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NEWSLETTER

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It has been a busy half-term; the children are a credit to Calshot as they have settled down well and engaged in their learning. It has been wonderful to have so many events taking place around school such as INSPIRE workshops, trips, Harvest Festival, discos and assemblies. I wish everyone a very peaceful, healthy holiday and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November. A reminder clocks go back this Sunday and please remember the firework code!

Year 4 INSPIRE Workshop

On Tuesday, we had our Year Four 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 Mr Mitchell and Miss Webb for organising this informative workshop.

'At our INSPIRE Workshop we did activities like spelling, frontal adverbials and word searches. We had lots of fun as our parents came to help us if we got stuck.' - Aidan (4W)

'Our workshop was all about English. I sat with my mum and we helped each other with the activities. I had so much fun!' - Amaziyah (4M)

'Our workshop was amazing. We had to find determiners, frontal adverbials and conjunctions to write our own sentences. This was my favourite workshop ever!' - Soraiyah (4W)

'In our workshop we invited our parents to join a SPAG lesson. We enjoyed learning about conjunctions, frontal adverbials and did a word search at the end. We all learnt together with our families.' - Lacey (4M)

Year 2 INSPIRE Workshop

On Thursday, we had our Year Two INSPIRE Writing workshop, it was lovely to see the children learning with their parents and making sure the parents behaved themselves. I know how much the children enjoy these opportunities to showcase what they do in school; I want to thank Miss Trude and Miss Harris for organising this event.

'I enjoyed reading my Oxford Owl book. I answered a lot of questions about it.' - Anvi (2H)

'I loved it because I was reading with mum. I read 'Flood' and 'Rumpelstiltskin', it was a lot of fun.' -
Kaydee (2T)

'I had so much fun reading with my mum.' - Usayd (2H)

'I enjoyed the INSPIRE Workshop as I read with my mum. I enjoyed doing all the cutting and reading
'Mini Marvels on Level 8.' - Maximus (2T)

Individual Photographs

The 'School Photography Company' photographer will be in school on Tuesday 24th November. All children will have an individual photo taken and you will also be able to have a separate family photo. Please note, family photos will only be taken before school from 8.15-9.00am in the main hall and not during the school day. If you want a family photo please come to the main hall before school.

Great Barr Library

Over the half-term holiday Great Barr Library are offering free events for families.

Monday 26th October 2.30-4.00pm: Craft Afternoon

Tuesday 27th October 2.00- 4.00pm: RSPB at the library for nature themed crafts

Thursday 29th October 2.00-4.00pm: Games and Lego Afternoon

Friday 30th October 2.30-4.00pm: Craft Afternoon

For more details phone 01215694929 or email greatbarr_library@sandwell.gov.uk

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.

Reception Applications - Sept 2027

To apply for Reception places for September 2027, parents must visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application by 15th 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 16th April 2027.

Reception and Nursery Open Days

The Reception and Nursery Open Days for prospective pupils for September 2027 are being held on **Wednesday 4th November (9:30am - 10:30am)** and **Thursday 5th 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 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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