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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.

Harvest Celebrations

In two 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.

Attendance Matters

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.

Measles

Measles cases have been increasing across Birmingham. Measles is a very infectious disease that spreads easily and can lead to serious health complications, particularly for vulnerable individuals, including those who have weakened immune systems or are pregnant. Outbreaks can happen when not enough people have been immunised.

What are the symptoms of measles?

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms. The first symptoms of measles include:

- a high temperature
- a runny or blocked nose
- sneezing
- a cough
- red, sore, watery eyes

A rash usually appears a few days after the cold-like symptoms. The rash starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth, particularly inside the cheeks and on the back of the lips. To learn more about symptoms, visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

What should you do if you or someone has suspected measles?

If a child develops symptoms, parents should contact their GP. Parents must contact the surgery by telephone before visiting and tell the reception staff that they think that their child may have measles. They cannot attend the surgery unless they are asked to. The doctor will make special arrangements to see the child so that if they have measles, they won't pass it on to others.

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: _____