



Newsletter 21

03 March 2023

Dear Parents

Welcome to March, it should be that spring has sprung but the weather is still very much wintery! There is an important note below detailing our 'snow' procedures.

The children loved World Book Day and I have enjoyed seeing all the amazing costumes on Twitter as sadly I was not in school due to training. I think it is the first World Book Day I have missed in my entire career...I won't tell you how many years!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

This week	95.46%
Week beg 20 February	92.84%
Best week to date	Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ 97.5%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 27 February:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON		95%	
FOX			97.8%
BADGER			99.3%
ROBIN			97.7%
KINGFISHER	92.2%		
HEDGEHOG	92.2%		
WOODPECKER			98.3%
RABBIT			98.3%
OWL		95.7%	
SQUIRREL	88.6%		

Well done to **Badger 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 03 March	212 = 3 hours and 32 minutes
Last week 24 February	233 = 3 hours and 53 minutes



GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Cora</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Chloe</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Lara</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Byron</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Seth</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Conrad</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>Benny</i>	<i>Badger</i>	<i>Gymnastics Proficiency Award ~ Level 3</i>
<i>Daisy</i>	<i>Heron</i>	<i>Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing ~ Honours in Disco Freestyle</i>
<i>Amara</i>	<i>Badger</i>	<i>Ice Skating ~ Grade 1</i>
<i>Maya</i>	<i>Badger</i>	<i>Ice Skating ~ Grade 1</i>

PHONE FREE FRIDAY

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>Would you rather have a tall neck like a giraffe or a long nose like an elephant? Why?</i>	<i>I would have a long neck like a Giraffe so I could see everything including the planets</i>	<i>Zakariya</i>	<i>Woodpecker</i>

This week's question is:

If you wanted to make everyone on the planet smile, how would you do it?

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

READING & WORLD BOOK DAY

What a busy book-filled week it has been! Thank you to everybody that supported our school book fair in the Oak Room, 100% of any funds raised will go directly to school to purchase new reading books and books for our revamped library... we will let you know how much we raised and what it was spent on once we have a total.

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day with a whole school assembly about our favourite stories - the children looked amazing in their character costumes, as did the staff who joined in too! Your child should have brought a World Book Day token home in their book-bag (on Thursday) which can be used in exchange for a free book from a selected list at your local bookstore or branch of WHS. Further information and a list of the available books can be found on this website: [World Book Day Token](#)

STEM FOCUS WEEK

The STEM Focus Team are in the final throws of organising our upcoming focus week which will be held 13th-17th March. It's going to be a very busy week with lots going on, so more details will follow in a letter next week - but just to give you advance warning, we are holding a **dress up day** on Monday 13th March: to launch our STEM Focus week the children are invited to come to school dressed as a bug or insect!

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LIBRARY COMPETITION - CHANCE TO MEET AN AWARDWINNING AUTHOR!

Award-winning author Claire Alexander will be visiting our school on Monday 24th April to talk to the children about her new book *The Think-Ups!* Whilst she is in school, she will also be opening our newly revamped school library.

We are running a competition for **2 lucky children from each class plus their adult** to attend the library opening and meet Claire Alexander. The competition is open to all year groups in school; to enter use the **attached form**:

- draw a picture of your favourite book or story character
- explain why you love to read
- think of a question that you would ask Claire Alexander if you could meet her

Closing date for entries: **WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL**. Winners will be announced in the school newsletter Fri 21st April.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure you keep the office informed of any changes to your telephone number and / or address. If there has been a change, please can you email the school office team so records can be updated on our system:

admin@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk

This forms part of our safeguarding procedures and we appreciate your continued co-operation.

COUNTRY OF THE MONTH

This month we are focussing on the country of India. Please see attached a knowledge organiser to support discussion at home.

SNOW UPDATE

There are 'rumours' that we are set for some snow next week so I thought this would be a good time to remind everyone of our procedures.

