



Newsletter 5

8 October 2021

Dear Parents

A lovely week in school; it is great to see the children busy with their learning and showing improved independence as they become familiar with all their class routines. Don't forget to keep an eye on your class Tweets for the latest information or have a look on our website home page (scroll to the bottom for Tweets): [Tweets](#)

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year. **Back up to 96% ~ well done everyone!**

This week	<b>96.83%</b>
Week beg 27 Sep 21	<b>95.6%</b>
Best week to date	Week beginning 13 September 2021 ~ <b>97.22%</b>



### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 04 October:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
BADGER			<b>97.8%</b>
FOX			<b>99%</b>
HERON			<b>99.3%</b>
HEDGEHOG			<b>96.3%</b>
KINGFISHER	<b>94.3%</b>		
ROBIN		<b>95.3%</b>	
OWL	<b>94.8%</b>		
RABBIT			<b>100%</b>
WOODPECKER	<b>94.6%</b>		
SQUIRREL	<b>92.2%</b>		

Well done to **Rabbit Class**

### GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>James</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Hiyasvi</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Rey</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>
<i>Edward</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Estela</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>
<i>Jadon</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Boris</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>		

### 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>Seth</i>	<i>Robin</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2</i>

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## **NATIONAL POETRY WEEK**

We celebrated National Poetry Week in school on Thursday 7th October. The children listened to a variety of poems in class and talked about their favourite poets and poems.

## **MYSTERY READER**

As part of our whole school drive to develop children's love of reading through reading aloud and telling stories and rhymes, we are excited to announce that we are re-launching...**Mystery Reader!** Mystery Readers are special guests who come to our classrooms to read a story to the children. Mystery Readers can be parents, grandparents, or other relatives. This was a very popular initiative that we sadly had to abandon during Covid; however we are hoping to get it up and running again after October half term. If you would like to volunteer to come in and read to your child's class all you need to do is give your name to your class Parent Rep, and sign up for a slot (they have been given a blank list of dates). Remember, we like the Mystery Reader to be a surprise for the children, so please try to keep it under wraps if you sign up!

## **FOCUS WEEK**

Staff are currently in the process of planning 'Discovery Focus Week' which will run 18th-22nd October - more information will follow soon. However, just to give you the heads up, we will be holding a space themed dress up day as part of the week's learning and enrichment activities.

## **BABY NEWS!**

Mr and Mrs Parker are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their baby girl, Isabella. I am sure you will join me in sending our congratulations and best wishes to Mr and Mrs Parker as they begin their adventure as a new family.

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

There are a couple of staffing changes to be aware of:

Mrs Sivagaran has taken up a new role as Teaching Support in a Secondary school ~ we send with her our best wishes.

Mrs Cion will be leaving us at the end of this half term as she is relocating with her family.

## **GOVERNORS' STATEMENT OF BEHAVIOUR PRINCIPLES**

Please see attached The Governors' Statement of Behaviour Principles. This document is not policy or practice, rather it is a statement to set out Cassiobury Infant and Nursery School's broad principles and values with regard to behaviour that is both expected and promoted within the whole school community.

## **ANTI-IDLING CAMPAIGN**

We are currently taking part in the Hertfordshire County Council 'Anti-idling Campaign'. Please switch engines off when waiting in car parks and around our school to keep the air clean for our children. We have some display boards around as reminders and please take a few moments to watch this short video clip: [Anti-idling Campaign](#)

## **HERTS CATERING**

We have been made aware that there will be some changes to the pupils' menu over the next few weeks. This is due to a supply issue beyond our and our caterer's control. We will endeavour to inform you as early as possible when this happens and let you know what the alternative menu option will be for that day. Thank you to our amazing catering team for managing this current situation to the best of their ability.

## **SAFETY DRILLS**

This week we have practised our 'fire drill' and leaving school safely as well as our 'staying inside drill'. The children were brilliant at remembering which bell was for which drill and acted responsibly throughout ~ they are superstars!

## **PARKING ON THE PAVEMENT**

Please be mindful when parking near school, we are aware of a number of cars mounting the pavement to park endangering pedestrians as they walk to school. Please park safely.

## REMINDERS FROM LAST WEEK:

### 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 advised us of 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.

### ADDITIONAL OCCASIONAL DAY

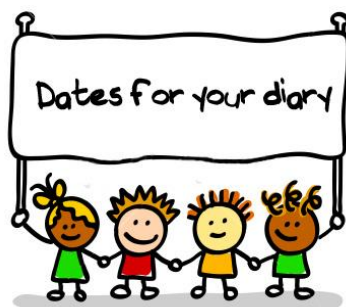
**To mark the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee in June an additional Bank Holiday has been granted to the whole country. As this falls in the May Half Term holiday and due to staff pay and conditions (it is all very complicated ~ don't ask!) an additional Occasional Day has been given to schools to use 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?
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		



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

Friday 3 December

SCHOOL CLOSED ~ OCCASIONAL DAY (Queen's Jubilee)

Monday 20 December

Autumn Term ends NURSERY

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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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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

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Friday 6 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
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Mon 13 Feb – Fri 17 Feb	Half term
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SUMMER 2023

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