



Newsletter 3

23 September 2022

Dear Parents

It has been lovely this week to see the children more familiar with the routines of their new classes and a special well done to our Year 2 monitors who are enjoying their new roles.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year. This week went over target! Well done everyone.

This week	97.1%
Week beg 12 September	96.8%
Best week to date	Week beginning 20 September 2022 ~ 97.1%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 20 September:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			96.7%
FOX			96.7%
BADGER			99.6%
ROBIN			97.1%
KINGFISHER		95.3%	
HEDGEHOG		95.5%	
WOODPECKER		95.7%	
RABBIT			98.3%
OWL			99.6%
SQUIRREL	91.7%		

Well done to **Badger Class and Owl Class.**

GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

Zaid	Robin Class	Rishi	Heron Class	Finlay	Heron Class
Liyang	Fox Class	Kalina	Fox Class	Alberta	Fox Class
Owee	Badger Class	Lara	Badger Class	Seth	Badger Class
Aadev	Fox Class	Reyan	Robin Class	Sienna	Robin 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
Otis	Rabbit	Learn to Swim Award ~ Stage 3
George M	Owl	Summer Reading Challenge 2022

PHONE FREE FRIDAY

This week we had 3 responses to the question of the week! Thank you to everyone who is taking part!

Favourite Answer			
Question	Answer	Pupil	Class
What is your favourite fact or memory of Queen Elizabeth II?	<i>I know a fact...She wasn't supposed to be Queen, but then she became Queen</i>	<i>Seth</i>	<i>Badger</i>

This week's question is:

If you have to invent a rule that needs to be followed by everyone in the world, what would it be?

[Remember to Tweet your answers, use this link ~ @HeadCassInf](#)

PARKING AND APPROACH TO SCHOOL

Parents are responsible for parking sensibly and appropriately.

- Please ensure that you are not parking on the double yellow lines or the zig zags.
- Remember that pedestrians are using the footpaths and cars should not be parking on the pavement.
- Please keep your children close to you and should be holding an adult's hand or a pushchair.

Attached is a poster about parking near the school.

Hertfordshire Constabulary and the Parking Enforcement team have been notified and may well attend the school unannounced to issue parking fines.

I have also contacted Hertfordshire County Council who will attend the site in due course to undertake an assessment.

UNOFFICIAL ONE WAY SYSTEM

To ease congestion on Bellmount Wood Ave there is an unofficial one way system. Please enter from the Langley Way end (by the Junior School) and exit past our school on to Cassiobury Drive. If traffic is travelling in one direction it supports a steady flow without the need to pass oncoming vehicles.

Thank you for your co-operation.

AMAZON WISH LIST

Through discussion with parents over the last few years, there has often been an expressed interest in purchasing specific resources for the school rather than simply donating money.

To that end we have an 'Amazon Wish List' which works very much like a 'wedding list'. If you follow the link below it will take you straight to our wish list which has been devised by the teachers (and in some cases the children). Next to each item is some additional information, such as quantity of items or if it has been requested for a specific class or year group. We have tried to incorporate a variety of price ranges too and any larger value items could be donated by a group of parents together.

To use the wish list, simply follow the link [Amazon Wish List](#), pick an item and add to your own shopping basket. You can then decide whether to have the item delivered to your home address for your child to bring in to school or the school address (as above). Please ensure the address states CHARLOTTE COOPER at the INFANT SCHOOL.

Please do not feel pressured in to contributing; it is simply a case of 'if you would like to...this is what we need'.

I will endeavour to keep our list populated from the teachers and children's ideas. Thank you for your generosity.

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SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

Nominations and voting took place this week to elect our School Councillors. The School Council is an ideal opportunity for pupils to get more involved in the way the school is run. The School Council benefits the whole school, pupils and teachers because it provides opportunities for pupils to communicate their feelings as well as influence decisions that are made.

Congratulations to the following children on their appointment:

Rishi	Heron Class
Sienna	
Mason	Badger Class
Cora	
Leo	Fox Class
Alberta	
Leo	Robin Class
Sienna	
Edison	Hedgehog Class
Sophia	
Jack	Kingfisher Class
Mathilda	

I look forward to working with you this year.

JEWELLERY

The wearing of jewellery in school is not permitted unless it is a necessary reflection of religious beliefs. Ear studs are acceptable but only plain and small in type. Earrings that dangle or hoops are not allowed as they can cause nasty tears to ears in the playground. The wearing of jewellery in PE is prohibited for safety reasons. All children are required to remove earrings before taking part or tape them up with micropore tape to avoid accidents. You will need to apply the micropore tape on your child's PE day.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am delighted to announce that we have received 5 nominations for the role of parent governor; thank you for your support.

Ballot papers will be sent home on Monday.

Please note there was an error in my original letter, we have 4 vacancies (not 3 as detailed previously).

Once you have received your ballot paper, along with biographical details, you are eligible to vote for up to 4 of the candidates.

NURSERY COFFEE MORNING

We will be hosting a coffee morning for all Nursery parents on Friday 23 September at 9:15am in the Oak Room. This is an opportunity to meet other Nursery parents as well as myself and some members of the senior leadership team. There will also be more opportunity to find out more information about Parent Reps.

We look forward to seeing you.

YEAR 2 COFFEE MORNING

Apologies to Year 2 parents, I had missed you off the diary below, your coffee morning is scheduled for Friday 21 October.

TRANSLATE BUTTON ON OUR WEBSITE

We have a translate button on our website, it is located in the top right hand side of the page.

PARENT PIT STOPS

We were very disappointed with the turn out for our EYFS Parent Pit stop this weekly; sadly only 15 families attended.

Moving forward we will be operating a sign up system through survey monkey and if there is not sufficient interest we will cancel the sessions. A link for each session will be sent a week beforehand.

Our next sessions are detailed below ~ please make a note in your diary.

DATE	Time	FOCUS	INFO	TARGET AUDIENCE
Wednesday 5 th October	2pm and 6pm	Read, Write, Inc	How our sessions are delivered in school and how you can support at home. This is a repeat of the session delivered last term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mainly parents in Reception and new to the school.• Any parent who has not previously attended.• Any parent who would like a refresher.
Tuesday 8 th November	2pm and 6pm	Reading	Purely focussed on supporting children with reading skills and development and comprehension skills. (This is different to the RWI session above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All parents
Wednesday 23 rd November	2pm and 6pm	Maths	How our sessions are delivered in school and how you can support at home. This is a repeat of the session delivered last term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mainly parents in Reception and new to the school.• Any parent who has not previously attended.• Any parent who would like a refresher.

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

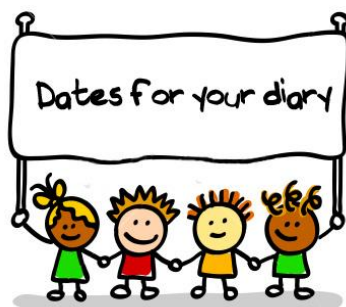
Just a reminder if you have not already had the chance, please follow the link to see if you are eligible for additional support for your child in school: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals.

This information is confidential and will not be publically shared.

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2022

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
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		
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		

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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