1. Should there be significant snowfall which makes travelling difficult for staff and parents, school will be closed. Parents will be notified as soon as possible via a 'Schoolcomms' email.
2. Should there be a light snowfall, we may operate a 'soft' open and close. Parents will be notified as soon as possible via a 'Schoolcomms' email.

As this is an unpredictable event we will need to make the decision based on the circumstances at the time.

Fingers crossed it passes us by and sends the sun instead!

MODESHIFT STARS

Modeshift STARS is the Centre of Excellence for the delivery of effective Travel Plans in the Education Setting. The scheme recognises schools that have shown excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. There are 4 levels of award that can be achieved: Green, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

I am delighted to announce that we have achieved our GREEN level status ~ thank you for your support.

Watch this space as we are now focussed on achieving Bronze!

REMINDERS

EARLY WARNING CORONATION EVENT ~ 5th May

On Friday 5th May we will be holding a joint event with the Junior School to celebrate the King's coronation. We are still finalising plans across the two schools and will update you as soon as possible; for now save the date in your diary.

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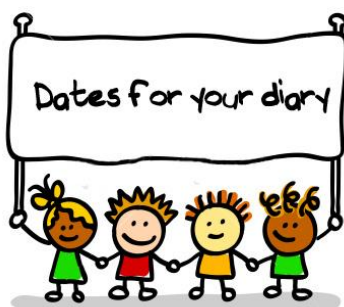
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Attached Flyers:

1. Learn to Balance and Ride Course
2. Knowledge Organiser ~ India
3. Library Competition Entry Form

With best wishes for a lovely weekend

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Spring term 2023

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Mon 13 March	STEM Focus Dress Up Day ~ bug or an insect!		
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		

SUMMER TERM 2023

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Fri 21 April	No Screen Day / Litter Pick		
Fri 28 April	International Dance Day		
Mon 1 May	BANK HOLIDAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED		
Fri 5 May	Robin Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 5 May	Year 1 Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Fri 5 May	Coronation Event	TBC	TBC
Mon 8 May	BANK HOLIDAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED		
Thu 11 May	CLASS PHOTOS		
Fri 12 May	Pyjamarama Day ~ come dresses in your PJs		
Fri 12 May	Hedgehog Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am

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Fri 12 May	Year 1 Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Wk beg 15 May	Well-being week		
Wk beg 15 May	Walk to School Week		
Fri 19 May	Rabbit Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 19 May	Reception Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Fri 19 May	Outdoor Learning Day		
Mon 22 May	Heritage Day		
Wed 24 May	Reception Class visit to St Luke's		
Fri 26 May	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Fri 26 May	Coffee Morning for all	Oak Room	From 9am
Mon 5 Jun	Environment Day		
Fri 9 Jun	Nursery Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Fri 16 Jun	Woodpecker Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 16 Jun	Reception Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Wk beg 19 Jun	Creative Focus Week		
Wed 21 Jun	World Music Day		
Fri 23 Jun	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Fri 30 Jun	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS		
Wed 5 Jul	New to Reception Parents Meeting	Hall	9:15am
Thu 6 Jul	New to Nursery Parents Meeting	Hall	9:15am (TBC)
Wed 5 Jul	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Thu 6 Jul	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Fri 7 Jul	Sports Day ~ joint event with the Junior School		
Mon 10 Jul	Squirrel Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 10 Jul	Nursery Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Mon 10 Jul	EYFS Reports to parents		
Thu 13 Jul	Transition Day 1	Classrooms	N/A
Fri 14 Jul	Owl Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 17 Jul	Transition Day 2	Classrooms	N/A
Tue 18 Jul	Y2 Performance	School Hall	9:15am
Wed 19 Jul	Y2 Performance	School Hall	2pm
Thu 20 Jul	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Fri 21 Jul	Wear Purple Day		
Fri 21 Jul	Summer 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

Thursday 30 March
Friday 31 March

Spring term end for Nursery ~ usual school timings
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