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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!

Welcome back after the Christmas Holidays, I hope you all had a wonderful time spending quality moments with family and loved ones. I have loved hearing from the children about what they have been up to and I'm sure it was a relaxing time for the parents too!

School Vision

In school, the staff and children have been reviewing the school Vision Statement and what it means to them. We have discussed our values and what is important to us and our school. I have included the Vision Statement and highlighted the key values that we have been discussing. The 3 key words the children have identified with are **Safe, Enjoy and Learning** as the essence of what we aim for all children and staff in school.

'At Calshot we aim to provide the highest quality of learning and care for ALL children in a safe and enjoyable environment, nurturing personal values, in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community. We expect everyone in our school to strive to achieve their full potential'

Covid-19 Updates

As you know the pandemic is as prevalent now as it has ever been and we are now faced with fresh challenges to address because of it. We are dealing with a huge rise in staff cases which is impacting on the provision of care we can offer, hence we have had to temporarily close CK Before and After School Club. My priority is to maintain face to face teaching but I must warn parents that this may not be possible if we have an outbreak amongst staff, there is virtually no available supply cover across the country now. If classes have to close, as a last resort, parents will be notified as soon as possible. We would have to resort to remote learning, which is what happened last year.

We have also seen a huge rise in pupil cases too. I must stress that if a child is unwell then please do not send them in to school. If possible, please regularly use a Lateral Flow Test, as many pupils do not display any symptoms. Often it is only when tests come back that parents realise their child has been positive but have also unknowingly been sending their child into school. The staff take tests as a minimum 2-3 times a week. If we have huge numbers of cases reported across school we may bring back further restrictions such as: staggered starts, playtimes, dinners, year group bubbles and social distancing. All these measures were in place last year

however, I'm hoping that they are not necessary. We have had no guidance from the DFE or BCC other than to try maintain normal operations for as much as possible.

Other measures have been reintroduced such as staff wearing face coverings around school. Any parents that come into school must also wear a face covering. We are limiting visitors who can come in to school and only those that do are for essential reasons. Children are still using hand sanitizer and are required to wash hands regularly. All rooms around school are well ventilated, which at this time of year is difficult as it is so cold.

We are going to postpone or amend events to eliminate the need for parents to come into school, such as:

- Year 5 Workshops on 13th January has been moved to 15th March
- Year 6 Class Assembly has been moved to 19th February and will now be recorded and uploaded to the school website
- Year 1 Class Assembly on 10th February has been moved to 20th May
- Year 2 Class Assembly on 15th February will now be recorded and uploaded to the school website

I am hopeful that by the Spring half-term we will be able to resume normal operations as per usual.

School Fund

This week £12.40 was collected in School Fund this week. May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid. It does mean we can buy those 'extra' things for the children, such as Christmas parties!

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

