



Newsletter 22

11 March 2022

Dear Parents

It was lovely to have a school hall full today ~ well done to Heron class who launched our return to sharing assemblies with a bang! We thoroughly enjoyed learning about what you have been up to in school and your confidence and enthusiasm is a credit to you all.

It is important to note that this is the first sharing assembly this class will have participated in and a point of recognition that our school is steadily getting back to 'normal'.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year.
Covid or isolation absences are **NOT** included in this data.



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| This week | 96.68% |
| Week beg 28 Feb 22 | 98.12% |
| Best week to date | Week beginning 28 February 2022 ~ 98.12% |

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 7 March:

| CLASS | RED <95% | AMBER 95% | GREEN 96+% |
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| BADGER | | | 99.6% |
| FOX | | | 98.3% |
| HERON | | | 97.9% |
| HEDGEHOG | | | 97.6% |
| KINGFISHER | 88.6% | | |
| ROBIN | | | 100% |
| OWL | | | 98.7% |
| RABBIT | 93.7% | | |
| WOODPECKER | | | 96% |
| SQUIRREL | 90.7% | | |

Well done to **Robin Class**.

GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

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| Jakov | Owl Class | Shray | Heron Class | Juliette | Heron Class |
| Ved | Heron Class | William | Heron Class | Imran | Hedgehog Class |
| Libby | Badger Class | Amirah | Heron Class | Iyla | Heron Class |
| Benny | Robin Class | Byron | Robin Class | Hassan | Woodpecker Class |
| Fallon | Robin Class | Hossein | Robin Class | Subhan | Robin Class |

All of Heron Class, Miss Bunting and Mrs McGinty!

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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 |
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| Benny | Robin | Learn to Swim ~ Level 2 |
| Sienna | Woodpecker | Gymnastics Award ~ Level 7 |

GOVERNING BODY UPDATE

On Monday 7th March the Governing Board Committees met remotely for the second time this academic year and welcomed our two new parent governors, Menakha Nathan and Umaang Pabari to their first meeting since they were elected as Governors.

We discussed the following items at each committee meeting:

School Development Committee:

- Received the Head's report and everyone agreed it was fantastic to hear about all the activities in the school, such as focus weeks and sharing assemblies, being able to take place again.
- Received the draft report from the Hertfordshire Improvement Partner who came in to do what is called a 'deep dive' and is similar to what Ofsted would do if they came for an inspection. These visits are incredibly useful for staff and governors to help guide us in making improvements in the school.
- Received the latest attendance report showing a 95% attendance rate across the school which is slightly below our target of 96%. This is going to be discussed at the next full governing body to see what else could be done to support with the unauthorised absences.
- Received a report from the Assessment group where they had met with children and looked in their books to see how their learning has developed so far this year. Another Governor visited school on World Book Day to see the activities taking place.
- Received the Sports Premium report around the way the funding has been spent. For anyone who wished to find out more about this, please have a look on the website: [Sports Premium](#)
- Received the latest Safeguarding report.

Resources Committee:

- Undertook a review of the school budget after ten months.
- Looked closely at the expenditure of Premium budgets, which included Covid Recovery, Pupil and Sports premium budgets.
- Set the timetable for year-end budget and setting the new budget for 2022/23.
- An initial review of the School Financial Value Standards return.
- Considered staffing requirements for the new academic year from September 2022.
- We received an update on safeguarding, new recording processes, and remain assured that it is a high priority throughout the school.
- Reviewed recent premises and buildings projects, and future work.
- Ensured that the school website was continuing to meet the statutory requirements.
- Welcomed the new School Business Manager as an observer to the meeting.

Details of all our Governors can be found on our website: [The Governing Board](#)

FOCUS WEEK

This is taking place next week, information has been sent to parents. There is a dress up day on Tuesday 15th March and please check when your child is visiting The Cassiobury Hub so they come to school with the correct clothing. We are looking forward to a fun-packed week!

OPEN AFTERNOON

You are invited in to school on Friday 18th March at 2:30pm to your child's classroom to have a look at their learning that has taken place over Focus Week. Please enter and exit via your child's external classroom door; we would appreciate parents wearing a face covering once inside the building.

ANTI-IDLING

It has been noted that many parents are keeping their engines idling / running while waiting for pupils. Many drivers do not realise that idling causes high levels of air pollution. Some believe that starting and stopping a car engine causes more pollution. Turning off an engine and then restarting it can cause less pollution than letting it run, especially in newer vehicles – and it also uses less fuel. So, it's not just good for your health, it's also good value for money.

