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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!

Attendance Matters

On Tuesday we had a visit from Birmingham Attendance and Legal team to spotlight how we manage attendance at Calshot School.

The vast majority of parents do respect and understand the importance of attendance, but some don't. You will have noticed that the school gates are closed once the classes have gone inside and any late comers are to come to the main office. Parents of pupils that are late should not drop off pupils and leave them to make their own way into school. If your child is unwell, please contact the main office and report the reason for their absence. As part of the safeguarding and wellbeing charter for Birmingham Schools we have a duty to make a house visit to assess why children are not attending. We have had 65 children taking term time holidays this year and Birmingham Legal team will issue a fixed penalty notice. Legal action will be considered for families that do not send children to school, where their attendance falls below 90% (19-day absence). A reminder that it is a parent's legal responsibility to send school age children to school.

Regular attendance is critical not only for academic success but also for your child's social and emotional development. Being in school enables children to:

- Access the lessons needed to meet age-related expectations.
- Maintain friendships and develop important social strategies.
- Participate in social and sporting events.
- Explore potential careers.
- Develop good punctuality and other essential habits for a successful future.

To help put this in perspective, here's how different attendance rates affect missed learning:

Days Absent	Weeks Missed (approximately)	Lessons Missed
5 days	1 week	25 lessons
10 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
20 days	4 weeks	100 lessons

Persistent absence is when a pupil misses 19 days (10%), or more, of their possible school days over the year. If you wish to discuss any issues affecting your child's attendance, please contact school.

Year 6 SATs Results

We have been notified by The Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP (Secretary of State for Education) that the release of the Key Stage 2 test results will be delayed until 16th July 2026 (the day before Year 6 children leave). She understands that you will be frustrated by the delay. She has assured us this does not affect the quality of the tests or their accuracy of the results. It is her priority to get results into school as quickly as possible and thanks you for your patience.

Sports Day

KS2 and KS1 Sports Day took place on Monday and Reception on Tuesday, it was wonderful watching the children working together at the different activity stations. The children were very supportive of each other, not only cheering for their class mates, but also when a child struggled, they helped each other out. I want to thank Miss Trude for arranging Sports Day and getting everyone organised, it was a real success.

'I enjoyed the sprint relay because I am very fast. I enjoy running, plus, it is a team sport.' - Meygan (3O)

'Sports Day was fun! My favourite activity was the sack race because I liked even when I fell. When I was in the playground I liked playing football with Carter from Year 6 (Year 6 helper). I also got lots of stickers, which is so cool!' - Chizi (2T)

'I liked 'Hit the Wicket' because I love cricket.' - Devam (3O)

Sports Day was really fun! My favourite thing was the sack race. My mum watched me do all the amazing events. There were Year 6 children telling us what to do. I can't wait until the next Sports Day. I won 13 stickers.' - Ilana (2T)

School Choir

On Thursday, the school choir visited Homelands Residential Home. I wanted to thank Mrs Crowe and Mrs Waring for taking the children. I know how much the children enjoyed themselves, I'm super proud of you all.

'The children were exceptionally well behaved, they walked up sensibly and we got there in good time. They were such a credit to the school. They sang enthusiastically, they sang harmonies, parts, even some solos. They really enjoyed the performance and the residents loved them. There were some little characters that stood out, who were singing with gusto and giving dance moves too.' - Mrs Crowe (5C)

Nursery Places

Please pass on to parents in the community that we still have places available in our Nursery for September. If you hear of anyone wanting a place then please sign post them to the main office; in person, by phone or email. We can offer 15 or 30 hours free per week, depending on family circumstances.

Transfer Day

On Wednesday we held our annual Transfer Day. Most of Year Six went to their respective secondary schools whilst everyone at Calshot got to meet their teachers for next year. The children were really excited to see which teachers and teaching assistants they will be with. All the classes are mixed, so children get the opportunity to make new friendships and start a fresh with their new teachers.

Sun Hats and Sun Cream

The weather is going to be hot over the remaining weeks, please make sure children come to school in appropriate uniform. A reminder that children can bring sun hats to wear outside and will need a water bottle in school. We ask parents to apply sun cream before school so the children are protected throughout the day whilst outside.

Twice Treasured

St Matthew's Church on the Aldridge Road- B44 8RB are holding a sale where you can go and buy preloved baby bits and bobs- toys, clothes and all things baby and toddler related (ages 0-4 years old). On 1st August 12.00- 2.30pm. Cash only though. If you would like a stall, please WhatsApp 07596373340

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.

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