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NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Productions

Tickets came out this week, unfortunately there are only 2 tickets per family for each show, we do not have the space to accommodate more. We have had a number of families demanding more tickets, we cannot accommodate more as we can only fit enough chairs in the hall to make sure there are 2 seats per family. It is already a tight squeeze fitting enough seats and any more would be a dangerous. If babies are brought to the shows they will have to sit on a parent's lap.

Early Years Nativity with NB- Wednesday 10th December 9.30am

Early Years Nativity with NL- Wednesday 10th December 2.00pm

Years 1 and 2 Nativity- Thursday 11th December 9.30am

Years 3 and 4 Christmas Pantomime - Thursday 11th December 1.30pm

Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert- Friday 12th December 2.15pm

Breakfast with Santa

On Wednesday we had a very special visitor come to school to share his breakfast with lots of children. The children had a wonderful time meeting Santa and getting an early Christmas present. I want to thank Friends of Calshot and staff (especially Mrs Webb) who organised and set up the morning. They give up their time to make sure the children have wonderful experiences throughout the year.

'We ate breakfast and Santa came to see us. He gave us sweets and sat with us; I had my photo with him.' – Louis (1S)

'I saw Santa and he gave me a packet of sweets. The breakfast was good too.' – Darcie (4J)

'We met Father Christmas and he gave me a present. I really enjoyed it!' – Emilia (1S)

'I ate seven croissants and some apples; they were really tasty.' – Leo (4M)

Nursery INSPIRE Workshop

On Tuesday, we had our Nursery INSPIRE workshop for parents and it was lovely to see how many of you were able to come in and join the children doing their work. The children were wonderful and I want to thank Miss Sweet and Mrs Sheargold for organising this informative workshop.

'I enjoyed playing with mummy. We were finding two creatures.' – Olivia (NB)

'I played with my mummy and some numbers.' – Mason (NL)

'I played with the puzzles and my mummy came to play too.' – Yahya (NB)

'I played with the playdough and the jigsaws.' – Airah (NL)

Winter Illness

We are dedicated to supporting strong attendance for the children so that they receive an excellent education. We are aware that even one day of absence can equate to 4 lessons missed, as well as time spent with friends and taking part in lunch and extra-curricular activities. We understand that determining whether or not to send your child to school when they are unwell can be a challenging decision. Therefore, we want to provide you with guidance about mild winter illnesses, which will hopefully be useful as we head into the colder months. It is important that if your child is well enough to be in school that they attend each day. If you do decide to keep your child at home due to illness, it is important to contact school on the first day of their absence and inform us of the reason.

Coughs and Colds: For minor coughs and common colds, it is fine to send your child to school. However, if they have a fever, it is advisable to keep them home until the fever subsides. Encourage your child to dispose of used tissues properly and practise regular handwashing.

High Temperature: Should your child have a high temperature (38C or more), it is best to keep them at home until their temperature returns to normal.

Conjunctivitis: Children with conjunctivitis do not need to stay away from school. It is advisable to seek advice from your pharmacist and encourage your child not to rub their eyes, practising regular handwashing.

Sore Throat: Children with a sore throat can still attend school, but if they also have a high temperature, it is best to keep them home until the temperature subsides. A sore throat and high temperature may be symptoms of tonsillitis.

Vomiting and Diarrhoea: Children with vomiting or diarrhoea should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days (48 hours). However, if your child has been sick because of food intolerances or a cough that can create phlegm, and your children are not poorly, then they can attend school. Please discuss this with the office if you are unsure.

As a school, we do administer medication with your permission to children throughout the school day. This may be prescribed medicine such as antibiotics, or over the counter medicine. You will need to go to the office and complete a medication administration form when you bring the medication into school. We also have a school supply of Calpol and Piriton in school, so if your child starts to feel unwell during the day, we will contact you to ask for permission to use either of these if necessary.

The health and wellbeing of all our students and staff are of utmost importance to us, and we appreciate your cooperation in following these guidelines to help maintain a safe and healthy school environment, while also ensuring students attend school if they are well enough to do so. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our school office. Thank you for your continued partnership in promoting the wellbeing of our students and supporting good attendance at school.

Christmas Dinner

I have spoken to Karen in the kitchen and she has asked me to remind parents that you need to order Christmas dinners on the Dolce Website/App. Christmas dinner day is Wednesday 17th December and orders need to be placed online beforehand.

Reception Applications – Sept 2025

To apply for Reception places for September 2026, parents must visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application by 15th January 2026 (final closing date). If you have any questions, please contact Children's Services on 0121 303 1888. Please note, all parents need to apply, even if your child is currently in our Nursery. Parents will be notified of their Reception offer on 16th April 2026.

School Fund

This week £18.50 was collected in School Fund this week, which is superb! 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)