



Newsletter 1

09 September 2022

Dear Parents

Welcome back! It has been lovely to welcome our families back to school after what I hope has been a relaxing summer! The children look very smart in their uniforms and seem to have grown so much over the break. We are all looking forward to a great autumn term.

I would like to wish a very warm welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception children and their families who are joining our school. A very special mention needs to be extended to our Reception children who have displayed great levels of maturity adapting to the start of school during the remainder of the building project. To see our children adjust so quickly to temporary entry procedures has been very impressive.

We would also like to extend a Cassiobury welcome to our new members of staff; Mrs Holt who will be supporting in Early Years, Mrs Braybrooke and Mrs Silo who have joined our lunch time team.

HRH QUEEN ELIZABETH II

I am sure you join me in sharing our condolences with the Royal Family at this very sad time in our Nations' history. In assembly today we spent some time thinking back to the Queen's life, work and how we celebrated the recent Platinum Jubilee. We talked about how the Queen enjoyed 'fun things' and would want to be remembered with happy thoughts. This is a momentous time in our history and we will incorporate significant events in to our learning as the year progresses.

There is a lot of information below, please take time to read carefully.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved house during the holidays, changed your telephone numbers or email address, please make sure you inform the office staff so that we can keep our records accurate. Please email the office with the new details: admin@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk

DATES

Overleaf is a table of planned events for the autumn term. Please make a note in your diaries and any additional dates will be communicated in due course.

HALAL OPTION

We are delighted to be able to offer a halal option on our roast Wednesdays. This will commence on Wednesday 21st September. More information will follow. Thank you for your patience while we worked with the caterers.

NUT FREE

We have a 'nut free' policy in school. Please ensure that all packed lunches are 'nut free' as some of our children are allergic to nuts and this includes airborne allergies.

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
Maariya	Owl	Learn to Swim Award ~ Stage 1
Miraj	Kingfisher	Summer Reading Challenge 2022
Farong	Kingfisher	
Anousha	Robin	
Daisy	Heron	Learn to Swim Award ~ Stage 2

TWITTER

We love to 'Tweet' to show what we have been getting up to in school and this is a great way to share what the children have been learning over the week or any special events. Each class has a Twitter account and there is also a whole school account, which will be used to post whole school updates. The Twitter usernames are:

Nursery - @SquirrelCassInf

Woodpecker - @WpeckerCassInf

Owl - @OwlCassInf

Rabbit - @RabbitCassInf

Hedgehog - @HedgehogCassInf

Kingfisher - @KfisherCassInf

Robin - @RobinCassInf

Badger - @BadgerCassInf

Fox - @FoxCassInf

Heron - @HeronCassInf

Mrs Cooper - @HeadCassInf

Miss Applegarth - @DHCassInf

PHONE FREE FRIDAY

Today we re-launch our 'Phone Free Friday'. This is where we are asking parents not to use their mobile phones on site during drop off and pick up. This initiative is part of our School Development Plan focus on Oracy and the importance of developing speech, vocabulary and conjecture. In school we expect the children to speak in full sentences so please encourage this with your children too. I look forward to reading some of your answers.

This week's question was:

If you can be invisible for one day, what would you do that day?

Watch this space for the favourite answer next week!

TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL BY CAR

We encourage families to walk, cycle or scoot as much as possible to keep our roads clear and congestion free. However, if you do need to travel to school by car please remember the following:

- Turn off your engine while waiting to keep the air clean for our children
- Be respectful of our neighbours and keep their driveways clear and accessible at all times
- Do not park on the double yellow lines or zig zags
- Park a couple of streets away and make the remainder of the journey on foot

Also, just a reminder about the 'unofficial one-way system' for Bellmount Wood Avenue. Please enter at the junior school end and exit out on to Cassiobury Drive (by the vets).

PARKING IN SUN SPORTS OR THE BOWLS CLUB IS NOT PERMITTED.

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PLAY EQUIPMENT IN PLAYGROUND

Please do not allow the children to play on the equipment before or after school. Whilst I appreciate this is very tempting we do not allow use outside of school hours due to Health and Safety Requirements.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

MY FIRST LIBRARY CARD

Joining the library is so special that Hertfordshire Libraries are presenting all new members with a My First Library card certificate too. Visiting the library and borrowing books to share at home is a valuable way to spend time with your child and to support their school learning. So do visit any Hertfordshire Library to explore all the exciting and inspiring books and activities they have to offer. Remember to take along proof of your name and address (paper or electronic) to take out library membership for your child. Please see attached flyer which contains more information.

