

# CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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

I hope you all had a relaxing half-term holiday, it is going to be another busy couple of weeks but I can't wait to see you all again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please make sure you've read through my letter I sent out earlier this week that explains what opening the school up entails, it can be found on the school website. I have to remind you that now school is going to open, attendance will be statutory, children must attend unless they are deemed extremely clinically vulnerable.

#### International Women's Day

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, the same day as we open up the whole school, the children will be taking part in 'International Women's Day', where they will be finding out about women that inspire us and have had an impact in promoting gender equality. We are asking that children wear school uniform as usual but also include an item of clothing that is purple. Purple is the colour used to represent women's equality across the world. Thank you in helping us educate and support the values of the school that we are all equal no matter what!

#### World Book Day Competition

We will be celebrating World Book day which takes place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. I know most of us won't be in school but that doesn't mean you can't dress up and enjoy sharing your favourite book with those around you. The teachers have told me they can't wait to dress up as a character from a book, so you can too. To promote this special day we challenge YOU to create 'A BOOK IN A JAR'. To enter the competition, we would like you to recreate a book scene inside a jar. Your completed story jars are to be brought into your classroom by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March. There will be one winner per class and the winning jars will be displayed in the school library, prizes will be given out in class.

You have to be in it, to win it... so get designing!!!

#### Red Nose Day

It may seem like a long way away but this year Red Nose Day is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Lenny Henry has sent me a message to tell you that there is a theme this year and in-light of the wonderful NHS heroes the theme will be superpowers. Pupils will be able to come to school in either non-uniform or their superhero costumes and

there will be various activities taking place in class. You can make a donation into school and we will send all proceeds to Comic Relief, a fantastic charity that helps communities in need across the world.

## Omegle

Omegle is a website that has come to the attention of some of our parents and has raised a lot of concern about how inappropriate the content is and the huge safeguarding dangers that it potentially could have with young people. Omegle pairs random strangers for live text or video chats and its slogan 'Talk to strangers!' is highly inappropriate. Unfortunately anyone can use the site as it's marketed as a way of making friends however this means that it is being used to facilitate abuse. I want you all to be aware that this website is currently being promoted through Tik-Tok, which again is a media platform that parents need to be very mindful of and must closely monitor for similar reasons. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guidance, hints and tips for adults on which websites we should be aware of.

## Complaint

Prior to us breaking up for half-term I had several complaints from children in Key Stage Two about a parent who was seen spitting in the KS2 playground. They were keen to tell me how disgusting this man (wearing a black coat) was and the dangers that spitting has on their lives. The children were very vocal in explaining how dangerous spitting is and I had to put it in the newsletter to remind this parent that the children won't tolerate it. I can only remind all parents that our children have a strong sense of right and wrong, which I am very proud of. And we really won't tolerate spitting on our school premises!

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

