



Newsletter 4

1 October 2021

Dear Parents

Autumn has certainly put in an appearance this week and my wellie boots are bracing themselves for regular use!

I hope you are all managing with the fuel crisis at the moment. I am braced to do battle this weekend as my fuel light made an appearance today - either that or I will find myself scooting to school on Monday; that would make an interesting Tweet!

There is a great deal of information in this week's update so please take a moment to read through; there are also several additional attachments which I hope you find useful.

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

This week	<b>95.6%</b>
Week beg 20 Sep 21	<b>94.3%</b>
Best week to date	Week beginning 13 September 2021 ~ <b>97.22%</b>



### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 27 September:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
BADGER			<b>98.3%</b>
FOX			<b>97.6%</b>
HERON			<b>98.3%</b>
HEDGEHOG			<b>98.3%</b>
KINGFISHER			<b>89.1%</b>
ROBIN			<b>97.2%</b>
OWL			<b>96.5%</b>
RABBIT			<b>96.9%</b>
WOODPECKER	<b>91.4%</b>		
SQUIRREL	<b>92.7%</b>		

Well done to **Hedgehog Class, Badger Class and Heron Class**

### GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<b>Sadie</b>	<b>Hedgehog Class</b>	<b>Sasha</b>	<b>Hedgehog Class</b>	<b>Stanley</b>	<b>Hedgehog Class</b>
<b>Iris</b>	<b>Hedgehog Class</b>	<b>Sophie</b>	<b>Hedgehog Class</b>	<b>Haleema</b>	<b>Hedgehog Class</b>
<b>Iyla</b>	<b>Heron Class</b>	<b>Maaz</b>	<b>Fox Class</b>		

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## 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>Simi</i>	<i>Badger</i>	<i>Pre-Primary Classical Ballet ~ Distinction</i>
<i>Kyle</i>	<i>Kingfisher</i>	<i>Stage 1 Swimming</i>

## KWIK CRICKET

We are excited to be able to offer a new club for all our budding bowlers and batters ~ Kwik Cricket after school club for years 1 & 2 starting on Tuesday 5th October. Please see our website for booking details: [Kwik Cricket Club Information](#)

## GOVERNING BOARD UPDATE

The Full Governing Board met for the first time this academic year on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September; it was great to be able to have our face to face meetings resume since Covid began and for Governors to be able to be in school again. During the meeting we covered the following:

- Welcomed Miss Dilks as the new staff governor
- Approved the appointment of Mrs Macnish as a Co-opted Governor
- Agreed approach to have Full Governing Board meetings face to face and committee meetings online for 21/22.
- Agreed committee and panel memberships and link roles for 21/22
- Clerking arrangements agreed for 21/22
- Received a Head's Update
- Noted the annual calendar of school activities for Governors to plan their in-school visits
- Received updates on Safeguarding, SEND, pupil premium and sports premium
- Approved the Annual Report to the Governing Body on Safeguarding Children
- Received an update on Financial Monitoring
- Brainstorming session on the renewal of the school strategy

## AMAZON WISH LIST

Through discussion with parents over the last few years, there has often been an expressed interest in purchasing specific resources for the school rather than simply donating money.

To that end we have an 'Amazon Wish List' which works very much like a 'wedding list'. If you follow the link below it will take you straight to our wish list which has been devised by the teachers (and in some cases the children). Next to each item is some additional information, such as quantity of items or if it has been requested for a specific class or year group. We have tried to incorporate a range of price ranges too and any larger value items could be donated by a group of parents together.

To use the wish list, simply follow the link [Amazon Wish List](#), pick an item and add to your own shopping basket. You can then decide whether to have the item delivered to your home address for your child to bring in to school or the school address (as above). Please ensure the address states CHARLOTTE COOPER at the INFANT SCHOOL.

Please do not feel pressured in to contributing; it is simply a case of 'if you would like to...this is what we need'.

I will endeavour to keep our list populated from the teachers and children's ideas. Thank you for your generosity.

## POST BOXES

We have 2 post boxes for the office; a red one situated by the pedestrian gate and one above the 'sign in' screen in the foyer. If you have an envelope / return a form for the office please feel free to use these rather than queuing to hand to a member of staff. The post boxes are checked on a daily basis.

