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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back!

On Friday we welcomed back Year 6 and Nursery after their self-isolation period finished. I am very pleased to hear about all the hard work the children have been doing at home and how determined they were to complete the daily tasks that were set online. We all know the importance of education and when Public Health England directed us to send pupils home, it is with a heavy heart that we did so, but hearing about what the children got up to is very encouraging. The children took home paper work packs, they were given daily Maths and English activities plus Topic or Science tasks via *Marvellous Me*, all set by the class teachers who were also isolating at home. All the children had phone calls made by their class teachers to make sure concerns were addressed and gave them an opportunity to discuss progress being made. A huge thank you to the teaching staff that made sure the work was set and enabled our children to continue their education from home. If we do have another year group closure (fingers crossed we won't), I will inform you as quickly as possible and make sure work is provided in a similar fashion for the children.

These are difficult times and we've now seen how close Covid-19 has got to our school. I hope that will be the end of it however being realistic and having spoken to other schools we have done brilliantly to get this far with only Year 6 and Nursery having to close. I know all the measures we have to put in place will have played a part in this as does the support from our families to maintain social distancing and not mix bubbles. I thank you all for the continued hard work and efforts to keep our school community safe, I hope with the vaccine that there is now light at the end of the tunnel and when it is safe to do so we will return to normal school life as soon as possible.

Early Years Open Virtual Evening

Our Early Years Virtual Tour is available on the school website along with a frequently asked questions section that offers further guidance on what Calshot Early Years offer. To apply for Reception places for September 2021, parents must visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application by 15th January 2021 (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. If you wish to apply for our Nursery for September 2021 please come to the main office to collect an application form.

Used Stamps!

Mrs Paddock is collecting old used stamps for the Royal National Institute for the Blind. If you can bring them into school she will collect and add them to her collection. The RNIB use them to help raise funds for their charity.

Crisis Food Collection

Another huge thank you to the families that have been bringing in food for Crisis the charity that helps provide food for families that are homeless or in desperate need of support. I can see from my office the huge food pile that has grown thanks to your generosity, it's a wonderful cause that will help families in our local area through these difficult times.

School Fund

This week £25.60 was collected in School Fund this week, which is superb! May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

