



Newsletter 19

10 February 2023

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed another amazing half term at school ~ the weeks are flashing by at an alarming rate and we find ourselves at the half way point of the school year! Who knows what exciting things lie ahead...

Thank you to Fox Class for a very enjoyable sharing assembly ~ you are all superstars!

I wish you all a relaxing and peaceful half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 20th February.

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	93.68%
Week beg 30 January	93.51%
Best week to date	Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ 97.5%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 06 February:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON		95.7%	
FOX			98%
BADGER		95.7%	
ROBIN	94.3%		
KINGFISHER	94%		
HEDGEHOG	90%		
WOODPECKER	92%		
RABBIT		95.3%	
OWL	94.7%		
SQUIRREL	88%		

Well done to **Fox 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 10 February	281 = 4 hours and 41 minutes
Last week 03 February	216 = 3 hours and 36 minutes



GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Nadia</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Waniah</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Louis</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>
<i>Sahin</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Alexa</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Maya-India</i>	<i>Heron 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>Eren</i>	<i>Fox</i>	<i>Leavesden Park Run ~ 6th place in age group</i>
<i>Audrey</i>	<i>Hedgehog</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2</i>
<i>Andrea</i>	<i>Hedgehog</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2</i>
<i>Akyra</i>	<i>Robin</i>	<i>Giggling Panda Chinese ~ Level 3</i>
<i>Rajan</i>	<i>Hedgehog</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2</i>
<i>Reeva</i>	<i>Hedgehog</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2</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>If you could swap places with anyone for a day, who would it be and why?</i>	<i>I would swap with Eloise because she's my best friend and Amelia.</i>	<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Hedgehog</i>

This week's question is:

If you could only eat one thing every day forever, what would it be and why?

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

GOVERNING BOARD UPDATE

The Governing Board Committees met for the second time this academic year on Monday 6th February.

During the meeting we covered the following:

- The kindly parents who donated the 'panto' money back to the school despite the trip being cancelled. We thank you for that kind gesture, and the money has been used to purchase additional playground equipment. In addition to this, through Sports Premium, two new sheds on order and have spent some money on new basketball hoops, space hoppers and replaced the old scooters with new more robust ones. Extra gym equipment has also been ordered.
- Health and Safety reports were received.
- Discussion about the school budget with reference to benchmarking spending with other schools.
- Attendance in the school continues to be sound, but marginally below our 96% target. Similarly, the % of lateness is fairly small, but we can always do better in both of these areas.
- The current provision for teaching and learning within the school and the curriculum that is being delivered; the assessment group reported on attainment and progress of pupils.

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- A number of linked Governor visits took place over the past quarter. These covered Maths, Discovery Topics, Computing and PE to name but a few. Overall, the Governors were very pleased with what they learnt; a good deal of engagement by the pupils, enthusiasm to learn, different strategies to support pupils with differing abilities and the good parental support. There was also good evidence of "pupil voice" where children could express what they have learned and good displays of work on internal walls.
- Looking forward to September 2023, we see good interest from local parents/children who wish to send their children to CINS from the new summer term.
- Finally, thank you to the parents who completed the parents' survey. This information is useful and is reviewed internally, with feedback provided accordingly.

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 Spring 1 are:

TROPHY	PUPIL	CLASS
Resilience ~ Tortoise 	Sophia	Kingfisher
Reflective ~ Chameleon 	Hayder	Robin
Resourceful ~ Spider 	Byron	Badger
Team Player ~ Bee 	Charlotte	Rabbit
Behaviour and Manners 	Leo	Robin

ESAFETY DAY

This took place on Tuesday 8th February and the children had access to information about keeping safe online. If you have not had chance to talk to your child about esafety yet please take a few moments to; this link takes you to some relevant stories using Digiduck: [Digiduck Stories](#)

The following link takes you to specific year group resources: [Smartie the Penguin](#)

Other sources of information are included on our esafety page on our website: [Cassiobury Infants Esafety Page](#)

CUT YOUR CARBON CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everybody that supported our pop-up clothes shop on Thursday as part of the Eco-Council's 'Cut Your Carbon' Campaign. We are really grateful to everyone that generously donated clothing, and also to those that came along and grabbed themselves a bargain. Thank you also goes to the teachers and two parent-reps who helped set up the sale and organise all of the clothes and shoes to be sold, as well as manning the actual sale itself. We raised a fantastic £96.30 which will be used to develop sustainability within our school.

The original aim of this project was to divert clothing away from landfill, and to cut carbon emissions by 're-loving our stuff'. I have since been approached by a parent organising clothing to be sent to the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal and believe that this would be an excellent way for us to help as many children and families as possible by sending on the coats, shoes and clothes that we didn't sell.

DEC COLLECTION FOR TURKEY-SYRIA

Thank you to all who have donated so far, we have raised a staggering £887.97.

If you have not yet made a donation and would like to we are keeping the donation portal open on the gateway over half term. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

We have planned a joint 'invac' practise where both schools practise coming in from the playground during a playtime in the event of an emergency in the local area.

We have looked at the results of the joint survey on school timings and will be sharing this information with each of the schools' Governing Boards. In addition we have planned a meeting next half term when teachers from both schools will meet to discuss our 'Two Schools' event to celebrate the King's Coronation as well as a joint art project...watch this space!

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

SMART WATCHES AND FIT BITS

Please ensure that the children are not wearing smart watches or fit bits in school; whilst an amazing piece of technology they are creating a distraction during lessons. We encourage the children to wear a simple analogue watch instead to develop time telling.

CLUBS

A reminder that you can sign up for Spring 2 Clubs via our website: [Club Information](#)

REMINDERS

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. This is 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.

NURSERY APPLICATIONS

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

HERTS MIND NETWORK PRESENTATION AT CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

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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](https://www.hertsmind.org.uk/cassiobury-junior-school)

WORLD BOOK DAY ~ Thursday 2nd March

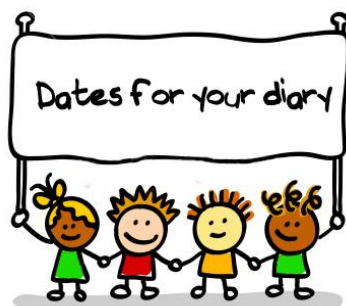
On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. We would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite character.

Attached Flyers:

1. South West Herts Partnership ~ what's on
2. South West Herts Partnership ~ parent events
3. South West Herts Partnership ~ cost of living support
4. Buzzee Bodies ~ February Newsletter

With best wishes for a lovely half term

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Spring term 2023

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
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
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		

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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

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