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NEWSLETTER

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

Attendance Matters

On Monday we had a visit from Birmingham Attendance and Legal team to spotlight how we manage attendance at Calshot School. Our attendance figures show that we are below the national average and certain measures are to be actioned to address this.

They have instructed us to rigorously challenge parents that don't bring their children to school. The vast majority of parents do respect and understand the importance of attendance, but some don't. You will have noticed that the school gates are closed once the classes have gone inside and any late comers are to come to the main office. Parents of pupils that are late should not drop off pupils and leave them to make their own way into school. If your child is unwell, please contact the main office and report the reason for their absence. The attendance team at school will on occasions make a house visit to assess why children are not attending. We have had 41 families taking term time holidays this year and Birmingham Legal team will issue a fixed penalty notice. Legal action will be considered for families that do not send children to school, where their attendance falls below 90% (19-day absence). A reminder that it is a parent's legal responsibility to send school age children to school.

Regular attendance is critical not only for academic success but also for your child's social and emotional development. Being in school enables children to:

- Access the lessons needed to meet age-related expectations.
- Maintain friendships and develop important social strategies.
- Participate in social and sporting events.
- Explore potential careers.
- Develop good punctuality and other essential habits for a successful future.

To help put this in perspective, here's how different attendance rates affect missed learning:

Days Absent	Weeks Missed (approximately)	Lessons Missed
5 days	1 week	25 lessons
10 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
20 days	4 weeks	100 lessons

Persistent absence is when a pupil misses 19 days (10%), or more, of their possible school days over the year. If you wish to discuss any issues affecting your child's attendance, please contact school.

Conservation Park

Last Friday, Year Five went to the Conservation Park in Birmingham to explore the rainforest and see the different animals. The children had a great day out and told me about some of the exotic animals they saw. Thank you to the teachers who organised the experience for the children.

'On Friday we went to the Conservation Centre, it was astonishing! We saw a snake called a tree boa and a massive sloth. We went to the park and took turns pushing the big log swing.' - Binaypal (5C)

'We saw a Komodo Dragon, Blue Cranes and Red Pandas. In the night time zone we saw a sloth! I was scared but Miss Webb helped me. It was fantastic!' - Ziadeen (5W)

'It was great to see all the animals. They are funny, we saw a Komodo Dragon and some Capybaras. My favourite was the sloth because it moved really slowly.' - Amelia (5C)

'On Friday we went to the Conservation Park. It was so fun; the animals were cute and adorable. My favourite animals were the meerkats and lemurs. I got a capybara slap bracelet from the gift shop.' - Grace (5W)

Nursery Places

Please pass on to parents in the community that we still have places available in our Nursery for September. If you hear of anyone wanting a place then please sign post them to the main office; in person, by phone or email. We will process any application by the 5th of September and can offer 15 hours free, per week.

Transfer Day

On Wednesday we held our annual Transfer Day. Most of Year Six went to their respective secondary schools whilst everyone at Calshot got to meet their teachers for next year. The children were really excited to see which teachers and teaching assistants they will be with. Some of the classes are mixed, so children get the opportunity to make new friendships and start a fresh with their new teachers.

Sun Hats and Sun Cream

The weather is going to be hot over the remaining weeks, please make sure children come to school in appropriate uniform. A reminder that children can bring sun hats to wear outside and will need a water bottle in school. We ask parents to apply sun cream before school so the children are protected throughout the day whilst outside.

Measles

Measles cases have been increasing across Birmingham. Measles is a very infectious disease that spreads easily and can lead to serious health complications, particularly for vulnerable individuals, including those who have weakened immune systems or are pregnant. Outbreaks can happen when not enough people have been immunised.

What are the symptoms of measles?

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms. The first symptoms of measles include:

- a high temperature
- a runny or blocked nose
- sneezing

- a cough
- red, sore, watery eyes

A rash usually appears a few days after the cold-like symptoms. The rash starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth, particularly inside the cheeks and on the back of the lips. To learn more about symptoms, visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

What should you do if you or someone has suspected measles?

If a child develops symptoms, parents should contact their GP. Parents must contact the surgery by telephone before visiting and tell the reception staff that they think that their child may have measles. They cannot attend the surgery unless they are asked to. The doctor will make special arrangements to see the child so that if they have measles, they won't pass it on to others.

School Fund

We will continue selling ice-lollies during afternoon playtimes. Lollies cost 50 pence each and can be bought in the main reception foyer. All proceeds will go into School Fund.

This week £56.10 was collected in School Fund. This means we can buy those 'extra' things for the children.

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