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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always **AIMING HIGH!**

School Closure Update

As you are aware we as a nation are going through a very difficult time as we combat against the dreadful disease Coronavirus. All schools are temporarily closed except for the pupils whose parents have been identified as Keyworkers (defined by the Government critical worker criteria) or have vulnerable pupils. Calshot School has remained open for the last 4 weeks including during the Easter Holiday to those few pupils so that their parents have been able to continue making a difference and helping our community through these troubled times. I remind us all that we can show our support for the wonderful NHS staff that dedicate so much for us all, by going outside and clapping at 8.00pm every Thursday. We are so grateful and inspired by what they do!

I want to thank all the staff that have continued to come in, who have put Calshot first with no access to PPE to enable those pupils to feel supported and cared for. I am truly proud of all they have done and will continue to do for the benefit our school and our community.

I listen to the daily updates from the Government to see if there is any news to when schools will be instructed to open and what measures will be put in place to keep our children, parents and staff safe. I haven't been given any time frame when this will occur and wait like the rest of the nation to see what is said. I hear mixed messages from different leading professionals who think schools should open sooner rather than later but I reiterate it should only be when it is safe to do so. Trying to maintain social distancing in a school with 472 pupils in it while also protecting the staff will prove difficult.

Teachers originally sent home work packs at the start of the lockdown, so children had educational activities to support them while home learning, these will be supplemented with online resources that are identified to you through our messaging APP 'Marvellous Me'. Please keep an eye out for any updates.

I'm not sure when we will all be able to get back to normal but in the meantime please look after each other, spend time in the garden, spend time listening to each other and reaffirm the importance of family. I miss you all and look forward to seeing you all safe and well in the future, God bless!

Mr. M. Wingrove

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