



Newsletter 6

15 October 2021

Dear Parents

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year.

This week	95.9%
Week beg 04 Oct 21	96.83%
Best week to date	Week beginning 13 September 2021 ~ 97.22%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 11 October:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
BADGER			99.5
FOX			96.7
HERON	95.0		
HEDGEHOG			100
KINGFISHER		95.0	
ROBIN	90.4		
OWL	94.8		
RABBIT			99.1
WOODPECKER			97.5
SQUIRREL	91.8		

Well done to **Hedgehog Class!**

GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Libby</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Hashir</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Simi</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Nikita</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Nina</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Zaki</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Taha</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Esme</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Vedansh</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Naksh</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>
<i>Sienna</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Charlotte</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Carson</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Kingfisher 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>Leona</i>	<i>Badger</i>	Watford Fringe Festival at Watford Pump House theatre ~ Indian classical dance called Kathak.
<i>Leo</i>	<i>Hedgehog</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 1</i>
<i>Mir</i>	<i>Owl</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 1</i>

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest celebration on Tuesday was wonderful; I had forgotten what it was like to hear a hall full of children singing 'Conkers' (a Harvest favourite!) and it really brought a smile to all our faces. We were joined by Lydia from St Luke's Church who talked to the children about being grateful for all that we have and the importance of helping those that are less fortunate than ourselves. A huge THANK YOU for all your contributions to the Watford Food Bank; you are very generous and all donations will be put to very good use.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As part of ongoing Black History Month celebrations in school, the children have continued to take part in a variety of activities and learning this week, including an assembly about the amazing athlete Usain Bolt. Classes have also enjoyed listening to stories such as 'Sulwe' by Lupita Nyong'o, and 'My Two Grannies' by Floella Benjamin.

SCHOOL POND

A big thanks to Mr Stevens and Mr Mac who have been busy this week cleaning out our school pond, in the gated area of the Forest School. They were able to drain the dirty water and dredge the leaves out, courtesy of a water pump loaned by Mrs Cion, and have cleaned the liner and refilled the pond with fresh water. Mr Stevens has added some rocks and stones to allow pond creatures to climb in and out of the water more easily; he has also made a bug hotel from logs and pieces of wood in the corner of the fenced area. **If anybody has any oxygenated plants that they would like to donate for the pond, or border plants to go around the edge of the garden area we would be really grateful.** We hope to attract lots of pond creatures and other wildlife to the area that the children will be able to observe in their learning across the curriculum.

DISCOVERY FOCUS WEEK

Next week is our Discovery Focus Week; you should have already received a letter detailing some of the learning taking place in English, History, Geography, RE and PSHE, as well as an opportunity for parents to come in and see their child's learning on Friday 22nd Oct. We are launching the week with a **space themed dress up day on Monday 18th October** and will be collecting £1 donations which will go towards learning resources for the children. This can be given in at the class door or if preferred you can pay on the school gateway.

MYSTERY READER

We are re-launching our Mystery Readers after half term; don't forget to sign up for a slot with your Class Parent Rep if you haven't done so already – the children are always very proud and excited to see their grown up read to their class, promoting a lifelong love of reading.

CHRISTMAS AT ST.LUKE'S

We are very excited to announce that this year will see the return of our Christmas Nativity services at St Luke's Church. Each year group (from Reception to Year 2) will walk up to the church, sing some Christmas songs and tell the story of the first Christmas, with the help of Rev Michael. Children are invited to dress up and parents are welcome to attend. More details will follow nearer the time, but please keep the dates free if you can:

- Wed 8th Dec ~ Years 1 and 2
- Thursday 9th Dec ~ Reception

Nursery will have their own Christmas celebration in school, to which parents are also invited. We will let you know as soon as the date has been confirmed.

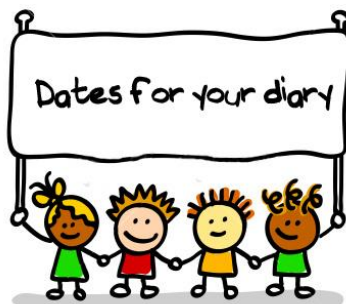
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please see our website <https://cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk/clubs/> for details of clubs starting after half term.

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Sallyann Applegarth
Deputy Headteacher



Autumn term 2021

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
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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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
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

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