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## **SCHOOL PICK UP**

Whilst the gates are open for Nursery parents to collect at 3pm, please could we ask Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents not to arrive on site until 3:10pm, which is the finish time for the rest of the school. The Year 1 and Year 2 children become distracted when adults start arriving early and they still have 10 minutes of learning to do! Thank you for your support.

## **MORRISONS 'GOOD TO GROW'**

Cassiobury Infant and Nursery School have registered to take part in Morrisons 'Good to Grow' initiative. From September, for every £10 spent in store or online, you'll get one Grow Token that we can then redeem for a wide range of FREE gardening and growing equipment.

Further information can be found on the following link: [Good to Grow](#)

## **HUNGRY LITTLE MINDS**

This government website has activities to support you with activities to use at home for children aged 0 to 5 years old. Please take a moment to have a look: [Hungry Little Minds](#)

## **OPEN AFTERNOON**

It was lovely to see so many parents attend our first open afternoon session today; we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see the learning that has taken place during our first month of the academic year.

## **PARKING**

It is very disappointing to hear from our neighbours that there has once again been inconsiderate parking from parents during the school run. Please do not park across driveways preventing homeowners from leaving their driveways; you may think you are only going to be gone a few moments but this is not an excuse and they have the right to leave their property when they wish.

Attached is a poster about parking near the school. **Hertfordshire Constabulary have been notified.**

## **ESAFETY**

Please see attached the Autumn Term Esafety Newsletter from Herts for Learning. Please take a few moments to have a read.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

These are taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October; information has been sent to parents today.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Our Harvest Festival Assembly will take place in school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Lydia from St Luke's Church will be joining us and we are making a collection on behalf of the Watford Foodbank, please follow this link to find out more information on the work that they do: [Watford Food Bank](#)

If you would like to make a donation to our Harvest Festival Assembly, the Foodbank have the following:

***We will be able to take any non-perishable items but would like to say no to baked beans and pasta.***

***We also take toiletries:***

***Shower gel***

***Shampoo***

***Toothpaste***

***Toilet roll***

***Kitchen roll***

***Washing up liquid***

***Washing powder***

***Nappies (size 4/5/6 only)***

Items can be brought in to school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October before 11am. Many thanks for your support.

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## ADDITIONAL OCCASIONAL DAY

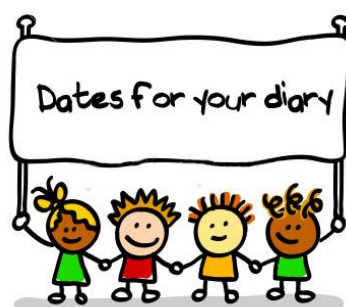
To mark the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee in June an additional Bank Holiday has been granted to the whole country. As this falls in the May Half Term holiday and due to staff pay and conditions (it is all very complicated ~ don't ask!) an additional Occasional Day has been given to schools to use wherever they wish this academic year. In consultation with the Junior School we have opted to take ours on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December; on this day school will be closed to everyone.

We hope that you can make the most of a long weekend and maybe even something Christmassy!

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

**Charlotte Cooper**  
Headteacher



## Autumn term 2021

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Thu 7 October	Individual School Photos		
Fri 8 October	Forest School Day		
Tues 12 October	Harvest Festival Assembly		
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
Wk Beg 15 November	Anti Bullying Week		
Fri 19 November	Learning together morning	9am	Classrooms
Fri 26 November	Christmas Deco Day		
Fri 3 December	SCHOOL CLOSED OCCASIONAL 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		

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These dates are the same as the junior school.

AUTUMN 2021

Mon 25 Oct – Fri 29 Oct	Half term
Friday 3 December	SCHOOL CLOSED ~ OCCASIONAL DAY (Queen's Jubilee)
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



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#### AUTUMN 2022

Thursday 1 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 2 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Monday 5 September	Autumn term starts
Mon 24 Oct – Fri 28 Oct	Half term
Friday 2 December	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 21 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

#### SPRING 2023

Thursday 5 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 6 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Monday 9 January	Spring term starts
Mon 13 Feb – Fri 17 Feb	Half term
Friday 31 March	Spring term ends 1:15pm

#### SUMMER 2023

Monday 17 April	Summer term starts
Mon 29 May – 2 June	Half term
Friday 30 June	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 21 July	End of summer term 1:15pm