



Newsletter 5

07 October 2022

Dear Parents

A shorter newsletter today although I know that lots of information has been sent from the office this week. Autumn is well on its way now and before the leaves descend it is really worth having a look up at them over the next week as the colours are beautiful!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year. Another week on target!

This week	97.5%
Week beg 26 September	96.6%
Best week to date	Week beginning 3 rd October 2022 ~ 97.5%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 03 October:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON		95%	
FOX		95.3%	
BADGER			98%
ROBIN			98.7%
KINGFISHER			99.7%
HEDGEHOG			99.6%
WOODPECKER			96.6%
RABBIT			98%
OWL			98.6%
SQUIRREL		95.4%	

Well done to **Kingfisher Class**.

GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Alayna</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Imogen</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Aydin</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>
<i>Jovan</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Amara</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Elsa</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Vilte</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>				

PHONE FREE FRIDAY

This week we had 11 responses to the question of the week! Thank you to everyone who is taking part!

Favourite Answer			
Question	Answer	Pupil	Class
<i>If you can change the lunch menu in your school, what will you add into it?</i>	<i>Pasta with pesto sauce</i>	<i>Lara</i>	<i>Owl</i>

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This week's question is:

What is your favourite type of weather? Why do you like it? Why is it important?

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

£15 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL FUND

Thank you to the parents who have already donated the £15 for the budget donation on the School Gateway. As previously mentioned in the last summer newsletter, we have recently set our budgets for the year and, along with many other schools, face growing challenges in covering many school costs. In order to help us provide a broad and balanced curriculum next year, we are asking parents to make a donation of **£15 per year for each child**. This equates to £5 per term.

Our aim for the money is that it would go towards the consumables that we purchase over the year. Examples of this would be food ingredients, art and craft materials, science materials, design and technology items and many more things that we purchase over the year. Both the Infant and Junior School's governing body have considered this and feel that the time has come to ask for this extra bit of help from our parents. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The payment request is now available in the "Payments" section of the School Gateway.

FLU VACCINE

The school nursing team will be visiting the school to give flu vaccinations on the following dates:

Thursday 10th November

Monday 28th November

Further information will follow as soon as we have it.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2022

This week the children had an exciting assembly celebrating Black History Month. They learnt about key historical figures in a Black History of Britain Timeline, such as Lilian Bader who in 1941 was one of the first black women to join the armed forces.

HARVEST FESTIVAL ~ Wednesday 12th October

Information was sent this week with a list of items we will be collecting on behalf of The Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership. Please give donations to the class teacher on Wednesday 12th October. If you missed the list, here is the suggested list of donations:

Rice (small packages preferred)
Tinned meat
UHT milk
Cereals
Tinned vegetables
Coffee
Washing up liquid
Nappies size 4 and 5

Washing gel for clothes
Tinned sponge puddings
Long life fruit juices
Tinned fruit
Pasta sauce
Shampoo
Toiletries

CSA BAKE SALE ~ Friday 14th October 2022

Please see the attached flyer about the Cake Bake Sale being held by the CSA.

RECEPTION FIRST DAY PHOTO

Please see the attached flyer from the Watford Observer.

PARENT REPS

Information was sent to parents this week about the role of the parent reps and meeting dates.

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Thank you to parents who have responded so far, we still have vacancies for the following classes: Owl, Hedgehog, Robin, Badger, Fox and Heron. If you are interested in being parent rep (or continuing as parent rep), please inform the school office via email.

Lastly, please see below a message from the CSA regarding their upcoming AGM:-

Upcoming AGM 2021-2022 School Year

We will be holding the CSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 10th October 2022, @7:30pm, in the Infants School Hall, where we will review the charity financial accounts, discuss the events plan for 2022/2023 school year, as per previous AGMs, all elected positions will be up for nomination and election. These include:

- *Chair*
- *Co-Chair*
- *Secretary*
- *Treasurer*
- *Digital and Communications Officer*
- *Sub-Committee Members*

Both schools have parents with a wealth of ideas, skills, knowledge, experience and dedication who are welcome (and encouraged) to join or support the CSA Committee with their ideas, time and enthusiasm.

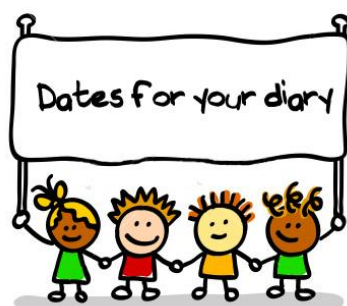
If you are able to join the CSA team, either as an elected member or simply as a parent interested in enriching your child's future, please come along to the AGM on the Monday 10th October 2022, @7:30pm in the Infants' School Hall. It is an opportunity to volunteer, if you so wish, to give as much time as you can afford toward a worthwhile cause.

The Schools and the CSA look forward to seeing you there!

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2022

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Mon 3 October	Black History Month		
Wed 12 October	Harvest Festival		
Fri 14 October	CSA Bake Sale		3.10pm
Wk beg 17 October	Discovery Focus Week		
Fri 21 October	Focus Week Dress Up Day		
Fri 21 October	Year 2 Parents Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9:00am
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
Thur 10 th November	Flu vaccinations	tbc	tbc
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
Mon 28 November	Flu vaccinations	tbc	tbc
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		



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