



Newsletter 15

13 January 2023

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all; I hope you had a lovely holiday. It was lovely to see the children back at school and excited about the learning ahead; it is going to be a busy term!

There is quite a lot of information in this week's newsletter so please have a good read.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year. We are only slightly below our target this week, it would be great to get back up to 96%!

This week	95.54%
Week beg 12 December	92.66%
Best week to date	Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ 97.5%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 9 January:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			96.7%
FOX	92.4%		
BADGER	92.7%		
ROBIN			99%
KINGFISHER			100%
HEDGEHOG		95.2%	
WOODPECKER	91.7%		
RABBIT			96.4%
OWL			96%
SQUIRREL		95.7%	

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.

This week 12 December 2022	289 = 4 hours and 49 minutes
Last week 12 December 2022	639 minutes = 10 hours and 39 minutes



Great improvement in our punctuality this week ~ thank you for your support.

GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Cleo</i>	<i>Owl Class</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>	<i>Shayo</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>
<i>Hassan</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Saskia</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Kira</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>
<i>Kayla</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Maya-India</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Louis K</i>	<i>Owl Class</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Chloe</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Lara</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Hamza</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>Amara</i>	<i>Badger</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2</i>
<i>Maya</i>	<i>Badger</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2</i>
<i>Jack</i>	<i>Kingfisher</i>	<i>Raising £245 for bone cancer charity through running</i>
<i>Nissi-Marie</i>	<i>Owl</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 1</i>
<i>Anousha</i>	<i>Robin</i>	<i>Dolphina Gymnastics ~ Level 8</i>
<i>Rishi</i>	<i>Woodpecker</i>	<i>Playing the dhol (Indian drum) in London's New Year's Day Parade</i>
<i>Sophia</i>	<i>Hedgehog</i>	<i>Gymnastics ~ Level 6</i>

PHONE FREE FRIDAY

This week we had 1 response to the question of the week ~ I am still puzzling the answer.

Please take the opportunity to share the question of the week with your child and discuss the answer. We have a different question in assembly every day and the children are always very enthusiastic about sharing and are always able to answer in full sentences.

Favourite Answer			
Question	Answer	Pupil	Class
<i>Can you describe colours without mentioning their names?</i>	<i>'This is round and small'</i>	<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Hedgehog</i>

This week's question is:

If you could invent something, what would it be?

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

RECEPTION AND JUNIOR SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2023/24

A reminder that all applications for Reception and year 3 class intake for September 2023 must be completed by the 15th January 2023 (this Sunday!).

If you are in our nursery, in Year 2 or have a sibling in our school or the junior school and have not yet applied please do so via the County website. Here is the link: [School 2023 Applications](#)

WINTER SAFETY TIPS

With the threat of some colder weather before the winter is out and freezing conditions, please have a read of the attached flyer about keeping children safe around frozen water.

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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 2 were:

TROPHY	PUPIL	CLASS
Resilience ~ Tortoise 	Cleo	Owl
Reflective ~ Chameleon 	Reeva	Hedgehog
Resourceful ~ Spider 	Nakshatra	Heron
Team Player ~ Bee 	Aadam	Fox
Behaviour and Manners 	Zak	Woodpecker

ENTRY POINTS IN TO SCHOOL

The pathway at the side of the school by Nursery and Heron class can often become congested. Please remember the main gate at the top by Hedgehog class is open for use and has a wider entry point for parents with buggies.

TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL BY CAR

We encourage families to walk, cycle or scoot as much as possible to keep our roads clear and congestion free. However, if you do need to travel to school by car please remember the following:

- Turn off your engine while waiting to keep the air clean for our children
- Be respectful of our neighbours and keep their driveways clear and accessible at all times
- Do not park on the double yellow lines or zig zags
- Park a couple of streets away and make the remainder of the journey on foot
- Obey the speed limit on all surrounding roads on the approach to school and on the estate

Also, just a reminder about the 'unofficial one-way system' for Bellmount Wood Avenue. Please enter at the junior school end and exit out on to Cassiobury Drive (by the vets).

PARKING IN SUN SPORTS OR THE BOWLS CLUB IS NOT PERMITTED.

REFUND FOR THE PANTO

Thank you very much for your patience regarding the refunds for the pantomime performance which was sadly cancelled by Watford Palace on 14th December. We have had an assurance by Watford Palace that the ticket money will be refunded to the school. As soon as that refund happens we will initiate our individual refunding process via the schoolgateway.

Some parents have very kindly emailed to say that they are happy for their payment to be donated to school funds which was unexpected and very much appreciated. To that end please could you complete the online survey below so that we have an audit record of any instruction for the ticket monies to be transferred to our school fund account rather than refunding it: [Pantomime Refund](#)

HEALTH UP DATE FROM HCC

From Geraldine Bruce, Head of Health Protection, Hertfordshire Public Health.

As children return to schools and childcare settings, we expect to see many more cases of flu, COVID-19 and other infections that affect children's breathing (known as 'respiratory infections'). There also continue to be high numbers of scarlet fever cases, which can spread quickly, but can be easily treated with antibiotics.

To help us through this term, the attached leaflet has five simple steps we can take to protect children, minimise the spread of illness in schools and childcare settings and protect others.

1. Stay home if unwell. Infections can spread quickly in schools and other childcare settings. If your child is unwell and has a fever they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and their fever has gone. Adults should try to stay home when unwell and consider wearing a face covering to protect others if you do have to go out. Don't visit people in hospitals or care homes if you have a fever, a cold or symptoms of a stomach upset.
2. Keep hands clean. It is important to help children understand that keeping hands clean can stop bugs from spreading. Help your child wash their hands regularly at home with soap and warm water. More information here: [How to wash your hands](#)
3. Catch coughs and sneezes. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is a simple way to help stop illness from spreading. Keeping rooms well ventilated will also help prevent the spread of winter illness.
4. Get vaccinated if you're eligible. Now is a good time to check you and your family's vaccinations are all up to date. If you are unsure your child has had all their routine vaccinations, you can check their personal health record (Red Book) or ask your GP. And it's not too late to get the free NHS flu jab or nasal spray this year if anyone in your family is eligible. The NHS will be contacting parents of children who have not yet had their flu immunisation. Flu nasal spray clinics are still taking place in some schools this month, or for children aged 2-3, please contact your GP to arrange an appointment.
5. Be scarlet fever aware. Call your GP for advice if you think your child has scarlet fever. More information about scarlet fever can be found on the NHS website: [Scarlet Fever](#)

Further updates and resources can be found here:

[Healthier Together](#)

DIARY DATES

There has been some amendments to the diary dates below:

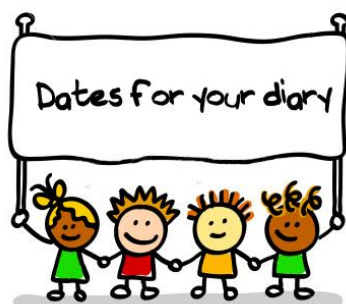
Open afternoon will now be Thursday 16th March
Kidzania Trip for Year 1 and 2 ~ Friday 17th March.

ATTACHED FLYERS:

1. Buzzee Bodies ~ Healthy lifestyle course
2. Winter Safety Tips
3. Health Update from HCC

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



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		
Thu 16 March	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Fri 17 March	Kidzania Trip ~ Year 1 and Year 2		
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		



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SPRING 2023

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