



Newsletter 9

11 November 2022

Dear Parents

We had a funny start to the week celebrating 'No Electricity Day'. We all experienced a day without electricity and by the end I think we have all increased our awareness of how much electricity we use in a day and how we need to be mindful of saving energy; thank you to Miss Applegarth and the Eco-Council for organising.

We ended our week with a fantastic disco and throwing some shapes on the dance floor! A very special and **HUGE** 'thank you' to Devinder Kalsi who led this fund raising event for the CSA. Devinder planned and organised the discos, not just here but at the juniors too, and they were very successful! Thank you to the CSA members who supported Devinder and the parent helpers on the night; your support is very much appreciated.

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

This week	
Week beg 31 October	<b>94.82%</b>
Best week to date	Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ <b>97.5%</b>



### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 07 November:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			
FOX			
BADGER			
ROBIN			
KINGFISHER			
HEDGEHOG			
WOODPECKER			
RABBIT			
OWL			
SQUIRREL			

Well done to **Kingfisher 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.

<b>This week 07 November 2022</b>	211 minutes = 3 hours and 31 minutes
<b>Last week 31 October 2022</b>	205 minutes = 3 hours and 25 minutes



## GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Kiyansh</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>	<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>	<i>Aayan</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>
<i>Zara</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Anousha</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Imogen</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>
<i>Ada</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Zacky</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Teddy</i>	<i>Robin 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:

<b>Pupil</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
<i>Charlotte</i>	<i>Heron</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2</i>

## PHONE FREE FRIDAY

This week we had 9 responses to the question of the week! Thank you to everyone who is taking part!

<b>Favourite Answer</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Pupil</b>	<b>Class</b>
<i>If you have to eat one fruit for the rest of your life, what would you eat?</i>	<i>Bananas because they are good for making my banana pancakes, banana muffins and on my cereal!</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>Squirrels</i>

This week's question is:

***Describe a great day. What would make it special?***

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

## No Electricity Day – A message from Miss Applegarth

On Monday 7th November we held a 'No Electricity Day' in school to teach the children how we can all make small changes in our lives that save energy and help to protect the planet. The day was organised as part of our Eco-Council work and linked to one of our School Development Plan targets about sustainability. The children attended a whole school assembly; it was rather dark in the hall without the lights on! They also experienced lessons being taught without the use of technology, so no interactive whiteboards, online resources or YouTube clips to enhance learning! KS1 children took part in a workshop in which they attempted to make a bulb light by creating their own electrical cell from a lemon, a copper coin, wires and a zinc nail. I think it made us all appreciate how much we rely on electricity throughout the day, but also reminded us how we can all make changes to try and reduce our energy consumption. It will be interesting to hear if any children are more vigilant about remembering to turn off light switches or unplug their electrical devices when not in use at home!

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY COLLECTION

Thank you to all parents who contributed; I will let you know how much we raised as a school once the Royal British Legion have collected and counted!

Today at 11am the whole school observed the 2 minutes silence and we remembered the significance of the poppy.

## WELLBEING WEEK ~ 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November

This year we will be launching our first Wellbeing Week. During this week we will experience a range of activities related to Antibullying, Healthy Eating, Positive Mental Health and Kindness. Each year group will have a focus story that they will share each day, the children will take part in a Healthy Eating Workshop with A-Life and enjoy a session of Cassiobury Chaos... We are very excited about it and hope you are too!

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### **ODD SOCKS DAY ~ Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be launching our Wellbeing week with wearing odd socks on Monday in support of Anti-Bullying. We would like the children to wear odd socks for the day; there is no contribution for this event ~ it is just for fun!

### **CHILDREN IN NEED ~ Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be taking part in this National event again this year. Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for £1. Donations can be made via the classroom door on the day or via the gateway from today. All monies raised will go directly to Children in Need.

### **READING PARENT WORKSHOP ~ Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

You will have received details this week of our first Reading Parent Pit Stop being held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Parents are welcome to attend at either 2pm or 6pm in the school hall. So far we have had 22 parents sign up to the 2pm session and 12 parents sign up to the 6pm session. If you would like to attend please register here: [Reading Parent Workshop](#)

### **ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY**

Each year the Governors seek the views of parents about our school in our Annual Parent Survey. The information that we gather from the results supports the school in celebrating what we do well and supports us to develop in the future; we appreciate your feedback. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your views. The survey will close at 9am on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Reminders will be sent before the closing date. Access our survey here: [Governors Annual Parent Survey](#)

### **GOVERNING BODY UPDATE**

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November the governing body committees met for the first time this academic year. Details of all our Governors can be found on our website: <http://www.cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk/governors/>

We discussed the following items at each committee meeting:

#### **SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- Reviewed the school attendance for Autumn Term
- Discussed possible timings of the school day from 2023
- Discussed changes to OFSTED grading
- Updated on the School Development Plan
- Feedback from the English link governor after a visit to school before half term
- Reviewed the school behaviour policy
- Updated on end of year assessment as well as baseline assessments
- Discussed enrichment opportunities planned for the children
- Discussed safeguarding audit outcome and actions

#### **RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

- Undertook a review of the school budget, looking closely at areas that might be an overspend due to external cost of living factors; energy, supplies and staff pay awards
- Agreed a response to a County consultation about services provided to maintained schools and the cost of services
- Looked closely at the expenditure of Premium budgets, primarily Pupil and Sports premium budgets
- Set the timetable for year-end budget and Schools Financial Value Standards returns
- Reviewed pupil numbers in School and waiting lists
- We received an update on safeguarding, and are confident that it continues to be a high priority throughout the school
- Considered capital expenditure items, such as hardware upgrades
- Reviewed recent premises and buildings projects, and future work, including liaison with Herts County Council
- Ensured that the school website was continuing to meet the statutory requirements
- Reviewed the risk register and various school policies

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## PEGI RATINGS

Please can I remind parents that they should have in place measures to keep their children safe outside of school. Children speak in school about computer games that they play at home that are not age appropriate. Please be mindful of the age restrictions that are on computer games and ensure that your child is only accessing a game that is appropriate. Each game has an age 'logo' similar to those found on DVDs and looks similar to this:



Your child should not be playing or viewing a game that is above their chronological age as the material in the games will be unsuitable.

## PARKING AND IDLING

Please be reminded about parking carefully and respectfully in our local area. Yet again there have been complaints raised from residents about drive ways being blocked and residents unable to leave their property. I am aware of photographs being taken and being followed up by the police.

Similarly, if you are parked waiting please turn off your engines. It is not pleasant for pedestrians or cyclists to experience the fumes.

Please remember the children are our first priority and their health and safety should be at the forefront of all our minds.

## NEW CYCLE RULES ~ a message from PCSO David Gunn

Please see below an update on the new cycling rules from PCSO Gunn. We encourage our families to cycle so it is important that we are aware of the rules:

***'Riders can cycle in the centre of the road, only on quiet roads in slow moving traffic and on narrow roads'. 'As a driver of a motor vehicle you should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane'.***

***Rules 59 to 82, S H1, H2 and H3.***

## MESSAGE FROM BOTH MRS COOPER AND MISS SHERRY

We are continuing to work together in collaboration and we are continuing to have our joint meetings each month. It has been great to begin work with the CSA once more and to support in the planning and hosting of events across the school year to raise much needed funds. The success of the school disco across both schools is evidence of how important our continued collaboration is. Both myself and Miss Sherry would like to thank the very small CSA team for all their hard work in holding fundraisers. If you would like to be part of the CSA please contact either school.

Last half term teachers from both schools met to discuss the curriculum and how each subjects are delivered across the whole school from Nursery to Year 6. This half term we will all be meeting again to look at writing and to share tips and strategies to support writing for our children. Today we met alongside Governors and School Business Managers to discuss joint projects and initiatives. We are very much looking forward to another 'Two Schools' event to celebrate the King's Coronation next year.

We will continue to inform parents of our joint working each half term.

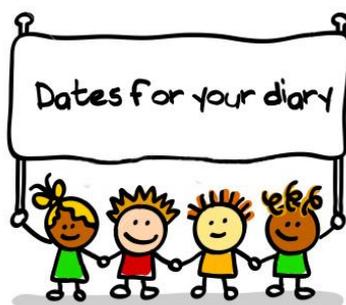
**ATTACHED FLYERS:**

Watersmeet ~ Relaxed Performance of Aladdin

Have a lovely weekend.

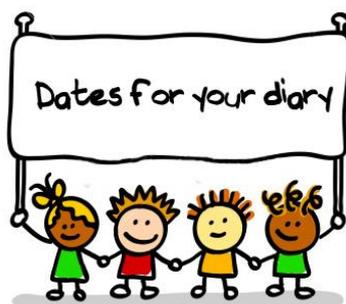
With best wishes

**Charlotte Cooper**  
**Headteacher**



**Autumn term 2022**

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Mon 14 November	Odd Socks Day		
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

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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



EARLY WARNING

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2023/24**  
These dates are the same as the junior school.

**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