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NEWSLETTER

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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 2026. 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.

Nuts

A reminder to parents that we have children in school who have severe nut allergies and for this reason it is not safe for any type of nuts to be brought into school. We have had some children bring nuts in their packed lunches at dinner time and this is a concern. For the same reason, **we also cannot allow chocolate spread** in sandwiches, as many types of spread also contain traces of nuts amongst their main ingredients.

Harvest Celebrations

In three weeks' time, we will be celebrating and giving thanks for all the food that we have to eat. You are warmly invited to join our Harvest Festival celebrations. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will hold their Harvest Festival on the morning of Thursday 8th October at 9:20am. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will hold their Harvest Festival on the afternoon of Thursday 8th October at 2:45pm. As in previous years, we are asking you to donate harvest produce, which will be distributed in our local community. Please send any produce into school from Monday onwards. If you would like to nominate anyone for a Harvest parcel, please complete the reply slip below or complete an application on Parent Mail and return it by Monday 5th October. The parcels will be distributed on Friday 9th October. Many thanks for your support.

Contacting School

Can I please 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.

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.

Safeguarding Children

You must never approach another child in the playground. Any issues between children must be dealt with by the school. It is a serious safeguarding concern if a parent decides to take matters into their own hands and tries to speak to a child directly.

Staff Carpark

I'm reminding parents that the front carpark is not for parental use. With the exception of parents who have access issues due to a disability, the front carpark is only used by staff. The rear carpark is available for parents.

School Fund

Over the last few years, we haven't promoted the need for School Fund. However, our school fund account is nearly empty. There is no obligation to pay into it, however we ask that if you are able to make a 50 pence weekly contribution or pay in a termly lump sum, **now available** via Parent Mail, that would be brilliant. All funds are spent on providing the extra things that children need in school.

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.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

Calshot Primary School Nomination for a Harvest Parcel 2026

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Name of person to receive gift: _____

To be collected by: _____

