



Newsletter 12

1 December 2022

Dear Parents

Christmas has started at Cassiobury with our annual 'Deco Day'; the children have been having a great time designing and making decorations for their classrooms.

We hope you all enjoy your Occasional Day tomorrow and have a lovely long weekend.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

This week	93.55%
Week beg 21 November	93.79%
Best week to date	Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ 97.5%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 28 November:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON	92.5%		
FOX	92.9%		
BADGER			96.7%
ROBIN			97.5%
KINGFISHER	90.8%		
HEDGEHOG		95.7%	
WOODPECKER			97.5%
RABBIT	89.2%		
OWL			96.7%
SQUIRREL	86.1%		

Well done to **Robin Class and Woodpecker.**

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 28 November 2022	291 minutes = 4 hours and 51 minutes
Last week 21 November 2022	259 minutes = 4 hours and 19 minutes



GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Kylan</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>	<i>Hayder</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Chloe</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>
<i>Emelia</i>	<i>Fox 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>Sienna</i>	<i>Robin</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2</i>
<i>Harry</i>	<i>Woodpecker</i>	<i>Swim England ~ Level 1</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>You are outside for the whole day - what would you do?</i>	<i>I would go up to the moon to see all the planets.</i>	<i>Yuvaeshnaa</i>	<i>Hedgehog</i>

This week's question is:

If you joined the circus, what would your circus act be and why?

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

NURSERY APPLICATIONS 2023/24

If you would like your child to join our Nursery Class in September 2023, the application process has now opened.

For more information about sessions, fees, tour dates and applications please look on our website: [Nursery Applications](#)

ANTI-IDLING CAMPAIGN

Many thanks to our School Council and Mrs Morgan for their support in our anti-idling campaign. Our school Councillors met to decide on the banner they would like, placed an order with Mrs Bird in our office, chose its location and showed / 'helped' Mr Mac to display.

The School Councillors would like to ask parents to take notice of the banner and switch off their engines, not just outside of school but whenever they are idling, to support cleaner air around our local area. Please show your support for our young people.



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CSA DONATION

A huge THANK YOU to the CSA who have generously donated £2,500 in to school funds as a result of the recent fundraising activities. This money will be used to support the development of Computing across the school. Thank you to everyone who supports these events ~ we are very grateful.

CSA BAKE SALE ~ Thursday 8th December

You will have received information this week that the CSA are holding their Bake Sale on Thursday 8th December in four locations:

Juniors: Capelvere Walk and Bellmount Wood Ave entrance

Infants: Outside the Oak Room and Bellmount Wood Ave entrance

Please see the attached flyer for more information about donations.

CHANGE TO THE TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY CONSULTATION

In the Spring 2022, the Government released a 'White paper' detailing how changes were to be made to certain aspects of school to build stronger schools. Part of this paper was to ensure that all schools delivered a longer week. From September 2023 there is a minimum expectation that all schools will have a 32.5 hour week. To ensure we meet this statutory expectation myself and Miss Sherry (Junior school) and both Governing Boards have been in consultation to ensure the changes taking place are workable for both schools and parents.

The proposal is:

Cassiobury Infant School- 8.45am – 3.15pm (school ends)

Cassiobury Junior School- 8.50am – 3.20pm (school ends)

Whilst the changes are small, both schools have worked together to reduce the gap between the two school's hours but considering parents collecting from both schools.

Please take a few moments to complete the following consultation survey to share your thoughts on what has been proposed: [School Timings Consultation](#)

REMINDER ~ CHRISTMAS NATIVITY AT ST LUKE'S NEXT WEEK

Children can dress up as a character from the Nativity story but this is entirely optional; they can wear their school uniform as usual.

If children choose to dress up please ensure that costumes are warm and sensible enough to suit the cold weather and be suitable to wear all day at school. We request that no wings or long dresses are worn as the children will be walking to and from church in costume in the morning and this will present a health and safety risk. As usual children must wear their school coats and school shoes.

Parents are welcome to join us at the service. It starts at 9.30am and will last for approximately an hour. St Luke's have politely requested that those attending the services do not arrive before the time stated below.

Year group	Date	Arrival time at St Luke's (parents)	Service begins
RECEPTION	Wednesday 7 th December	9:15am	9:30am
Year 2	Wednesday 7 th December	10:35am	10:45am
Year 1	Thursday 8 th December	10:30am	10:45am

ENERGY CRISIS

The ongoing energy crisis has had a negative impact on the financial welfare of families across the country. Xtra Time Kidz Club are supporting families by offering **free**:

- Perishable and non-perishable food
- Toiletries
- Toys

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- Gifts and so much more

This support is for EVERYONE - they want to help as many people as possible! If you need support or If you know anybody else who does, please contact:

admin@xtratime.co.uk or 07746945903

Full discretion guaranteed

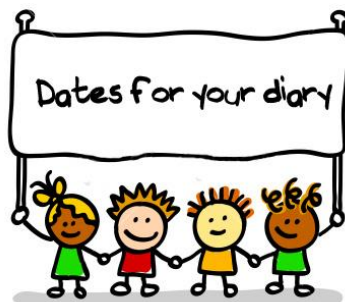
ATTACHED FLYERS:

1. CSA Cake Sale

Have a lovely weekend.

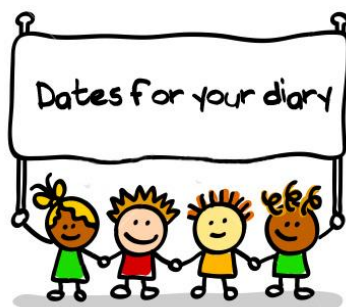
With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2022

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Tue 6 December	Nursery ~ Winter Wonderland	Activity Room	9.15am
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	10:45am
Thu 8 December	CSA Bake Sale	Oak room/playground	3.10pm
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	School 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	School 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	School 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	School 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		



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 These dates are the same as the junior school.

AUTUMN 2022

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