



Newsletter 6

14 October 2022

Dear Parents

The chill of autumn is certainly settling in ~ please ensure all coats and fleeces are labelled. There is a busy time ahead both before and after half term, much of which is detailed below; please read carefully. Lots of the activities that are taking place have been organised to enhance our curriculum and to give the children a wide range of opportunities and experiences ~ we are looking forward to some exciting days!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

This week	96.7%
Week beg 03 October	97.5%
Best week to date	Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ 97.5%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 10 October:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			96%
FOX			97.3%
BADGER			97.7%
ROBIN	94.7%		
KINGFISHER			100%
HEDGEHOG			99.3%
WOODPECKER	94.8%		
RABBIT	94.7%		
OWL			100%
SQUIRREL	93.3%		

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

GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Isaac</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Maisie</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Rufus</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>
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PHONE FREE FRIDAY

This week we had 5 responses to the question of the week. Thank you to everyone who is taking part!

Favourite Answer			
Question	Answer	Pupil	Class
<i>What is your favourite type of weather? Why do you like it? Why is it important?</i>	<i>Sunny weather is her favourite because sunny weather is good to play with friends for a longer time. It is important to have sunny weather because we get vitamin D which is good for our health</i>	<i>Owee</i>	<i>Badger</i>

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This week's question is:

If you could spend the day with a character from a book, who would you choose and why?

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL ~ Wednesday 12th October

Thank you to everyone who donated food and other items for our harvest festival celebrations; they have been gratefully received by the charity Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership.

ART EXHIBITION ~ Wednesday 19th October

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our very own Art Exhibition on Wednesday 19th October.

The art displayed has been produced by each child in the school and is framed and labelled.

During the day the children will have the opportunity to visit the exhibition to see all the art on display including their own piece of work.

The exhibition will be open to parents from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. You will be able to purchase your child's framed art work for £10 cash and take away with you that day.

If you are unable to visit the exhibition, there will still be a chance for you to purchase your child's art work from Thursday; please speak to your child's class teacher.

Please note this is a CASH ONLY payment on the day.

FOCUS WEEK

We are very excited about our Discovery Focus Week. This is a time where we can enrich and showcase our broader curriculum. You will have received information about the week's timetable and the activities that have been planned for the children.

OPEN AFTERNOON

You are invited into school on Friday 21 October at 2:45pm to your child's classroom to have a look at their learning that has taken place during our Discovery Focus Week. Please enter and exit via your child's external classroom door.

NON-UNIFORM FOR BOX OF TISSUES ~ Friday 21st October

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 21st October. Instead of a £1 donation we would like a contribution of a box of tissues please. With the seasonal sniffs fast approaching these are a valuable resource for all our classrooms.

Please donate your box to your class teacher who will store them for use in their class.

Thank you for your support.

LEARNING OUTDOOR DAY ~ Friday 4th November

We are looking forward to celebrating our annual event. On this day each class will visit the Forest School where there will be an exciting surprise. I shall say no more but keep an eye out on Twitter!

NO POWER DAY ~ Monday 7th November 2022

We will be holding a 'No power day' on Monday 7th November. Don't worry, the budget is not so bad that we are taking drastic measures; this is part of our 'Switch off fortnight' learning and to raise awareness of how much we rely on and use electricity during the day. This is a whole school activity and with the exception of completing the registers by the office team the whole school will be 'powerless' on this day!

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our Autumn Term Parent Consultations will take place on the below dates. This is an opportunity for you to have a 1:1 conversation with your class teacher about your child's learning. These meetings are held virtually and are for 10 minutes per child. Learning books will be sent home prior to the consultation sessions so you have the opportunity to look through your child's progress to date.

Wednesday 2nd November and Thursday 3rd November 3:30pm to 6pm ~ Key Stage 1

Tuesday 8th November and Wednesday 9th November 3:30pm to 6pm ~ Early Years Foundation Stage.

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Details will follow shortly about how to sign up; it is possible for both parents to sign in from different locations so please mention this at the time of booking.

CHANGE TO PARENT PIT STOP

We have moved our reading pit stop from Tuesday 8th November to TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER. We recognised that we had created a clash with Early Years Parent Consultation so have postponed for a week.

DATE	Time	FOCUS	INFO	TARGET AUDIENCE
Tuesday 15 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 held on 5 th October)	<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.

WATFORD LIBRARY

Watford Library are holding some learning events over half term; please see the attached flyer for more information.

REMINDER ~ PARENT REPS

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

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

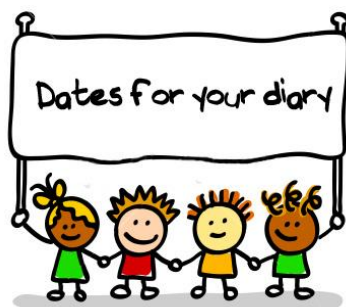
HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

As part of a fire safety initiative in Watford and Three Rivers, a newsletter has been generated providing fire safety information for families of school aged children a copy of this is attached.

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		
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
Mon 14 November	Well Being Week Road Safety Week		
Tue 15 November	Reading Parent Pit Stop	School Hall	2pm & 6pm
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		



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