



Newsletter 1

10 September 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new term after what I hope has been a relaxing summer! It has been a joy to see the children return looking very smart in their uniforms and I have enjoyed hearing about some holiday news.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception children and their families who are joining our school.

We would also like to extend a Cassiobury welcome to some new members of staff; Mrs Rooney will be working with the Rabbit teaching team and Miss Boyall will be working with the Hedgehog teaching team.

We are all looking forward to a great Autumn term.

There is a lot of information below, please take time to read carefully.

COVID UPDATE

Following Government guidelines the school has resumed a 'normal' as possible service. We no longer have bubbles and whole school activities, such as assembly, have resumed. However, this does not mean that we have become complacent; we still have Covid routines in place and will continue with these for the foreseeable future, for example keeping classrooms well ventilated, regular wiping of desks, regular washing of hands and 'catch it bin it kill it'.

Now the one-way system is no longer in use there are ways parents can also support us in keeping the school safe but 'normal' with the following:

- Please use the top gate (the large blue one) as much as possible as this is much wider than the nursery gate exit
- Please wear a face covering in 'congested' areas
- Please give each other space when gates become busy

Many thanks for your support.

COLLECTING FROM SCHOOL

Please be patient with the teaching team at home time; we appreciate this may be slower than usual at the moment but the staff are working hard to match the right child to the right parent / grandparent / adult. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and staff have a duty to ensure they are releasing the children from school to the correct adult. If someone different is collecting your child from school, please inform the teacher in the morning so a note can be made. Please do not assume we will allow other parents to take children without prior notice.

COLLECTING FROM THE JUNIORS

The pathway across to the junior school is now 'open' however please be mindful that the junior pupils do not finish their school day until 3:20pm. If you are waiting to collect a child from the junior school, can you please wait on the junior playground (next to ours) and not proceed to classroom doors until the juniors are ready.

MRS DOOKHUN

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Dookhan has given birth to a baby girl!

I am sure you will join me in sending our congratulations and best wishes to Mr and Mrs Dookhan as they begin their adventure as a new family.

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CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved house during the holidays, changed your telephone numbers or email address, please make sure you inform the office staff so that we can keep our records accurate. Please email the office with the new details: admin@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk

MEET THE TEACHER

You will have received information about your meet the teacher session. Please only attend for your year group time. More information will follow shortly to detail our Covid measures.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE

There may be occasions when school needs to close in an emergency eg heavy snow fall, gas leak etc. If we need to close the school we use the 'Everbridge' notification which is the Local Authority approved system. Once you have registered you are able to have notification from multiple schools, so as your children move on to the juniors or a different school you simply amend your details accordingly. I use it for here and for my children's schools and have found it very useful. Follow the link below to sign up.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/emergency-school-closures/emergency-school-closures.aspx

DATES

Overleaf is a table of planned events for the autumn term. Please make a note in your diaries and any additional dates will be communicated in due course.

NUT FREE

We have a 'nut free' policy in school. Please ensure that all packed lunches are 'nut free' as some of our children are allergic to nuts and this includes airborne allergies.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We like to celebrate the achievements and awards of our children outside of school too! If your child has earned an award in an event, please send in a copy of the certificate and we can mention them in our weekly newsletters.

This week we celebrated the success of:

Pupil	Class	Achievement
<i>William</i>	<i>Heron</i>	<i>Stage 1 in the Learn to Swim Awards</i>
<i>Sophia</i>	<i>Owl</i>	<i>British Gymnastics proficiency award for pre-school 2nd badge.</i>

Also a special mention needs to go to Zak who used to be in Heron class (now in the juniors) for achieving his Initial Piano Grade with distinction ~ well done (and apologies for missing you out in the last newsletter of the year!)

LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The following children are now Wild World Heroes!

Pupil	Class
<i>William</i>	<i>Heron</i>
<i>Layla</i>	<i>Heron</i>
<i>Zakariya</i>	<i>Squirrel</i>

TWITTER

We love to 'Tweet' to show what we have been getting up to in school and this is a great way to share what the children have been learning over the week or any special events. Each class has a Twitter account and there is also a whole school account, which will be used to post whole school updates. The Twitter usernames are:

Nursery - @SquirrelCassInf

Woodpecker - @WpeckerCassInf

Owl - @OwlCassInf

Rabbit - @RabbitCassInf

Hedgehog - @HedgehogCassInf

Kingfisher - @KfisherCassInf

Robin - @RobinCassInf

Badger - @BadgerCassInf

Fox - @FoxCassInf

Heron - @HeronCassInf

Mrs Cooper - @HeadCassInf

Miss Applegarth - @DHCassInf

TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL BY CAR

We encourage families to walk, cycle or scoot as much as possible to keep our roads clear and congestion free.

