



Newsletter 24

12 March 2021

Dear Parents

WE ARE BACK! It is so lovely to have a full school again and it was wonderful to welcome all the children again. As always, I am immensely proud of the manner in which our children settle back in to school life with smiles on their faces and an eagerness to learn ~ they are a true credit to you! We have enjoyed a great Focus Week (more information below) to ease us back into the routine and it is clear to see that the return to school has been an enjoyable one.

I have delivered my first virtual 'Star of the Week' assembly for the year, where I am 'beamed' live in to all the classes (very Ant and Dec style). It is the best part of my Friday and Mrs Mavji laughs at how excited I get! As a Headteacher there is nothing greater than meeting with your whole school and I am longing for the day when we can all be back together in the hall.

I know you are keen to catch up with the teachers to see how your child has settled and for an update on their learning; please be patient, it is not physically possible to meet every parent at the moment and the teachers need time to complete their assessments. We will be having a parent/teacher consultation session after the Easter break.

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year. This week we have made it!

This week	<b>96.4%</b>
Week beg 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 20	<b>97.8%</b>
Best week to date	Week beginning 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 ~ <b>98.63%</b>



### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 23 November:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
BADGER			<b>97.1%</b>
FOX			<b>98.7%</b>
HERON			<b>97.5%</b>
HEDGEHOG			<b>97.7%</b>
KINGFISHER			<b>96.6%</b>
ROBIN			<b>98.3%</b>
OWL	<b>90.8%</b>		
RABBIT	<b>93.1%</b>		
WOODPECKER			<b>96.7%</b>
SQUIRREL		<b>95.6%</b>	

Well done to **Fox Class**.

### GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following child shared their learning with me:

Raffy	Owl Class	
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## STEM FOCUS WEEK

We have had a fantastic focus week; I am sure you have heard all about our prehistoric visitor and seen all the updates on the Twitter feeds. As we have not been able to hold our usual open afternoon at the end of a focus week the teachers are preparing a snapshot of the activities to share with you early next week. Richard Merritt - illustrator of The Dinosaur Department Store has been in touch to send a special message to the children which you can view on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DHCassInf/status/1370330964199636992> We will be sharing some examples of the children's work from the week with him so that he share them on his Instagram page.

Thank you to all the school staff for planning and preparing a fantastic and inspiring week for the children.



## TWEETS ON THE WEBSITE

We have been using Twitter for some time now to share updates and learning with parents. We understand that not everyone wishes to be part of social media so in order to ensure access to these Tweets to as many parents as we can, all Tweets are now linked to our website and you can view your child's class Twitter feeds without signing up. All Twitter feeds can be found on the front page of our website or by following this link and scrolling down to the bottom of the page: [Twitter feeds](#)

## VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all of our parents who supported our recent virtual book fair. Your books have arrived and were distributed today. The school makes 20% commission on any purchases, which we will use to buy books for our classrooms for story times and to support curriculum work.

## OFFICE STAFF: MRS CHUNN

We said our farewells to Mrs Chunn this week as she has secured a new role in a larger Secondary School; she was a valued member of our 'back office' team who was responsible for all our personnel paperwork and safeguarding processes. We wish Mrs Chunn the best of luck and happiness in her new role.

## COVID UPDATE

Please remember to let the school know if your child has tested positive for Covid by using the online form: [Covid Reporting](#)

Please remember that should a positive case of Covid be reported within the school the associated 'bubble' will still close to all children and staff including critical worker children. Please ensure you have a plan B in place to ensure your child is collected promptly from school. Isolation would be for 10 days.

## REMINDER: PARKING AND TRAVEL AT SCHOOL

It is very busy at the moment ~ please can I remind parents to be respectful of our neighbours and not block driveways during drop off and collection times. A reminder that the Sun Sport's car park is not the property of school and if parents choose to use this area they do so at their own risk. Also please be careful opening your car doors and check for pedestrians prior to opening.

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There has always been an 'unofficial' one way system in place used to minimise the congestion on Bellmount Wood Avenue. If drivers enter Bellmount Wood Avenue at the Junior School end of the road and exit on the Cassiobury Drive (just along from the vets) it minimises congestion as the traffic flows in one direction only.

### **NURSERY FINAL DAY**

The final day for Nursery children will be Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Apologies for not including this previously on the dates below.

I wish you all a safe and happy weekend.

**Charlotte Cooper**  
**Headteacher**



**PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/21**

These dates are the same as the junior school.

#### **SPRING 2021**

Thursday 25 March 2021  
Friday 26 March 2021

NURSERY Spring term ends ~ usual time  
Spring term ends 1:15pm

#### **SUMMER 2021**

Monday 12 April 2021

Summer term starts

Mon 31 May – 4 June 2021

Half term

Monday 19 July 2021  
Tuesday 20 July 2021

NURSERY Summer term ends ~ usual time  
Summer term ends 1:15pm

Wednesday 21 July 2021  
Thursday 22 July 2021

INSET ~ School closed  
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These dates are the same as the junior school.

#### AUTUMN 2021

Wednesday 1 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Thursday 2 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 3 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Monday 6 September	Autumn term starts
Mon 25 Oct – Fri 29 Oct	Half term
Monday 20 December	NURSERY Autumn term ends ~ usual time
Tuesday 21 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

#### SPRING 2022

Wednesday 5 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Thursday 6 January	Spring term starts
Mon 14 Feb – Fri 18 Feb	Half term
Thursday 31 March	NURSERY Spring term ends ~ usual time
Friday 1 April	Spring term ends 1:15pm

#### SUMMER 2022

Tuesday 19 April	Summer term starts
Mon 30 May – 3 June	Half term
Friday 1 July	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils
Monday 4 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Thursday 21 July	NURSERY Summer term ends ~ usual time
Friday 22 July	Summer term ends 1:15pm