Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their half term break and have come back ready and refreshed. I thought I’d share with you our school vision as a reminder to what we all want for our children.

‘At Calshot we aim to provide the highest quality of learning and care for ALL children in a safe and enjoyable environment, nurturing personal values, in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community. We expect everyone in our school to strive to achieve their full potential.’

**Voting Day**

We have been informed by the Electoral Commission that we are a polling station for the impending general election on Thursday 12th December. This means that school will unfortunately be closed for the day. Due to the closure I am moving certain Christmas Events that were to take place to:

- Thursday 5th December – Christmas with Santa (8.00am)
- Wednesday 11th December – Butterflies & Reception Nativity (9.30am)
- Friday 13th December – KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Christmas Performance (9.30am)
- Friday 13th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Concert (2.00pm)

**Children In Need Day!**

Next week on Friday 15th November we will be participating in Children In Need Day. All children can wear non-uniform and if they wish to partake in dressing up the theme is ‘spots’. If you would like to make a donation please do so as all proceeds go to Children In Need which is a worthwhile cause that raises money for disadvantaged children and young people across the country.

**Black Country Museum Visit**

Year 6 went to visit the Black Country Museum to explore what life was like over the past 300 years in the Black Country and to enjoy the chips! Thank you to Mrs Myatt and Mr Colling for arranging this fun and educational experience for the children.
‘The Black Country was great! We went into a Victorian School (it’s not as strict as mum!). We ate cakes and sweets at the shop and it was intriguing to see how the chain-makers made chains. It was splendid and I loved it!’ – Alex (6M)

‘Year Six took a trip to the Black Country Living Museum. We found out about life when Queen Victoria ruled England. We went to a range of shops, houses and interesting places. Did you know that children had to go to work at the age of 10? We had a great day, my favourite part was the chips. At the gift shop I bought a giant bourbon biscuit!’ – Rose (6C)

‘Year Six went to the amazing Black Country Museum where we had chips and learnt about the Victorians. My favourite part was when we went to school to learn how to write, while there a boy got into trouble and had to have the cane (the teacher pretended). We also learnt how to make chains. I loved the Black Country Museum.’ – Jia (6M)

‘Two weeks ago we went to the Black Country Living Museum. When we got there we looked at inventions that were invented over 100 years ago. We saw a chain-maker and then went to see a Victorian back to back house. We went to a Victorian School where you had to have clean hands and sit up straight. If you broke the rules you would get the cane!’ – Aiden (6C)

Thinktank Visit

Year One went on a trip to the Thinktank at Birmingham Science Museum to find out about the world around them. Thank you to Mrs Jagroo and Miss Lackey for arranging and going on this interesting and educational visit.

‘I loved the space room with the model of Birmingham and the section on planets.’ – Thomas (1L)

‘I liked to play in mini Brum, there was a curly fast slide! We also saw lots of animal skeletons, the stuffed Koala was cute!’ – Daisy (1J)

‘It was good! I enjoyed seeing the machinery and cars.’ – Salima (1L)

‘I loved fixing the pipes down the hole. There was also a place where you could build bricks which was fun! Later on we went in the Science garden and it was exciting!’ – Tate (1J)

Books For Schools

We have registered with the ‘Sun Newspaper’ to participate in a Books for School Campaign. We have to collect 3500 tokens and if we reach our target we can claim over 100 books (worth £600) for free. If you buy the newspaper can you please cut the tokens out and send them into school. The campaign will run from 23rd of November to 18th of January. Please help us collect as many tokens as possible. Thank you to Alice (6C) for informing us of this fantastic opportunity to get more books into school.

Parking!

Parking seems to be a constant problem around school and this week I’ve received a complaint from a local resident who has had his drive way blocked in on numerous occasions. In this incident he was unable to make his hospital appointment, which is detrimental to his health. I remind us all that we are a community school that is about taking care of our neighbourhood and being considerate of others. Please be mindful of where you park, especially not parking across our neighbour’s property.
To apply for Reception places for September 2020, parents must visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and submit an online application by 15th January 2020 (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.

**Early Years Open Day!**

I wanted to say a huge thank you to the Early Years team— Miss Smith, Mrs Buck, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Peers, Miss Bunn, Mrs Broome and Mrs Sheargold who made sure the Open Events this week were a success. We had a fantastic turn out, lots of future parents wanting to see what Calshot School is all about and lots of positive praise for the school.

**Year Two INSPIRE Workshop**

This week we had the Year Two INSPIRE workshop in the hall, where the children worked alongside their parents discussing and looking at Maths skills. Thank you to Miss Trude and Miss Harris for organising and leading the workshops.

‘We really enjoyed seeing our parents and grandparents showing them what we can do in Maths. They were really impressed!’ – Katie (2T)

**School Fund**

This week £40.00 was collected in School Fund this week, which is superb! May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid. It does mean we can buy those 'extra' things for the children.

Mr. M. Wingrove
(Head Teacher)