However, if you do need to travel to school by car please remember the following:

- Turn off your engine while waiting to keep the air clean for our children
- Be respectful of our neighbours and keep their driveways clear and accessible
- Do not park on the double yellow lines or zig zags
- Park a couple of streets away and make the remainder of the journey on foot

Also, just a reminder about the 'unofficial one-way system' for Bellmount Wood Avenue. Please enter at the Junior school end and exit out on to Cassiobury Drive (by the vets).

PARKING IN SUN SPORTS

Sun Sports car park can be used for pick up and drop off only; we are not permitted to use the car park for extended periods of time. Please be considerate if you are using the car park, use the allocated bays only and follow the one way system.

The Bowls Club car park is private property and not to be used.

Sun Sports car park DOES NOT belong to the school and is not our property. If you are using the car park you do so at your own risk.

PLAY EQUIPMENT IN PLAYGROUND

Please do not allow the children to play on the equipment before or after school. Whilst I appreciate this is very tempting we do not allow use outside of school hours due to Health and Safety Requirements.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

OFFICE HOURS

Please be aware that the school office hours are 8:30am to 3:30pm. Emails sent after 3:30pm will not be read until the following morning.

HELPING PARENTS

We are now able to welcome parents back in to help in school with a variety of activities. If you would like to help on a regular basis we would be very happy to hear from you. Parents who help with cooking, sewing, artwork and playing games are an asset to the school and the children enjoy the extra support they receive in small groups.

Please talk to your class teacher during the 'meet the teacher' evening if you are interested.

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HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

Please see the attached flyer from the Local Authority.

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

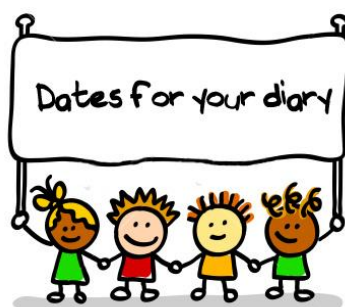
All children in our school are eligible for a free school meal every day as part of the government scheme for 'universal free school meals'; however there may be additional funding available for the school to claim to support pupils through Pupil Premium Grant. We are therefore asking ALL our families to register on the following website: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals. This information is confidential and will not be publically shared.

This will only need to be done once in our school and then again when the children move to year 3. If you have any concerns or need help registering please come and see Mrs Mavji in the office.

Phew! I think that is all for now. Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2021

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Tue 14 September	Nursery Meet the Teacher	School Hall	5pm
Tue 14 September	Reception Meet the Teacher	School Hall	6pm
Wed 15 September	Year 1 Meet the Teacher	School Hall	5pm
Wed 15 September	Year 2 Meet the Teacher	School Hall	6pm
Fri 17 September	Jeans for Genes		
Wed 22 September	National Fitness Day		
Fri 1 October	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:30pm
Thu 7 October	Individual School Photos		
Fri 8 October	Forest School Day		
Wk beg 18 October	Discovery Focus Week		
Fri 22 October	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:30pm
Tue 19 October	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Wed 20 October	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Mon 1 November	Author Day		
Wk beg 8 November	Maths Week		
Wk beg 8 November	Switch off Fortnight		
Tue 9 November	EYFS parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Wed 10 November	EYFS parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Fri 12 November	Children in Need		
Fri 12 November	Badger Sharing Assembly	9.10am	School Hall

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Wk Beg 15 November	Anti Bullying Week		
Fri 19 November	Learning together morning	9am	Classrooms
Fri 26 November	Christmas Deco Day		
Fri 10 December	Hedgehog Sharing Assembly	9.10am	School Hall
Wk beg 13 December	Christmas Parties		
Wed 15 December	Christmas Pantomime		
Fri 17 December	Christmas jumper and dinner day		
Mon 20 December	Autumn term ends for Nursery		
Tue 21 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm		



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2021/22**

These dates are the same as the junior school.

AUTUMN 2021

Mon 25 Oct – Fri 29 Oct	Half term
Monday 20 December	Autumn Term ends NURSERY
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	Spring Term ends NURSERY
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	Summer Term ends NURSERY
Friday 22 July	End of summer term 1:15pm