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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!

Welcome back, hopefully you have had a peaceful holiday and didn't get too wet! With the focus this year on the importance of staying healthy mentally and physically, a reminder that in a world where you can be anything, be kind!

Foodbank

I want to thank the continued support we have from the community, as we have a foodbank in school and it is well stocked by local shops and parents. So far Miss Atterbury and Mr Walker (SBM) have made 37 collections from local shops which amounts to 526kg of food collected which is equivalent to 1253 meals. In doing so we have saved 1684 kg of CO₂ emissions from food not going to landfill. I know the food is going to support families in our community and I wanted to let you know how pleased that I am that you do to support us on this. Thank you!

World Book Day

I wanted to give parents another notice that this year's World Book Day is next week 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. I am really looking forward to the day!

Caribbean Day

On Friday (before we broke up) Year Six had their own Caribbean Day, the teachers and children dressed up and looked fantastic (especially Mr Colling's shirt). They completed various tasks throughout the day and had a lot of fun learning about life in the Caribbean. Thank you to all the staff that arranged this fun and exciting day the children loved it!

'When we came in for Caribbean Day we made turtles out of paper bowls and covered them in bright colours. Afterwards we tried Caribbean food such as plantain crisps, mango, ginger beer, a spiced bun with cheese and

Jamaican cake. At the end of the day we watched a Jamaican film based on a true story called 'Cool Runnings!' - Rosie (6C)

'The day before we broke up was Caribbean Day and it was brilliant! We tried a variety of food, watched 'Cool Runnings' and had an impeccable time, I loved it! The best bit was making banana muffins.' - Alex (6M)

Year 4 Trip

On Thursday (before we broke up) Year Four went to Birmingham Museum to explore life as an Egyptian. I know the children really enjoyed themselves and were able to tell me about all the things they enjoyed getting up to. Thank you to Miss Buttler and Mr Mitchell who arranged and took them on this wonderful experience.

'In the fantastic museum we got to pull out grotesque, revolting organs from a deceased mummy. We had a brilliant time!' Alfie P (4B)

'Year 4 went to Birmingham Museum to learn about the Egyptians. I had to play a musical instrument because the 'pharaoh' had died. Afterwards we went to a room and looked at ancient Egyptian artefacts. There were three mummies that were real!' - Sabrin (4M)

'It was a fantastic experience because we got to see real life mummies in coffins, we saw lots of pretty jewellery and we even saw toiletries that Ancient Egyptians used!' - Kyras (4B)

'At the museum we learnt about mummification, I had a go by wrapping a mummy up. There were some real mummies and things from the olden days. There was a telephone that you could listen to, that told you facts and it was really interesting.' - Jake (4M)

Year 1 Trip

On Friday (before we broke up) Year One went to Twycross Zoo to have an adventure to learn about different animals. The children came back exhausted but had a fabulous time. Thank you to Mrs Jagroo and Miss Lackey who arranged and took the children on this wonderful trip, with support from Mrs Jones (School Parent Governor).

'At Twycross Zoo I had a great time! The meerkats were my favourite animal. When I saw a meerkat I thought they were cute.' - Leiyah (1J)

'I saw a baby zebra, some meerkats, a flamingo, penguins, an elephant and a baby tortoise. It was so fun!' Izzah (1L)

'I had a good time at Twycross Zoo because I saw an elephant. I liked the zoo and I wish I could go again.' - Kanav (1J)

'It was good because we saw lots of animals. My favourite was a rhino.' - Alvin (1L)

Year 6 INSPIRE Workshop

On Thursday Year Six had their INSPIRE workshop that informs parents of the preparations their children can make towards their SAT tests in May. I was very pleased to see the parents all having a go at one of the tests themselves, although I've heard they had to have some help from the children. A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and the teachers that organised this very informative workshop.

Dinners Email Request

The office staff have asked me to remind parents that before we change (after Easter) to the new system of ordering school dinners online, parents need to have sent in their email addresses. The email address will be linked directly to your child and then you can order from the online menu what you want your child to have for dinner every day. If we don't have your email address we won't be able to set an account up for you to allocate from the menu what you would like your child to have.

Friends Of Calshot

After the successful clothes collection last year, Friends Of Calshot have arranged 'Bags 4 School' to collect again. The empty bags will be sent home with the children next week, to be returned on **Friday 13th March**. Like last time bags will be piled up in the KS2 playground and collected. They accept clothes, shoes, belts, handbags and jewellery.

School Fund

This week £20.10 was collected in School Fund this week. I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have contributed.

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