In November we took part in Hertfordshire County Council's Anti-Idling campaign and had reminder posters on our gates. This was to support the school in improving the air quality around our school. We also shared this video clip: [HCC Anti-Idling](#)

Please when you park up, switch off your engine straight away to keep the air around our school cleaner for the children. Thank you for your co-operation.

COVID UPDATE

Now that national restrictions have lifted we are beginning to return to some sort of normality. However, Covid is still amongst us and we still need to be careful.

In school we are continuing to:

- Ensure the children wash / anti-bac their hands regularly
- Keep classrooms well ventilated
- Maintain high levels of cleaning, during the school day and once the children have gone home

Face coverings are no longer required to be worn however we would ask parents:

- To be mindful of 'busy' areas at drop off and collection times and to wear a face covering at this time
- When speaking to the class teacher, please check they are happy for you to remove your mask
- When attending gatherings at school, wear your face covering until seated

It is no longer a legal requirement to isolate should you test positive; however, we are following Government Guidelines and advising that pupils and staff remain at home should they test positive and to test on day 5. Only return to school after 2 clear negative tests. We are advising this as practice to keep all our community safe and we do not wish to return to 'bubbling' classes should an outbreak occur.

COMIC RELIEF ~ Friday 18th March

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as Superheros, or in non-uniform; donations for Comic Relief will be collected on the classroom door, or can be paid through the School Gateway. The School Council will be selling Red Noses in school 14th-18th March – if you would like to purchase a red nose, please send in £1.50 in a named envelope with your child to their class.

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

Your child will be bringing home today an 'Eat them to defeat them' pack which is part of the Veg Power Campaign. The pack contains some activities and stickers to encourage children to eat more veg.

REPORTING ARRANGEMENT

As we approach the end of the Spring Term we will be reporting to parents on attainment and progress in the following ways:

Years 1 and 2 ~ written report sent home to parents on Monday 21st March

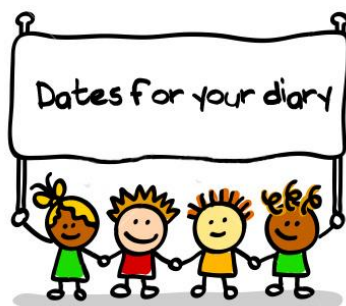
Nursery and Reception ~ parent / teacher consultation virtual meeting; Tuesday 22nd March and Wednesday 23rd March. Information will be sent out early next week with the link to sign up.

PARENT PIT STOP ~ ORACY: Tuesday 15th March 2022

Our next Parent Pit Stop will be held on Tuesday 15th March at 6pm via zoom. The link will be sent to parents on Monday. This session will be about Oracy, which is an key focus area of our school development plan this year. We will share what oracy is, why we are focusing on this area and what you can do at home to support further development. The session will be for about 20 minutes; we look forward to seeing you.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Spring term 2022

| Date | What's Happening? | Where? | Time? |
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| Week beg 14 th March | STEM Focus Week | | |
| Fri 18 th March | Open Afternoon | Classrooms | 2:30pm |
| Mon 21 st March | KS1 Reports out to Parents | | |
| Mon 21 st March | Governor Day | | |
| Mon 21 st March | World Poetry Day | | |
| Tues 22 nd March | EYFS Consultations | Virtual | Appointment |
| Wed 23 rd March | EYFS Consultations | Virtual | Appointment |
| Fri 25 th March | Rabbit Sharing Assembly | Hall | 9am |
| Week beg 28 th March | Anti Bullying Week | | |
| Tues 29 th March | Year 1 Spring Extravaganza | Hall | 2:15pm |
| Wed 30 th March | Year 1 Spring Extravaganza | Hall | 9:15am |
| Thur 31 st March | End of Spring Term for Nursery Children | | |
| Fri 1 st April | Badger Sharing Assembly | Hall | 9am |
| Fri 1 st April | End of Term ~ 1:15pm | | |



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These dates are the same as the junior school.

SPRING 2022

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| Thursday 31 March | Spring Term ends NURSERY |
| Friday 1 April | Spring term ends 1:15pm |

SUMMER 2022

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| Tuesday 19 April | Summer term starts |
| Mon 30 May – 3 June | Half term |
| Friday 1 July Monday 4 July | Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils INSET ~ School closed to pupils |
| Thursday 21 July Friday 22 July | Summer Term ends NURSERY End of summer term 1:15pm |



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AUTUMN 2022

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| Thursday 1 September Friday 2 September | INSET ~ School closed to pupils 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

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| Thursday 5 January Friday 6 January | INSET ~ School closed to pupils 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

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| Monday 17 April | Summer term starts |
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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