



Newsletter 10

18 November 2022

Dear Parents

Another lovely week in school. We have enjoyed our first 'Well-being Week' and it was so successful that we can't wait for the next one! More details are shared below and I would like to say a very special THANK YOU to Miss Mulgrew and Mrs Parker for all their hard work in ensuring the week ran smoothly.

Our hours of learning lost has spiked this week. Now that the weather has taken a turn for the worse and more traffic may be on the roads please allow additional time to travel to school.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year. We have dropped below our target.

This week	94.84%
Week beg 07 November	94.97%
Best week to date	Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ 97.5%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 14 November:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON	88.6%		
FOX			98.8%
BADGER			98.3%
ROBIN		95%	
KINGFISHER	94.3%		
HEDGEHOG	90.8%		
WOODPECKER	94.3%		
RABBIT			98.3%
OWL		95%	
SQUIRREL	84%		

Well done to **Fox Class**.

HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

As well as monitoring attendance, we also monitor lateness. If your child arrives 5 minutes late each day over the course of the week they will have missed 25 minutes of learning time. Over a period of 4 weeks that is 100 minutes and over a term that is 325 minutes (almost 5 ½ hours). Punctuality is important in all walks of life and we encourage the children to be good time keepers.

This week 14 November 2022	299 minutes = 4 hours and 59 minutes
Last week 07 November 2022	211 minutes = 3 hours and 31 minutes



GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Abbas</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Miraj</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Mathilda</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>
<i>Sophia</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>	<i>Joann</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>		

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
<i>Maisie</i>	<i>Kingfisher</i>	<i>Learn 2 Ride</i>
<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Woodpecker</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 1</i>
<i>Conrad</i>	<i>Heron</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 3</i>
<i>Margot</i>	<i>Fox</i>	<i>Perform Silver Dance Challenge with Distinction</i>
<i>Avani</i>	<i>Woodpecker</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Duckling 2</i>

PHONE FREE FRIDAY

This week we had 4 responses to the question of the week! Thank you to everyone who is taking part!

Favourite Answer			
Question	Answer	Pupil	Class
<i>Describe a great day. What would make it special?</i>	<i>Playing with dinosaurs all day and eating as many sweets as I want!</i>	<i>Shray</i>	<i>Rabbit</i>

This week's question is:

If you had a pet dragon – what would you call it and why?

Remember to Tweet your answers, use this link ~ @HeadCassInf

LEARNING TOGETHER MORNING

Our first Learning Together Morning will take place next week on Friday 25 November. We are having a slight change to the start of the session. From 8:55am there will be a 'Head's Up' meeting in the hall for parents. The aim of this session is to give you a quick update of how we are progressing as a school and any new information (it is also to save you loitering in the cold!). At 9:05am the classes will be ready to welcome you in to share their learning. The session in class will end at 9:45am.

Please note, for our Learning Together Mornings we need to enforce some rules:

1. Only 1 adult per child (there is not the room in the classrooms to accommodate more)
2. We are **NOT** able to accommodate younger siblings at this session (this is for adults only)

MATHS PARENT WORKSHOP ~ Wednesday 23rd November

You will have received details this week of our Maths Parent Pit Stop being held on Wednesday 23rd November. Parents are welcome to attend at either 2pm or 6pm in the school hall. This is a repeat of the session that took place in April 2022.

So far we have had 28 parents sign up to the 2pm session and 6 parents sign up to the 6pm session. If you would like to attend please register here: [Maths Parent Pit Stop](#)

AUTUMN WELL-BEING WEEK ~ an update from Miss Mulgrew and Mrs Parker

What a fun week it has been celebrating our first Well-being Week! On Tuesday the children enjoyed a healthy interactive workshop with A-life, which was a roaring success and thoroughly enjoyed by the children and staff. The children have also enjoyed: tasting different vegetables and learning about healthy eating habits, taking part in PSHE lessons based around anti-bullying and well-being and also enjoyed a very entertaining ESafety assembly, where Smartie the Penguin made a guest appearance! Finally, to end the week the children took part in Cassiobury Chaos, where they all swapped classrooms for a fun filled afternoon of golden time activities. We are looking forward to our next Well-being week in Spring term!

