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NEWSLETTER

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Year 6 Parents - Secondary School Places

At this time of year, many Year 6 parents will be busy attending secondary school open days, which is a wise thing to do. Just a reminder that applications for secondary schools can be made online by visiting the Birmingham City Council website www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the deadline for applications is 31st October 2025. If you require assistance, please ring the Admissions and Appeals Department on 0121 303 1888. If you live outside of Birmingham, you have to apply directly to the Local Authority that you live in.

Nuts

A reminder to parents that we have children in school who have severe nut allergies and for this reason it is not safe for any type of nuts to be brought into school. We have had some children bring nuts in their packed lunches at dinner time and this is a concern. For the same reason, we also cannot allow chocolate spread in sandwiches, as many types of spread also contain traces of nuts amongst their main ingredients.

Harvest Celebrations

In three weeks' time, we will be celebrating and giving thanks for all the food that we have to eat. You are warmly invited to join our Harvest Festival celebrations. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will hold their Harvest Festival on the morning of Thursday 9th October at 9:20am. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will hold their Harvest Festival on the afternoon of Thursday 9th October at 2:45pm. As in previous years, we are asking you to donate harvest produce, which will be distributed in our local community. Please send any produce into school from Monday onwards. If you would like to nominate anyone for a Harvest parcel, please complete the reply slip below or complete an application on Parent Mail and return it by Monday 6th October. The parcels will be distributed on Friday 10th October. Many thanks for your support.

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.

You must never approach another child in the playground. Any issues between children must be dealt with by the school. It is a serious safeguarding concern if a parent decides to take matters into their own hands and tries to speak to a child directly.

Staff Carpark

I'm reminding parents that the front carpark is not for parental use. With the exception of parents who have access issues due to a disability, the front carpark is only used by staff. The rear carpark is available for parents. We have had a near miss when a parent raced up the drive (late) to collect a child and narrowly missed a pupil leaving school via the main entrance.

School Fund

This week £31.50 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.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

Calshot Primary School Nomination for a Harvest Parcel 2025

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Name of person to receive gift: _____

To be collected by: _____



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