



Newsletter 33

17 June 2022

Dear Parents

What a busy week!

Thank you to parents for your support and understanding of our impromptu 'fire drill' on Monday afternoon. This was not a planned drill however it demonstrated that the school is able to evacuate at any point in the school day and the staff worked swiftly and efficiently to get the children to safety at a busy time of the school day. We were very grateful for parents standing back and awaiting further instructions from the teachers.

Southend! What an amazing day and fantastic weather for a beach picnic. I have already circulated a separate note of thanks and appreciation. We are so pleased the children had a great day with lots of happy memories.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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



This week	
Week beg 6 June 22	93.1%
Best week to date	Week beginning 28 February 2022 ~ 98.12%

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 13 June:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			99.7%
FOX			96.9%
BADGER		95.2%	
ROBIN			97.9%
KINGFISHER		95.5%	
HEDGEHOG			98.6%
WOODPECKER	88.5%		
RABBIT			96%
OWL	89%		
SQUIRREL			97.9%

Well done to **Heron Class (for the 2nd week)**.

PHONE FREE FRIDAY

This week we had 7 responses to the question of the week! Thank you to everyone who is taking part!

Favourite Answer			
Question	Answer	Pupil	Class
If you have to eat one vegetable forever, what would you eat and why?	<i>I would eat cucumber because it is cool like me</i>	<i>Faleehah</i>	<i>Fox</i>

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This week's question is:

If you could fly, where would you go and what would you like to see? [Do not forget to Tweet your answers ~ @HeadCassInf](#)

GOVERNING BODY UPDATE

On Monday 13th June the Governing Board Committees met remotely for the final time this academic year. We discussed the following items at each committee meeting:

School Development Committee:

- Phonics screening has taken place and we are awaiting the results against the national pass mark
- The school's improvement partner from Herts joined the school day recently to observe the SEND provision. Her feedback to governors was overwhelmingly positive
- Safeguarding and its implementation in school
- Governors discussed and approved the following policies; i) Adult Volunteers ii) Online Safety
- A report from the assessment group that meets regularly to review school data, progress and attainment of all pupils

Resources Committee:

- Confirmed that after two months, there were no variances to the budget set.
- Monitored Health & Safety and the recent non-test fire alarm drill.
- Reviewed the Annual Programme of Work and Committee Terms of Reference.
- Reviewed and amended the fees charged within our Lettings Policy.
- Confirmed the planned staffing structure for the new academic year from September 2022.
- We received an update on safeguarding, record keeping, and a recent audit report; remaining assured that it is a high priority throughout the school.
- Reviewed recent premises and buildings projects, and future work planned.
- Looked at our Business Continuity Plan.
- Closely reviewed our pupil attendance data, which is causing concern for Governors.
- Considered the implementation of a parental contribution towards class resources to ensure curricular enrichment.

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

Eco-Warrior Superheroes - A visit from Perform!

We were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#) on Tuesday 14th June. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Eco-Warrior [Superheroes](#) using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Superheroes*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *Superheroes* theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of Cassiobury Infant and Nursery School if they come along for a free trial session before Tuesday 5th July.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **CASB050722** or book online at [perform.org.uk](#).

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING ~ Tuesday 5th July

We are having a change of timing for our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. Usually this event takes place in September, however after consideration and review we have decided to bring this session forward to July so you are able to meet your child's new teacher and find out information about your new year group prior to the children starting in September.

The session will begin at 6pm in the school hall for an update on the school year and plans and then parents will move to meet the teachers in year group classrooms.

It is imperative that all parents in Reception and Year 1 attend.

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Our new parents meeting for Nursery and reception are taking place at different times. Please see below for clarification:

CURRENT YEAR GROUP	MEET THE TEACHER SESSION
NURSERY	Wednesday 6 th July at 9:15am
RECEPTION	Tuesday 5 th July at 6pm
YEAR 1	
YEAR 2	Thursday 14 th July at 6:30pm <i>To be held at the Junior School</i>

Creative Focus week 20th – 24th June 2022

Next week is our Creative Focus week – please see the attached letter for details about the **learning** taking place this week; details of a **dress-up day**; and an opportunity for **parents to watch the children** perform some pirate songs!

Soccer Aid – Friday 17th June

Each class had a fun time taking part in an obstacle course to raise money for UNICEF's Soccer Aid on Friday morning. UNICEF's work involves providing safe spaces to protect children in times of crisis, fighting malnutrition, providing vaccines, medical supplies and mental health support to children all around the world. Thank you to Miss Bunting for organising, and for your kind donations – we will update you with the total once all the contributions have been counted.

CSA Uniform Sale – Monday 20th June

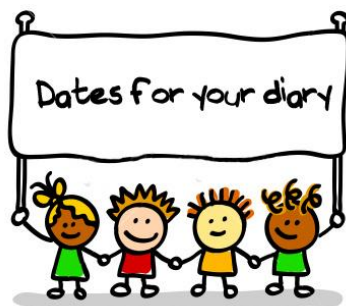
On Monday the CSA will be holding a second hand uniform sale from 2.30-3.45pm outside the Oak Room. Full details are in the attached letter along with information regarding the Virtual Second Hand Shop launch.

Reminder – careful driving

Please can I remind all parents about the need to drive both carefully and cautiously near the school grounds. A parent has reported a near-miss accident during which their child was almost hit by a car trying to turn in the area in front of the closed gates to our carpark. Please be extra aware of young children that may step out without looking first, or wobble off their bike or scooter – we must keep our children safe and drive responsibly to ensure an accident doesn't happen.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend!

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Summer term 2022

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Wk Beg 20 th June	Creative Focus Week		
Fri 24 th June	Pirate Songs Performance	Playground	2:45pm
Wk Beg 27 th June	Anti-Bullying Week		
Thur 30 th June	Joint Sports Day with CJS	Field	12:30pm
Fri 1 st Jul	School Closed		
Mon 4 th Jul	School Closed		
Wed 6 th July	New Parents Meeting (Reception)	Hall	9:15am
Thu 7 th July	Cultural Day		
Fri 8 th July	Robin Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 11 th July	Squirrel Sharing Assembly	Hall	9:10am
Mon 11 th July	New Parents Meeting (Nursery)	Hall	10:15am
Mon 11 th July	EYFS Reports to Parents		
Tue 12 th July	KS1 Parent Consultation	Virtual	By appointment
Wed 13 th July	KS1 Parent Consultation	Virtual	By appointment
Fri 15 th July	Open Afternoon	Classroom	2:45pm
Tue 19 th July	Y2 Performance	Hall	9:15am
Wed 20 th July	Y2 Performance	Hall	2:30pm
Thu 21 st July	End of term Nursery		
Fri 22 nd July	End of school ~ 1:15pm finish		



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2021/22**

These dates are the same as the junior school.

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