



Newsletter 16

20 January 2023

Dear Parents

One of the great things about working in a school is that the so called 'January Blues' passes us by thanks to our fantastic children! We have had another great week in school with so much learning and laughter taking place. Kung Hei Fat Choy to all our families celebrating Chinese New Year this weekend; we hope you enjoy your celebrations.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

You will be aware from the media that the National Education Union (NEU) will be carrying out Industrial Action on the following dates: 1 February, 1 March, 15 March, 16 March.

There are many different unions that teachers are able to belong to and currently only the above union are taking action. This means that schools in the local area will be affected in different ways depending on who belongs to the NEU, or other unions that decide to take action.

As I write, I am able to say that school will be able to remain open on the above dates. However, should this change I will endeavour to give you as much notice as I am able.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing teachers we have at Cassiobury Infants; they do a fantastic job and I consider myself very privileged to work alongside a fabulous team!

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	96.68%
Week beg 9 January	95.54%
Best week to date	Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ 97.5%



We are back on target!

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 16 January:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			99%
FOX			99%
BADGER	92.7%		
ROBIN			100%
KINGFISHER			99.3%
HEDGEHOG	92.4%		
WOODPECKER			97%
RABBIT			97.9%
OWL			96.7%
SQUIRREL			96%

Well done to **Robin Class**.

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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 20 January	383 = 6 hours and 23 minutes
Last week 13 January 2023	289 = 4 hours and 49 minutes



GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Finlay</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Sebastian</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Kiyansh</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>
<i>Benny</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Amara</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Seth</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Aarav</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>				

PHONE FREE FRIDAY

This week we had 1 response to the question of the week.

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>What one thing do you need an adult for but you would like to try to do all by yourself?</i>	<i>I'd like to ride a motorbike – although maybe I will wait until I am a teenager!</i>	<i>Sophie G</i>	<i>Fox</i>

This week's question is:

If you were a chef ~ what restaurant would you open and what would you serve?

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

PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all parents who completed our 'Annual Parent Survey'; we were very pleased with the outcome which shows a very positive picture of our lovely school. We have noted your areas for development and will endeavour to make the changes that we can.

Please remember that members of the Senior Leadership Team are on duty on the playground both before and after school and we are always happy to hear your feedback and suggestions ~ please come and find us should you need to:

MONDAY	Mrs Cooper and Miss Applegarth
TUESDAY	Miss Applegarth and Mrs Macnish
WEDNESDAY	Miss Applegarth and Mrs Rajani
THURSDAY	Mrs Cooper and Mrs Parker
FRIDAY	Mrs Cooper and Miss Applegarth

TRAVEL SURVEY

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the survey so far ~ we have had a good response. This is a survey across both our schools. The aim is to gain a better understanding of travel to and from school so we can assess where we can support in making the journey to school safer and cleaner for our children.

If you have not had chance to share your views please follow this link: [School Travel Survey](#)

The survey will close on Friday 27th January at 9am.

COFFEE MORNINGS / SHARING ASSEMBLY

We would like to continue with our year group coffee mornings this term and will incorporate them with our sharing assemblies in the hope that more parents will be able to attend. Each time we have our sharing assembly the Oak Room will be open to parents from that year group with refreshments available. Once sharing assembly has finished the parents from that class can join.

The only exception is Nursery parents so we have added in some additional dates.

There are also some dates linked to 'Learning Together Mornings' which is open to all parents.

Please see below the dates for each year group:

DATE	YEAR GROUP COFFEE MORNING	SHARING ASSEMBLY
Friday 27 January	2	HERON
Friday 10 February	2	FOX
Friday 24 February	ALL	
Friday 3 March	1	KINGFISHER
Friday 17 March	Nursery	
Friday 24 March	2	BADGER
Friday 5 May	1	ROBIN
Friday 12 May	1	HEDGEHOG
Friday 19 May	Reception	RABBIT
Friday 26 May	ALL	
Friday 9 June	Nursery	
Friday 16 June	Reception	WOODPECKER
Monday 10 July	Nursery	SQUIRREL
Friday 14 July	Reception	OWL

We hope you will be able to attend some of the sessions.

BOOK AT BEDTIME

As part of our focus on promoting and developing a love of reading at our school, we are very excited to announce that we are re-introducing our **'Book at Bedtime' session on Thursday 2nd February.**

Children are invited to return to school at **4:30pm** with an accompanying adult, to listen to two story sessions.

Parents will stay and listen to the stories with their child; children (and parents) are given the option to wear their pyjamas or bring a teddy bear if they wish! We will serve hot-chocolate and a biscuit in the break for £1; all monies raised will go towards new reading books for school.

The session will run as follows:

4:20pm	Doors open for children and their accompanying adult
4:30pm	Story session 1 (15 mins)
4:45pm	Hot chocolate and biscuit break (bring £1)
5:15pm	Story session 2 (15 mins)
5:30pm	Children and parents go home

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Please note: all children MUST be accompanied by an adult for both story sessions. Parents with siblings who do not want to listen to the same story may arrange for another parent to be responsible for their child.

More information about the story sessions you can choose will follow next week.
We look forward to seeing you!

CUT YOUR CARBON CAMPAIGN – ‘RE-LOVE OUR STUFF’

Cut Your Carbon is a national week of action (6th-10th February) challenging Eco-Committees to raise awareness and cut the carbon footprint of their school. The Cut Your Carbon Campaign connects to 3 areas of everyday life that are having a devastating impact on our planet: clothing, energy-use, and food; at Cassiobury, we have chosen to take part in a ‘Re-Love our Stuff’ project.

The clothing industry is responsible for almost 10% of global carbon emissions; it's time we changed our fashion habits and learned to Re-Love our Stuff!

We will be holding a pop-up second-hand clothes shop
in the Oak Room on **Thursday 9th February (8:30am & 3pm)**.
All items 50p each!

Please bring any donations of clean second-hand clothing (child or adult) to your child’s classroom between **Mon 6th-Wed 8th Feb**. Then come along to our pop-up shop on Thursday 9th Feb to grab yourself some “new” re-loved clothes!

CSA PLANNING MEETING

The CSA will be meeting on Friday 27th January, at 2:15pm in the Oak Room. We have some events coming up in this school term, such as a Quiz night in February, potential Easter Hampers raffle and our half term Cake Sale, as well plans for events in the summer term. The agenda for the meeting is to plan out arrangements for these events.

Please come along if you can spare some time help with arrangements or at the event. All help is welcome!

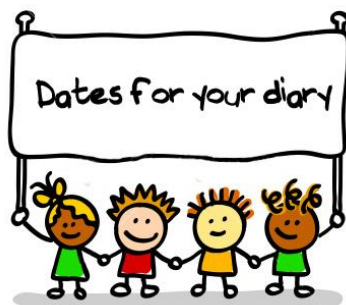
If you are unable to attend the meeting in person but would like to get involved please contact the CSA on info@cassioburycsa.org

ATTACHED FLYERS:

1. Parent Survey Results
2. Herts Buzzee Bodies January Newsletter
3. Public Health Nursing Team Newsletter

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Spring term 2023

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
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	4:30-5:30pm
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		



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2022/23**

These dates are the same as the junior school.

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