



Newsletter 27

16 April 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely Easter break and are refreshed for the final school term of the year; I cannot believe how quickly the year has gone. It seems as though we had all the weather of every season in the two weeks over the holidays and the thermals are back out again; fingers crossed some warmer weather is on the horizon.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

This week	96.91%
Week beg 22 nd March	93.08%
Best week to date	Week beginning 5 th October 2020 ~ 98.63%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 12th April:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
BADGER			98.6%
FOX			100%
HERON	93.1%		
HEDGEHOG			96.3%
KINGFISHER		94.5%	
ROBIN			98.3%
OWL			100%
RABBIT			97.9%
WOODPECKER			99.3%
SQUIRREL	91%		

Well done to **Fox Class** and **Owl Class**.

GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

Araiz	Hedgehog Class	Aura	Hedgehog Class	Diya	Hedgehog Class
Thea	Hedgehog Class	Eva	Heron Class	Sulayman	Heron Class

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

This week we celebrated the success of:

Pupil	Class	Achievement
<i>Vidhya</i>	<i>Badger</i>	<i>Selected by 'Young Writers' and her poem published in their book 'A Poetry Odyssey' AND runner up in the 'Brilliant Brains' magazine story writing competition.</i>

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'BABY BOOM' AT CASSIOBURY!

Congratulations to Mrs Dookhun who is expecting her first baby at the beginning of September.

Congratulations to Mrs Parker who is expecting her first baby at the beginning of October.

We are all very excited!

Further details of staffing maternity cover will follow in due course.

RETIREMENT

After 19 years' service at Cassiobury Infants Ms Gilbert has decided to retire and I am sure you agree it is well deserved. Ms Gilbert is currently working in Nursery but has, over the many years, worked throughout the school. I would like to thank Ms Gilbert for all her hard work and support with the children, staff and parents at Cassiobury and I am sure that you join me in wishing her an amazing retirement and the start of a new adventure. Ms Gilbert's last day in school will be 30th April.

SUSTRANS BIG PEDAL IS BACK 19TH-30TH APRIL!

Sustrans Big Pedal inspires pupils, staff and parents to be amazing and take active journeys to school. On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, scooting or using a wheelchair to school, with schools entered into a daily prize draw for schools who have more than 15% of their pupils taking an active journey to school...let's see if we can try and leave the car at home, or park-and-scoot / cycle part of the way! To find out more have a look at [The Big Pedal](#)

COUNTRY OF THE MONTH

This month we are looking at the country of India. If you have any information or photographs you would like to share, please email the school office. Our PowerPoint of India information is available via our Discovery Platform and you can log in with your child's details to have a look (as you would have done for Remote Learning): [Discovery Education](#)

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

As Covid restrictions lessen and things return to a more 'normal' lifestyle, I just wanted to inform parents about our intentions of running school trips.

In the past school trips have formed a large part of our enrichment opportunities and supported the children in experiencing a day away from school learning in a different environment.

We have taken the decision NOT to run any school trips in the summer term as we consider the added impact of Covid creates an unnecessary risk at this time. We have come this far and we wish to keep the school as safe as possible for the remainder of the term.

Instead, we will be doing additional activities in school that will provide children with different learning experiences as well as the chance to have fun!

Information will be shared with parents as the different activities are planned.

We are also planning to open doors to parents in some way (whilst still following guidelines) towards the end of term; more details will follow as soon as we are sure we can proceed.

INFECTION CONTROL

Covid is at the forefront of all our minds at the moment but it is important to remember other contagious infections that happen in school from time to time. Please inform the office via the admin@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk if your child has contracted any contagious illness, eg chickenpox, so we are able to inform across the school as appropriate.

AMAZON WISH LIST

Just a reminder that our Amazon Wish List is live and updated as teachers send any requests for resources. I have included the link should you wish to contribute to school resources; no obligation whatsoever. [Amazon Wish List](#)

We have had some requests to purchase the same resources but from smaller independent stores in order to support local businesses and this is absolutely fine. The Amazon Wish List is simply a single point of contact to hold the list.

GOVERNOR PARENT ELECTION

Our Parent Governor Election closes at 9am on Monday 19th April; please ensure any nomination forms are submitted on time. Information was sent via Schoolcomms on Monday 12th April.

PARENTS EVENING

Our delayed Spring Term Parent Consultation evenings are taking place next week on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st April. Please ensure you have logged on and booked your appointment; information has been sent. These consultations are taking place remotely.

EYFS RESOURCES

If you are in the process of any spring cleaning and tidy ups, please could you consider our Early Years Classes for any previously loved toys that may be able to have a second home. Items such as small world play toys, jigsaw puzzles and outside toys always come in handy. Similarly, if you have any old cooking utensils, pots or pans we would welcome these for a new lease of life in our outside mud kitchens.

If you think you can help, please take a photo and email to admin@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk and Mrs Macnish will be able to make contact with you.

BOILER REPLACEMENT

You may have noticed contractors on site again this term. They are removing our old boiler and replacing with a new system which should keep us snug for the next winter. We have been running on a temporary boiler for the past 18 months so we are pleased to be able to finally complete this piece of outstanding works. The project is funded and lead by Hertfordshire County Council and should hopefully be the end of all our works on the 'old' building; new windows, new heating system and new roof all complete!

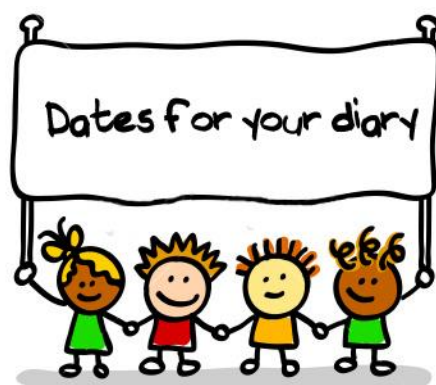
COVID UPDATE

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.

I wish you all a safe, happy and enjoyable weekend.

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



DATE	EVENT	WHERE?	TIME?
Tuesday 20 th April	Parent Consultations		Remote Link by appointment only
Wednesday 21 st April	Parent Consultations		Remote Link by appointment only
Friday 30 th April	Daily Mile Day		In School Activity
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday		School closed
Tuesday 11 th May	Cultural Day		More details to follow
Thursday 20 th May	Learning Outdoors Day		In School Activity
31 st May – 4 th June	Half term		
Wk Beg 21 st June	Creative Focus Week		More details to follow
Wk beg 28 th June	Anti Bullying Week		In School Activity
Wednesday 7 th July	New Parents Meeting		More details to follow
Thursday 8 th July	Transition Morning		In School Activity
Monday 12 th July	Annual reports to Parents		Via Email
Monday 12 th July	Proposed Y2 Performance		TBC
Tuesday 13 th July	Proposed Y2 Performance		TBC
Wednesday 14 th July	Proposed Y2 Performance		TBC
Thursday 15 th July	Transition afternoon		In School Activity
Monday 19 th July	End of Term for Nursery – usual time		
Tuesday 20 th July	End of Term for Reception and KS1 – 1.15pm		



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2020/21**
 These dates are the same as the junior school.

SUMMER 2021

Mon 31 May – 4 June 2021

Half term

Monday 19 July 2021

NURSERY Summer term ends ~ usual time

Tuesday 20 July 2021

Summer term ends 1:15pm

Wednesday 21 July 2021

INSET ~ School closed

Thursday 22 July 2021

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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