SCHOOL CLUBS

A reminder that if you would like to sign your child up for an after school or lunch time club, information can be found on our clubs page on our website: [School Clubs](#)

OFFICE HOURS

Please be aware that the school office hours are 8:30am to 3:30pm. Emails sent after 3:30pm will not be read until the following morning.

HELPING PARENTS

We are now able to welcome parents back in to help in school with a variety of activities. If you would like to help on a regular basis we would be very happy to hear from you. Parents who help with cooking, sewing, artwork and playing games are an asset to the school and the children enjoy the extra support they receive in small groups. Please talk to your class teacher during the 'meet the teacher' evening if you are interested.

BEEZEE BODIES

Please see attached three flyers from Beezee Bodies which may be of interest.

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

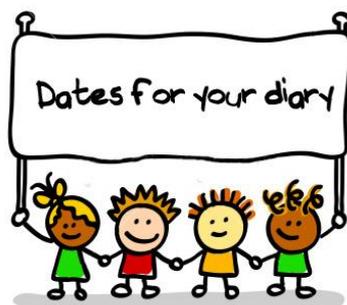
All children in our school are eligible for a free school meal every day as part of the government scheme for 'universal free school meals'; however there may be additional funding available for the school to claim to support pupils through Pupil Premium Grant. We are therefore asking ALL our families to register on the following website: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals. This information is confidential and will not be publically shared.

This will only need to be done once in our school and then again when the children move to year 3. If you have any concerns or need help registering please come and see Mrs Mavji in the office.

Phew! I think that is all for now.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2022

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Tue 20 September	Y2 Florence Nightingale Workshop		
Tue 20 September	Early Years Parent Pit Stop	School Hall	2pm & 6pm
Wed 21 September	National Fitness Day		
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Fri 23 September	Jeans for Genes		
Fri 23 September	Reception Parents Coffee Morning	Hall	9am
Fri 23 September	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Mon 26 September	Nursery Parents Coffee Morning	Hall	9:15am
Tue 27 September	Cycle to School Week		
Mon 3 October	Black History Month		
Mon 3 October	Year 1 Parents Coffee Morning	Hall	9:00am
Wed 5 October	Read, Write, Inc Parent Pit Stop	School Hall	2pm & 6pm
Thu 6 October	Individual School Photos		
Wed 12 October	Harvest Festival		
Wk beg 17 October	Discovery Focus Week		
Fri 21 October	Focus Week Dress Up Day		
Fri 21 October	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Wed 2 November	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Thu 3 November	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Fri 4 November	Learning Outdoor Day		
Mon 7 November	No Electricity Day (Switch Off Fortnight)		
Tue 8 November	EYFS parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Wed 9 November	EYFS parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Mon 14 November	Well Being Week Road Safety Week		
Fri 18 November	Children in Need		
Mon 21 November	Maths Week		
Wed 23 November	Maths Parent Pit Stop	School Hall	2pm & 6pm
Fri 25 November	Learning together morning	9am	Classrooms
Thu 1 December	Christmas Deco Day		
Fri 2 December	School Closed ~ Occasional Day		
Wed 7 December	Reception ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	9:30am
Wed 7 December	Year 2 ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	10:45am
Thu 8 December	Year 1 ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	9:30am
Wed 14 December	Christmas Pantomime		
Fri 16 December	Christmas jumper and dinner day		

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Wk beg 19 December	Christmas Parties		
Tue 20 December	Nursery Nativity	School Hall	9:15am
Tue 20 December	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Wed 21 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm		



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2022/23**
These dates are the same as the junior school.

AUTUMN 2022

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



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AUTUMN 2023

Friday 1 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Monday 4 September	Autumn term starts
Mon 23 Oct – Fri 27 Oct	Half term
Friday 1 December	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 20 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

SPRING 2024

Thursday 4 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 5 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Monday 8 January	Spring term starts
Mon 19 Feb – Fri 23 Feb	Half term
Thursday 28 March	Spring term ends 1:15pm

SUMMER 2024

Monday 15 April	Summer term starts
Mon 27 May – 31 May	Half term
Friday 19 July	End of summer term 1:15pm
Monday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils