



Newsletter 8

04 November 2022

Dear Parents

Welcome back ~ I hope you all had a lovely half term!

A belated Happy Diwali and Happy New Year to all our families who celebrated over the holidays; we hope you had an amazing time.

It is that time of year again when our beautiful leafy green school turns a stunning autumnal bronze and then becomes bare! Thank you to Mr Mac for the endless leaf clearing that has taken place; it is a never ending job at the moment!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

This week	95%
Week beg 17 October	94.7%
Best week to date	Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ 97.5%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 31 October:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON		95%	
FOX	94.3%		
BADGER			99.3%
ROBIN		95.7%	
KINGFISHER	89.7%		
HEDGEHOG			98.6%
WOODPECKER		95.7%	
RABBIT	94%		
OWL	92.7%		
SQUIRREL	94.7%		

Well done to **Badger 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.

We have improved our punctuality this week ~ thank you!

This week 31 October 2022	205 minutes = 3 hours and 25 minutes
Last week 21 October 2022	286 minutes = 4 hours and 46 minutes



GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Aadev</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Sadie</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Leo</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>
<i>Haleema</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Kairaa</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Cora</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Maadhav</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Mason</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Amara</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Kerem</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Daisy</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Raffy</i>	<i>Heron 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>Uddhava-Hari</i>	<i>Woodpecker</i>	<i>Learn 2 Ride ~ Leavesden Cycle Hub</i>
<i>Serene</i>	<i>Rabbit</i>	<i>Gymnast of the Day</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>Would you prefer to take a trip to the mountains or the beach? Why?</i>	<i>I prefer to go to the mountain so I can climb to the top and put a flag.</i>	<i>Adam</i>	<i>Hedgehog</i>

This week's question is:

If you have to eat one fruit for the rest of your life, what would you eat?

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

No Electricity Day - Monday 7th November






As part of our Eco-Council work and drive to be more sustainable as a school, we will be promoting the values of 'Switch off Fortnight' by holding an electricity free day on Monday 7th November. We will be switching off electrical devices in the classrooms and around the school, and delivering lessons 'the old-fashioned way' - without laptops, interactive whiteboards, tablets and other electrical devices! We will teach the children about why we need to try and save energy, and ways in which we can all work towards contributing to a more sustainable lifestyle and protecting the planet. The children will also take part in a workshop, and will learn about alternative ways to make electricity.

Attached is an energy saving challenge which encourages the children to complete as many tasks as possible within a week, from remembering to switch off lights when nobody is in the room, to playing with non-electrical toys and games.

LEARNING POWER CREATURE TROPHY

At the end of every half term, the class teachers nominate a pupil in their class who they believe have shown great skill in one of the 4 areas. We also have nominations for a 'behaviour and manners' trophy for children who consistently follow our Golden Rules. Once all the nominations are in, the names are put into a hat and a winner is drawn. The trophies are then presented to the pupil in our final assembly before a holiday. The trophies remain in school but the children bring home a certificate.

I am delighted to announce that the winners for Autumn 1 are:

TROPHY	PUPIL	CLASS
Resilience ~ Tortoise 	Joshua	Hedgehog
Reflective ~ Chameleon 	Leo	Fox
Resourceful ~ Spider 	Margot	Fox
Team Player ~ Bee 	Alaya	Owl
Behaviour and Manners 	Chloe	Badger

YEAR 2 ONLY ~ JUNIOR SCHOOL APPLICATION

You will have been sent information this week with regard to applying for a place at the junior school. You MUST ensure you complete the online form before the deadline. For more information and to apply follow this link: [Junior School Admissions Application](#)

UK PARLIAMENT

This week in school we explored UK Parliament to learn about how the UK parliament works, ask questions, think critically and debate the issues that are important to them. During assembly the children thought about debates they have in school.

MATHLETICS

Unfortunately, we have decided not to renew our school Mathletics subscription because there was not enough pupil participation to justify the expense. We will instead use the funds for Maths resources and enrichment activities in school. If you would like to continue to use Mathletics, you can sign up for a home account using the link: [Mathletics](#)

There are also other websites where your child can play Maths games without a subscription.

[Topmarks](#)

[ICT Games](#)

[BBC Bitesize](#)

[Maths Zone](#)

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BE BRIGHT BE SEEN

This week in assembly the children learnt about the importance of wearing reflective and / or fluorescent clothing when travelling near the roads during the winter time. An online game to consolidate learning with your child can be found here: [Be bright be seen](#)

CURRICULUM MAPS AND HOME LEARNING

Today you will have received your child's curriculum map detailing learning that will be taught this half term and their home learning grid with activities to support and enhance learning at home.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY COLLECTION

Poppies are available in exchange for a donation towards the Royal British Legion. Poppies will be available in class and will be 'sold' in class by our Year 2 pupils. Should you wish to participate, please send in a donation in a named envelope to the class teacher from the 1st November to 11th November.

This year, in addition to the poppies we have some additional items for 'sale'. These items are wristbands, keyrings, zip tabs and flip rulers. These items will be available under the gazebo after school from the 1st November and will be on a first come first basis. Again this is for a contribution to the Royal British Legion.

PARENT CONSULTATION

Thank you to all our parents for attending our Autumn Term consultation with their class teacher; it has been lovely to hear such positive feedback.

EYFS parents ~ a reminder to book your appointment for your virtual session. Class books will come home with your child on Monday 7th November. Please ensure they are returned to school on Tuesday 8th November so the children are able to use them in their learning.

LEARNING OUTDOOR DAY

We had a fantastic time today around our camp fire with freshly cooked popcorn ~ it is always a treat and a lot of fun! Thank you to Miss Dilks for arranging our annual favourite.

SPRING TERM DATES 2023

To support with home planning, I have include below a list of the planned activities and dates for the Spring Term. As these dates are set well in advance there may be changes as the year progresses. We will inform parents of any changes as soon as possible.

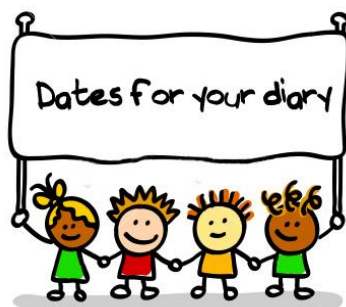
ATTACHED FLYERS:

Hertfordshire County Council ~ support with energy

Have a lovely weekend.

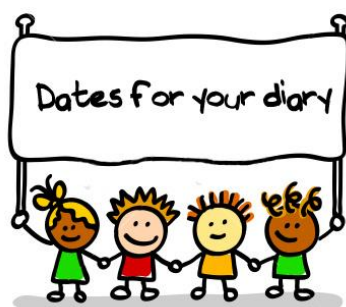
With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2022

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
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		



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
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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