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NEWSLETTER

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Black History Celebrations

On Monday, we celebrated Black History Day. We discussed and researched about black role models that have made a difference and helped try to shape a fairer society for everyone. I would like to thank Miss Harris (Y2) for organising the day.

'I enjoyed learning all about Wilma Rudolph, she was an American sprinter.' – Arlo (2H)

'I liked sticking and making my poster about Dr. Maggie.' – Sara (1J)

'I liked when we drew ourselves wearing a crown, but it was really messy.' – Ted (5W)

'We learnt about Wilma Rudolph and I liked that she was so fast.' – Amber (2H)

'Doctor Maggie is a super, brave space scientist!' – Maximus (1J)

'We found out about a famous artist called Jean-Michel Barquiat. We made self-portraits in bright and vibrant colours.' – Freya (5W)

Contacting School

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. If you have a more serious matter, you can discuss this with a Phase Leader. Our Phase Leaders are; Early Years- Mrs Aldridge, KS1 Mrs Jagroo, Lower KS2 Mrs Taylor and Upper KS2 Mr Hartwright.

If you have a Safeguarding concern, please report it to the Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr Wingrove.

I need to 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.

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.

Reception and Nursery Open Days

The Reception and Nursery Open Days for prospective pupils for September 2026 are being held on **Wednesday 12th November (9:30am – 10:30am)** and **Thursday 13th November (4:30pm – 5:30pm).** Please ring the school to confirm your attendance. If you know of anyone in the area that is considering Reception places for next year, please pass on Calshot School's details.

Scooters

A reminder that children can ride bikes and scooters to school, but we ask that once they cross onto the school playground they get off them and walk. This is because we don't want anyone to get injured. We have had occasions when children have accidently collided with other children and injured them. Please make sure your child doesn't ride scooters or bikes in the playground.

Spooky Disco Day

On Thursday 23rd October is 'Spooky Disco Day'. Children from Year One to Six can pay £2.50 online (by 11.00am on Thursday) into ParentMail to gain entrance to the disco and dress in non-school uniform. Children in Nursery and Reception can pay £1.50 and dress in non-uniform, unfortunately we can't offer the afterschool disco for them. Parents who don't want their child to attend can collect their child in the usual way at the end of the school day.

The Key Stage One Disco is in the Dining Room between 3.20-4.15pm. Parents can collect the children from the Key Stage 2 playground Dining Room doors at the end.

The Key Stage Two Disco is in the Main Hall between 3.25-4.20pm. Parents can collect the children from the Key Stage 2 playground main doors at the end.

CKs After School Club will be in Year One classes and children will be collected from the Key Stage 1 playground.

More information will be sent out from the Friends of Calshot PTA team via the ParentMail App.

Wellbeing Day

Last week you helped raise £108.50 for MIND as part of our Wellbeing Day. A huge thank you for helping support this worthy cause.

School Fund

This week £29.50 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)

Happy Diwali Celebrations!