

# CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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### KS1 Coffee Morning

'I would like to thank everyone who came to the Key Stage One Coffee Morning on Wednesday. It was good to get to know you and share information about our phase. I would like to thank Friends of Calshot and Annette (school cook) for providing coffee and cakes, and giving their time.' - Mr Hemmingway (KS1 Phase Leader)

*A thank you to all the parents who attended the Coffee Morning and thank you to Mr Hemmingway for organising the event.*

### Attendance Matters

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents of the importance of good attendance. Birmingham Local Authority have now issued a directive which states that children will automatically be classified as 'Persistent Absentees' if their attendance falls below 90%. At the forthcoming Parents' Evening you will be made aware if your child falls into this category. The outcome of this is that your child's attendance will be closely monitored on a weekly basis until it increases above 90%. If this increase does not occur, the local authority are in a position to take legal action, which can then result in the parent(s) being fined and possibly obtaining a criminal record. As a school we aim for every child to achieve at least 96% attendance.

**However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the vast majority of our parents who ensure that their children are in school everyday and on time; these children always achieve the best outcomes in school.**

### Message from the 'New Bell'

The manager at the 'New Bell' has contacted me to say that she is happy for parents to park on the car park in the morning, but you will need to ensure that your car has been moved by 9:30am. The parking cameras will be switched on at this time and any cars on the car park after 9:30am will receive a fine.

## Children Walking To/From School Safely

If your child walks to school, or walks home, on their own it is important that as a school we are aware of this. Therefore, if you decide to allow your child to do this, there is a form which we will need you to fill in. Please note, that if you have completed one of these forms in the past, there is no need to complete another one.

## Reception and Nursery Open Days

**The Reception and Nursery Open Days for prospective pupils for September 2019 are being held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (9:30am - 10:30am) and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (4:30pm - 5:30pm). Please ring the school to confirm your attendance.**

## School Fund

This week £217.50 was collected in School Fund. May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid, some of whom have paid for the whole half term, as this means we can buy those 'extra' things for the children.

## Rosh Hashanah! (Happy New Year!)

'Rosh Hashanah means that it is the Jewish New Year. People celebrate every year because the king of that country forgave them and did something very special for them.' - Sabrin and Aset (3B)

**Please find attached to this week's newsletter an overview of planned trips and the related costs for this academic year.**

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