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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!

I hope everyone has a wonderful half term holiday and hopefully the wind and rain will cease and we can all enjoy the spring outdoors. I want to welcome back Mrs Patterson our SENDCo who has returned after maternity leave, she is a valuable member of the Calshot Team and has been greatly missed.

A Message from Mrs Patterson

As SENDCo I will be available on the KS2 Playground on Tuesday mornings from 8.45-8.55am and on the KS1 playground on Thursday mornings from 8.45-9.00am. Please come and see me about any SEND queries you may have and SEND matters I can support you with.

World Book Day

I wanted to give parents another early notice that this year's World Book Day will be on Thursday 5th of March and the theme is favourite book heroes or heroines. If children wish to join in for the day they are encouraged to dress up and there will be various exciting activities going on throughout school. Children will also be given a £1 book voucher which can then be swapped for one of the special World Book Day books, or used as payment towards any children's book. We are looking forward to the day!

School Trips

I know how important trips are, socially and educationally, for our children as they play an important part of developing a child's learning experience and understanding of the topics covered in school. Increasingly we are having to subsidise these trips as parent contributions are not coming in to school. I understand that there are financial demands for us all however the school budget cannot continue to subsidise this to the extent that it is. I want to make you aware we will have to limit or cancel trips if contributions are not brought in. I am always willing to listen and will make adjustments for families that find it difficult, however a large proportion of families no longer make any contribution at all.

Year 1 Assembly

On Thursday we had a wonderful performance from Year One that told us about 'Handa and the safari' as part of the African topic they have been covering in class this term. I especially enjoyed the lively singing and colourful dancing, a huge thank you to all the children but especially the teachers for putting this entertaining assembly all together.

'I had fun being Handa in our assembly. I liked singing Kye Kye Kule too! My mum came to watch me and I was happy when I saw her.' - Aanya (1J)

'When it was our play I loved being a dancer. I danced to the 'Waka Waka' song! My mum and dad came and my mum said I did well!' - Kylan (1J)

Year 4 INSPIRE

This week Year Four held their INSPIRE Workshop for pupils and parents. It was lovely to see so many parents come in to school and were able to work with their child.

'The Workshop was really fun! My Nan and I worked really hard together. At the end I was sad as I wanted to carry on!' - Harvey (4B)

'On Wednesday Year Four had our INSPIRE Workshop, it was fun! We taught our parents what to do in English and were able to give them fun facts too. I really enjoyed it and can't wait until we do our workshop in Year Five!' - Aarav (4B)

Chamber Music Festival

This week a few pupils from Calshot were able to perform at King Edwards School as part of the 'Services For Education Chamber Music Festival' as a violin ensemble. They performed beautifully and really highlighted what hard work and dedication to their chosen instrument can do. We are really proud of you!

'On Wednesday we went to King Edwards VI School for Girls and performed 'I'm a Little Monkey' in front of lots of people. I loved it!' - Edward (5H)

'On Wednesday we performed at the Chamber Music Concert. We were really excited and wouldn't have missed it for the world!' - Maddison (5H)

Pirate Day

On Thursday Year Three had their own pirate adventure day, the teachers and children dressed up and looked fantastic. They completed various pirate related tasks throughout the day and had a lot of fun learning about life on the open seas. Thank you to all the staff that arranged this fun and exciting day the children loved it!

'We did lots of fun and amazing activities, we made pirate masks by painting paper plates. We also made a parrot out of feathers that balances on your finger using a 2 pence coin. Did you know that pirates wore earrings to make them look fancy?' - Kymani (3C)

'On pirate day it was fun as we got to eat biscuits and drink apple juice. We made pirate faces and parrots that stay on your finger. We also put a note into a transparent bottle!' - Dev (3B)

'We had a fantastic Pirate Day. We made colourful, bright parrots that sit on your finger. We also painted mean pirates on a plate.' - Lucy (3C)

'On Pirate day we made a colourful parrot out of feathers that sits on your finger. We played pirate shoot out and if you got it wrong you had to walk the plank. We also wrote a brave message in a bottle using lots of adjectives and openers.' - Emma (3B)

Smoking!

I've had a complaint from a parent about parents smoking directly outside the school gate, although not on the premises, we are trying to set a healthy example for our children. Please could smokers make sure they are out of sight of pupils before they light up (including Vaping). Thank you for supporting school on this matter.

Handsworth Scout & Guide Show

19th - 22nd February 2020 at the A3 Arena, Forest Arts Centre, Hawbush Road, Leamore, Walsall, WS3 1AG.

A number of our pupils are performing in the production during half term. This variety show is suitable for all ages to come and enjoy, it includes singing, dancing and sketches. It would be great if you can support them, they have been rehearsing very hard every Sunday since September. To book tickets please contact the venue on 0300 555 2898 or www.walsallarena.com, Prices start from £9 per ticket and free parking available.

School Fund

This week £10.00 was collected in School Fund this week. May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid.

We return to school on Monday 17th of February ready for another busy half term in school.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

