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## NEWSLETTER

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### Year 3 INSPIRE Workshop

On Tuesday, we had our Year Three INSPIRE Writing workshops for parents and it was lovely to see how many of you were able to come in and join the children doing their work. The children were wonderful and I want to thank Mrs Taylor and Miss Okaner for organising this informative workshop.

'I enjoyed thinking of adjectives and extended noun phrases for my paragraph in the workshop.' -  
Elisavetta (3O)

'We showed our parents; nouns, conjunctions and verbs. We had to highlight words and write sentences. It was fun!' - Remy (3T)

'I liked re-writing the paragraph with my dad in the SPAG workshop.' - Trey-Cruz (3O)

'We wrote a story and tried to make it better. We found verbs, nouns and adjectives. It was really fun!' - Lina (3T)

### Black History Celebrations

On Monday, we celebrated Black History Day. We discussed and researched about black role models that have made a difference and helped try to shape a fairer society for everyone. I would like to thank Miss Harris (Y2) for organising the day.

### Wellbeing Day

Last week you helped raise £76.50 for MIND as part of our Wellbeing Day. A huge thank you for helping support this worthy cause.

### Contacting School

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. If you have a more serious matter, you can discuss this with a Phase Leader. Our Phase Leaders are; Early Years- Mrs Aldridge, KS1 Mrs Jagroo, Lower KS2 Mrs Taylor and Upper KS2 Mr Hartwright.

If you have a Safeguarding concern, please report it to the Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr Wingrove.

I need to 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.

#### 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](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and the deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### Reception Applications - Sept 2027

To apply for Reception places for September 2027, parents must visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and submit an online application by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2027 (final closing date). If you have any questions, please contact Children's Services on 0121 303 1888. Please note, all parents need to apply, even if your child is currently in our Nursery. Parents will be notified of their Reception offer on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2027.

#### Reception and Nursery Open Days

The Reception and Nursery Open Days for prospective pupils for September 2027 are being held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November (9:30am - 10:30am)** and **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November (4:00pm - 5:00pm)**. Please ring the school to confirm your attendance. If you know of anyone in the area that is considering Reception places for next year, please pass on Calshot School's details.

#### 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, 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](http://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)