



Newsletter 7

22 October 2021

Dear Parents

We made it! Our first half term complete and we are still standing...almost! Thank you to the whole school community for their support during this first half term and for returning to our 'normal' school routines.

Please take care over the holidays and remember to follow Government guidelines re Covid symptoms and testing.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable week.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

This week	90.84%
Week beg 11 Oct 21	95.9%
Best week to date	Week beginning 13 September 2021 ~ 97.22%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 18 October:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
BADGER			96.8%
FOX	84.5%		
HERON	90%		
HEDGEHOG			99%
KINGFISHER	87.5%		
ROBIN			99%
OWL	79%		
RABBIT	84.9%		
WOODPECKER	94.8%		
SQUIRREL	86.5%		

Well done to **Hedgehog Class and Robin Class**

GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

Maya	Robin Class	Zayd	Robin Class	Laylah x 2!	Robin Class
Jovan	Robin Class	Reya	Robin Class	Iyla	Heron Class

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
Mason	Robin	Learn to Swim ~ Stage 1 Gymnastics ~ Level 8 Cassiobury Tennis Club Award
Cora	Robin	Trophy Winner at Camp for joining in with games

LEARNING POWER CREATURE TROPHY

At the end of every half term, the class teachers nominate a pupil in their class who they believe have shown great skill in one of the 4 areas. We also have nominations for a 'behaviour and manners' trophy for children who consistently follow our Golden Rules. Once all the nominations are in, the names are put into a hat and a winner is drawn. The trophies are then presented to the pupil in our final assembly before a holiday. The trophies remain in school but the children bring home a certificate.

I am delighted to announce that the winners for Autumn 1 are:

TROPHY	PUPIL	CLASS
Resilience ~ Tortoise 	Ileyla	Robin
Reflective ~ Chameleon 	Zayd	Robin
Resourceful ~ Spider 	Aziq	Kingfisher
Team Player ~ Bee 	Shray	Heron
Behaviour and Manners 	Rey	Heron

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who donated to Watford Foodbank, our chosen harvest festival charity. I am delighted to announce that we contributed a whopping 155.3Kg!

GEOGRAPHY

This week we have purchased brand new atlases for Year 1 & EYFS. This was made possible because of the money raised by the Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you so much for your generosity - our future geographers are also grateful.

FOCUS WEEK

The children have had a very busy Discovery Focus Week based around the text 'The Darkest Dark'. We will be sending home class presentations of the learning that the children engaged in during the week in: English, Geography, History, RE and PSHE on Tuesday 2nd November. In the meantime you can view what the children have been up to by looking at our class Twitter pages, or go to our social media wall on the school website: [Social Media Wall](#)

Thank you for all of the donations sent in on our space themed dress-up day, it was a brilliant launch to our curriculum enrichment week, raising £187 in total which we will spend on resources for the children.

NUMBER CONFIDENCE WEEK

We will be celebrating Number Confidence Week in school 1-5th November, during which the children will take part in daily fun Maths activities to boost their confidence with numbers as well as a special Maths Fun Day on Friday 5th November. Number Confidence Week also provides a great opportunity for people to access free resources and activities for all the family, to boost number confidence at work, home and school. This includes video resources, downloadable activities and inspiring 'confidence conversations' series running across the first week of November. Click on this website for more information: [Number Confidence Week](#)

50 THINGS TO DO

If you are keeping a check on our 50 things to do grid you should be able to tick off the following for this week: *Take part in a Discovery Focus Week and Come to School in Fancy Dress.*

NURSERY NATIVITY

We are delighted to be able to invite our Nursery parents to our Nursery Nativity which will be taking place in school on Monday 20th December at 9:15am.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Sadly, Covid is still over-shadowing planned events at school. There may well be last minute cancellations to planned events depending on the Covid cases within the school. This is not a decision I take lightly nor can I take with good notice. We will be making decisions at the time based on our knowledge of cases within the school. Where we can, we will scale down events to minimise footfall in the school. Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

ONE-WAY SYSTEM

We are constantly reviewing our procedures within the school based on our Covid cases and Government guidelines. At present we will not be reinstating our one-way system, however there are ways in which parents can support the school to keep areas flowing:

- Use the larger main blue gate on Bellmount Wood Avenue rather than the smaller 'Heron class gate'
- Wear face masks around the courtyard area where there are more parents
- Arrive on site between 3:10 and 3:15, try not to arrive early and wait outside class
- Leave the school site as soon as you have collected your child

Should there need to be a change in any of our routines we will communicate to parents via Schoolcomms.

REPORTING COVID CASES

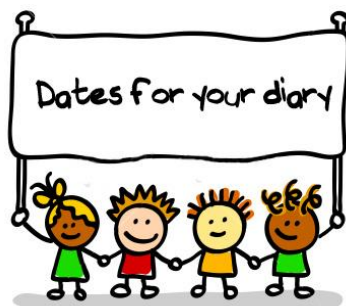
It is no longer the responsibility of the school to provide a 'Track and Trace'. We have therefore removed our Covid Reporting form from our website; instead please email the office as soon as you have a concern, are getting a PCR for your pupil or have confirmation of a positive result.

Although not obliged to do so, we will continue to inform parents when there is a positive case within the class so you are able to monitor your child for symptoms.

Have a lovely half term holiday.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2021

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
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	Badger Sharing Assembly	9.10am	School Hall
Wk beg 15 November	Anti Bullying Week		
Fri 19 November	Learning together morning	9am	Classrooms
Fri 19 November	Children in Need		
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
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
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