, so there will be less parking space. I wanted to thank Friends Of Calshot who are contributing to the significant cost to this project, again their support is really making a huge difference for the children.

Science Week

Next week is national Science Week, every year there is a theme and this year it is 'Change and Adapt'. It's a great opportunity to think about how the world is changing and how we adapt to those changes. Every class will take part in various activities linked to the theme, the children really look forward to learning about the world around them (particularly as spring has finally started).

World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day in school and it was fantastic to see the staff and pupils all joining in with their fantastic costumes. The children had a wonderful day exploring their favourite books and stories that excite them. I want to thank Mrs Jones for organising the reading activities, as the children really enjoyed themselves and shared their passion for reading.

'I liked doing the different activities and looking at all of the costumes. – Ali (3O)

'I liked seeing everyone's World Book Day costumes. I dressed up as Ariel from the Little Mermaid.' – Arissa (2H)

'World Book Day is a time when we celebrate reading books. We dressed up as our favourite book characters and read lots of books to learn new vocabulary.' – Zorawar (3H)

'I enjoyed dressing up as Miss Trunchbull and lots of people loved my costume.' – Thea (3O)

'World Book Day is really important as you can read lots of books and learn new words. People also get to dress up as well (including the teachers). World Book Day is AMAZING!' – Aurora (3H)

'I loved to read when the reading bell rang.' – Devam (2H)

Easter Preparations – Advance Notice

To celebrate Easter there will be a couple of special events taking place in school.

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 8th April**. 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 10th April** and announced in assembly on Friday morning (the day we break up for Easter).

Key Stage 1 and Reception will hold their annual Easter Assembly on **Thursday 10th April** at 2.45pm in the hall. The children will sing their Easter songs and parents are invited.

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 an Easter Egg for the raffle. Please pass on eggs directly to your child's class teacher, so that they can be allocated to the relevant raffle. Raffle tickets can be bought at playtimes outside the main office (20 pence a ticket). All money raised will go towards our chosen charity this year MacMillan Cancer Support. Thank you for your support!

Red Nose Day

Next Friday, 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.'

School Fund

This week £15.50 was collected in School Fund this week! May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid.

Mr. M. Wingrove
(Head Teacher)