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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!

Ramadan Mubarak

Many of our children and families will be celebrating the holy month of Ramadan. Ramadan is a time for celebration, to spread happiness and joy. I wish everyone a peaceful and joyous Ramadan. We have some children who are of an age where fasting is important. A separate letter needs to be collected and returned to the main office for any child partaking in fasting over the month.

Year 1 Trip

On Thursday, Year One went on their school trip to Twycross Zoo. I know how much fun the children had as they told me about all the animals they got to see as part of their topic area 'Africa'. Thank you to the teachers who planned and organised this wonderful experience for the children.

Internet Safety

On Tuesday, children learnt about e-safety as part of 'Internet Safety Day', the children have been having lessons on how to keep themselves safe online. Some important reminders: never leave your child unsupervised when they are online, never allow them to use a webcam, use parent blocks and filters to limit what your child has access to, check your child's 'history' to monitor their usage and ensure that they only use age-appropriate games and apps. If you need any more support please access the school e-safety page on the school website.

Year 2 Assembly

On Thursday, Year Two had their class assembly based on the topic area 'Fire, Fire, Fire'. The children really enjoy this topic, especially when looking at the Great Fire of London. I especially liked the wonderful singing and seeing the smiles on the children's faces. Well done to Miss Trude, Miss Harris, Miss Hillier and Miss Kaur who put so much work into the assembly behind the scenes.

'I liked singing 'In 1666' with the others, it was fun!' – Rayya (2H)

'My favourite song was 'We need a leader', because there were actions. I loved saying my lines and seeing my mum in the crowd.' – Hafsah (2T)

'I liked being part of the play and saying my lines.' – Musa (2H)

'I liked playing Thomas because we learnt a lot about him and my costume was funny! We had a great time rehearsing and performing our play.' – Roman (2T)

Year 6 INSPIRE Workshop

On Wednesday, we had our Year Six INSPIRE workshop for parents and it was lovely to see how many of you who were able to come in and join the children doing their work. The children were wonderful and I want to thank Mr Hartwright and Miss Harris for organising this informative workshop.

'The workshop was fun, as it helped me remember how to do things, it was good because our parents were there. We looked at Maths, English, Reading and Spelling.' – Henry (6H)

'It helped me to understand what SATs are about.' – Sarah (6A)

'Our Inspire Workshop was about SATs. We looked at some old SATS papers to practise with our parents. The workshop was helpful as I'm now prepared for my SATs tests.' – Grace (6H)

'The INSPIRE Workshop was an exhilarating experience (that was extremely interactive) because it gave us information on SATS tests.' – Harshiv (6A)

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day and the theme is favourite book characters. If children wish to join in for the day, they are encouraged to dress up and there will be various exciting activities going on throughout school. Children will also be given a £1 book voucher, which can then be swapped for one of the special World Book Day books, or used as payment towards any children's book.

International Women's Day

On Friday 6th March, the children will be taking part in 'International Women's Day', where they will be finding out about women that inspire us and have had an impact in promoting gender equality. We are asking that children wear school uniform as usual, but also include an item of clothing that is purple. Purple is the colour used to represent women's equality across the world. Thank you in helping us educate and support the values of the school that we are all equal no matter what!

School Dinner Price Increase

We have been notified by Dolce that from 28th March 2026 the cost of a paid school dinner is to go up to £2.95. They have assured me that this is the last thing they wished to do. However, due to increases in inflation and the National Living Wage, they have no choice. I wanted parents to have as much notice as possible, so there were no surprises, and give you the opportunity to change to sandwiches if you wished. This price increase will not affect pupils that receive universal free school meals.

30 Hour Funding for Nursery

We are pleased to announce that from Monday 23rd February 2026 we will be offering 30 hours of funded childcare and education for **eligible** Nursery age children. Nursery hours will remain the same as they currently are, and for parents who use the 15 hours per week nothing changes. However, for parents that are entitled to 30 hours, we will offer both morning and afternoon sessions. The structure for 30-hour pupils will be:

Morning Session – 8.40-11.40am
Lunch Session – 11.40am-12.30pm
Afternoon Session – 12.30-3.30pm
Lunchtime is not covered by the funded hours. The cost is £5 per day (£25 per week) and parents/carers will need to supply a packed lunch. Payment for lunchtime will need to be paid in advance via IRIS ParentMail.

If you believe you are eligible for the 30 hours funding, please visit https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working/check-youre-eligible or scan the QR code for more information.

If you are eligible for the funding and would like to extend your child's Nursery place to a full-time place, please contact the main office and we will send you a letter explaining how to apply.

The Waiting Room

On occasions we all need some support to help us manage. The Waiting Room is a website with links to various support networks that covers a range of things such as: mental health, housing and homelessness, disability support, employment and welfare (plus much more). The website is the-waitingroom.org and is free for everyone. I recommend that you save it into your web browser, you can then share it with family or friends that you think may benefit from any of the services offered.

School Fund

This week £32.50 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)

We return to school on Monday 23rd of February.

I wanted to wish our families a happy Ramadan and Chinese New Year!