ESAFETY

This week the children have been learning about how to stay safe online. We were delighted to welcome Smartie the Penguin 'in person' to our assembly and they were joined by their Mum and Dad! Thank you to Miss Denham, Mrs Alderton and Mrs Douglas for making this assembly very interactive and one the children will remember! If you missed the photo ~ catch it here: [Assembly](#)

Please take a moment to talk to your child about the advice that Smartie the Penguin shared: [Smartie the Penguin](#)

SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE ASSEMBLY

We held our 'Speak out, stay safe' assembly on Monday which is an online assembly delivered by the NSPCC. It delivers a very important message to the children about keeping safe in an age appropriate way. If you would like any additional information please have a look at the NSPCC website: [NSPCC](#)

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who completed our online survey ~ we had 115 responses in total. The information will be analysed and shared with Governors and parents in due course.

OCCASIONAL DAY ~ School Closed Friday 2nd December

An early reminder that our school will be closed to everyone on Friday 2nd December for our annual occasional day. We hope you enjoy the long weekend!

SCOOTER SHEDS

Thank you to everyone who is cycling and scooting to school! We have noticed that our cycle shelter is becoming very crowded so please remember you can use a sheltered area outside the Oak Room to store scooters. We are looking to purchase an additional cycle shelter as soon as possible.

Please also double check you are taking the correct bike and scooter; with so many being similar we have had a couple of occasions where the wrong scooter has been taken.

FREE SERVICE AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES ~ A message from Hertfordshire County Council

Did you know that Hertfordshire families can sign up here to access Hertfordshire's Family Centres' free services?

Why should parents sign up?

- Access FREE fun family activities to do with your child and receive support when needed
- Meet other local families with children the same age
- Give your children the best start in life with support from trained professionals
- Have your say and help us to shape future services
- Receive your local district newsletter, packed with useful parenting advice and activities

Please join up and visit your local Family Centre here: [Herts Family Centre Service](#)

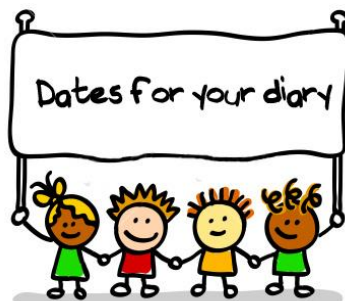
ATTACHED FLYERS:

1. Watford School of Music Open Day
2. Beezee Bodies November Newsletter

Have a lovely weekend.

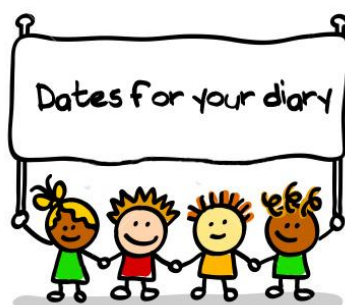
With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2022

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
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		



Spring term 2023

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Thu 5 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils		
Fri 6 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils		

Fri 27 January	Heron Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wk beg 30 January	National Story Telling Week		
Wed 1 February	Y2 St Luke's Workshops	St Luke's	In school event
Thu 2 February	Book at Bedtime	Classes	TBC
Wk Beg 6 February	Well Being Week		
Tue 7 February	Internet Safety Day		
Fri 10 February	Fox Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wed 22 February	World Thinking Day ~ Children		
Fri 24 February	Learning together morning	9am	Classrooms
Thu 2 March	World Book Day		
Fri 3 March	Kingfisher Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wk beg 13 March	STEM Focus Week		
Tue 14 March	World Maths Day		
Fri 17 March	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Tue 21 March	World Poetry Day		
Wed 22 March	EYFS parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Thu 23 March	EYFS parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Fri 24 March	Badger Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 27 March	KS1 Reports to Parents		
Tue 28 March	Y1 Spring Extravaganza	School Hall	9:15am
Wed 29 March	Y1 Spring Extravaganza	School Hall	2pm
Thu 30 March	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Fri 31 March	Spring 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

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