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NEWSLETTER

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I hope everyone has an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday with friends and family. I know that the staff in school have worked tirelessly over the term and need a break. I want to thank them for all their efforts.

Easter Celebrations!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children and family members who fully engaged in the Easter Celebrations. Nursery had a wonderful Easter Bonnet Parade; Reception and KS1 had an excellent Easter Assembly, which was extremely well attended; KS2 used their design skills to create some fantastic 'egg inspired' models. The combination of all these events made Easter a very special time at Calshot……thank you!

Whitemoor Lakes

This week the Year 5 pupils have been attending their residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes. I know how excited they have been and how much fun they have had whilst there. They have been taking part in a multitude of outdoor activities, which have been wonderful and the weather has been good for them, albeit a little cold. The children have had a great time and been a credit to the school. I want to thank the teachers Miss Webb, Mrs Jones, Mrs Crowe, Mr Mitchell and Mrs Waring who stayed with them and made sure everything went smoothly.

'We were playing a game where the teachers tied our shoes together and hid them in high places to slow us down. Then we had to throw shoes to get them back. It was great!'; - Clay (5C)

'The UV light games were wicked. We played volleyball and dodgeball in the dark.' – Jasraj (5W)

'Camp has been really fun! I've enjoyed being with my friends. I enjoyed leap of faith and UV games.' – Jind (5W)

'I loved this trip, its really adventurous. I loved doing new things.' – Jaydah (5W)

Greek Day

On Tuesday, Year 5 dressed up in their Greek costumes to take part in Greek Day as part of their curriculum topic for this term. The children had a great day trying out Greek food and taking part in Greek themed activities. Thank you to Miss Webb and Mrs Crowe for organising this fun and exciting day for the children.

Online Safety Resources

Some parents have asked me where to find information about online safety, so they can find out how to best support their children whilst using the internet and playing games. I have included a variety of online websites that I have used to help me understand gaming and online parent controls for my own family.

Common Sense Media- A site that's good at explaining up and coming games, books, films and gives realistic opinions on how safe they are. https://www.commonsensemedia.org/

Internet Matters- A useful website that explains about internet usage, parental controls and videos explaining how to manage social media. https://www.internetmatters.org/

Parent Zone- A parent guide to using various popular internet sites. https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides

Reception Places for 2026

A reminder that Birmingham Admissions Team will inform parents of their Reception places in a couple of weeks. The official date when parents must be notified is on Wednesday 15th April.

School Dinner Price Increase

We have been notified by Dolce that a further increase has been decided by the company. It means that from 28th March 2026 the cost of a paid school dinner has risen again to £2.97. 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.

I ask that if your child isn't going to be in school and you've already prebooked a meal that you cancel it as soon as possible. **Otherwise, a charge for the meal is still given, even if it's not been taken.**

School Fund

This week £12.00 was collected in School Fund. May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid, as this means we can buy those 'extra' things (like Easter Eggs) for the children.

CHILDREN RETURN ON MONDAY 13th APRIL

HAPPY EASTER CELEBRATIONS!

Mr M.Wingrove

(Head Teacher)