



Newsletter 18

03 February 2023

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our 'Book at Bedtime' event; we were delighted to see so many of you. Thank you for your generous support and donations, we have raised an amazing £189.50 all of which will go to buying reading books and books for our school library. Thank you to all the staff for their support with reading stories or catering!

### 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	<b>93.51%</b>
Week beg 23 January	<b>93.52%</b>
Best week to date	Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ <b>97.5%</b>



### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 30 January:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON	<b>94.7%</b>		
FOX	<b>89.3%</b>		
BADGER	<b>81.3%</b>		
ROBIN			<b>97%</b>
KINGFISHER			<b>96%</b>
HEDGEHOG	<b>93.5%</b>		
WOODPECKER			<b>98%</b>
RABBIT			<b>100%</b>
OWL			<b>97%</b>
SQUIRREL	<b>89.4%</b>		

Well done to **Rabbit 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 03 February</b>	<b>216 = 3 hours and 36 minutes</b>
<b>Last week 27 January</b>	<b>252 = 4 hours and 12 minutes</b>



## GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Sahin</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Finlay</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Ileyla</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Noor</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Elsa</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Hossein</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Lara</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Vilte</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Anousha</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>
<i>Shayo</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Ava</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Myla</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>
<i>Aydin</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Sienna</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Zacky</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>
<i>Ada</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>Akyra</i>	<i>Robin</i>	<i>Dolphina Gymnastics Award ~ level 6</i>
<i>Kayla</i>	<i>Robin</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2</i>
<i>Rufus</i>	<i>Kingfisher</i>	<i>Piano Prep Course ~ Level B</i> <i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2</i>
<i>Anaya</i>	<i>Woodpecker</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 1</i>

## PHONE FREE FRIDAY

This week we had 7 responses 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.

<b>Favourite Answer</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Pupil</b>	<b>Class</b>
<i>Would you rather play outside in the rain or the snow? Why?</i>	<i>I would play in the snow so that I can make a snow cat, snow polar bear and a snow lion.</i>	<i>Rishi</i>	<i>Woodpecker</i>

This week's question is:

**If you could swap places with anyone for a day, who would it be and why?**

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

## CUT YOUR CARBON CAMPAIGN - Reminder

We will be holding a pop-up second hand clothes sale on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February in the Oak Room (8:30am & 3pm) in support of the [Cut Your Carbon Campaign](#). Please drop-off any clean clothing donations to your child's classroom Mon 6<sup>th</sup> - Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Visit the sale on Thursday to grab yourself a bargain...all items are 50p each!

## NURSERY APPLICATIONS

A reminder that the closing date for Nursery applications is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. For more information please follow this link: [Nursery Admissions](#)

## **ESAFETY NEWSLETTER**

Please take a few moments to read through the attached safety newsletter from Herts for Learning Education. There are links to some story books called 'Jessie and Friends' which cover different areas of online safety and it is important you talk about this with your child.

It is 'Safer Internet Day' on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and we will be reminding the children how to stay safe.

Access to online safety websites are available on our website: [Esafety](#)

## **PANTOMIME REFUNDS**

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated their pantomime refund to school funds; there was an amazing grand total of £768! All donations are being used to improve the playground equipment for the children to use at lunchtimes; orders are being placed in the next week and we will update you with the equipment in action when it is delivered.

## **COUNTRY OF THE MONTH**

Each month in assembly we learn about a different country to develop the children's understanding of our school's diversity. The countries are selected based on the children's and staff members' heritage. The children get to guess 'where in the world' the famous landmark picture is and then learn key facts about this country. To develop and enhance this further we would like to share the information with parents so that this can be further discussed at home. Please find attached a Knowledge Organiser which features this month's country of Italy. Each month I will send out the new country and information.

## **CLASS WHATSAPP GROUPS**

Please be mindful of what is posted on the class WhatsApp group. If you have a complaint about the school please be reminded that we have a complaints procedure in place; class teacher in the first instance and if unresolved then myself or a member of our SLT. WhatsApp groups are not managed or monitored by the school but I am becoming increasingly aware of the distress some comments posted are causing parents.

I have attached our social media flyer which was devised by our Parent Reps.

Thank you for support in maintaining a positive school community network.

## **KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS**

This half term's knowledge organisers have been sent ~ we hope you enjoy revising what the children have learnt so far this term.

## **CSA QUIZ NIGHT**

Always a successful and popular event! Please see the attached flyer to secure your place.

Please note this event is being held at the Junior School.

## **THINKING DAY / FOUNDERS DAY ~ Wednesday 22 February 2023**

On Wednesday 22 February 2023 we are inviting all members of the Guiding & Scouting organisations (Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts) to wear their uniform to school. This is the joint birthday of both Lady and Lord Baden-Powell who were the founder members of the Guide & Scout organisations. There will be time in class for children to share their experiences and talk about their uniform; a great opportunity for the children to tell everybody about the fun they have and a way to show the wider community that Guiding and Scouting is relevant to young people today.

## **LOCAL SCOUTING GROUP INFORMATION**

Squirrels – 4 to 6 years [Squirrel Scouts / Scouts](#)

A local scouting organisation has started opening a new provision for four to six year olds called Squirrels, to help young people gain skills for life at a time when it matters most and where it's most needed. Sessions will be packed with outdoors activities, fun, games, badges, laughter, and so much more to help our youngest members learn the skills they need for life. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact our Cubs leaders for more information [csl61ws@talktalk.net](mailto:csl61ws@talktalk.net)

## Squirrel Leader

In addition if anyone is interested in becoming a Squirrels leader to plan to deliver such an inspiring programme supported by our current beavers leader. Please contact [cs161ws@talktalk.net](mailto:cs161ws@talktalk.net)

## WORLD BOOK DAY ~ Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day. We would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite character.

## REMINDERS

### HERTS MIND NETWORK PRESENTATION AT CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

Cassiobury Junior School will be hosting a presentation by Herts Mind Network on the subject of Children's Mental Health for parents and carers.

It will be on Monday 27th February from 6pm to 6.45pm in the Junior School Hall with a 15 minute Q&A session thereafter.

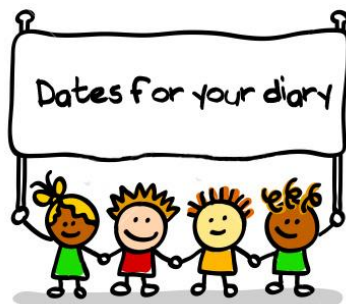
To book a place at this event, please visit the following link: [Herts Mind at Cassiobury Junior School](#)

Attached Flyers:

1. CSA Quiz Night
2. Online Safety Newsletter
3. Social Media Guidelines
4. Knowledge Organiser ~ Italy

With best wishes

**Charlotte Cooper**  
**Headteacher**



## Spring term 2023

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
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

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Thu 23 March	EYFS parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Fri 24 March	Badger Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wk Beg 27 March	Well Being Week		
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