



Newsletter 22

10 March 2023

Dear Parents

What a week for weather; I thought we had seen the last of the snow and I am thankful that it has not settled! Next week is our STEM focus week and I know that there are some great activities planned for the children so keep an eye out for the Tweets!

Sending very best wishes to all our families who celebrated Holi or Purim this week; we hope you enjoyed your celebrations.

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	94.45%
Week beg 27 February	95.46%
Best week to date	Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ 97.5%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 6 March:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON		95%	
FOX			96%
BADGER			97%
ROBIN	88.3%		
KINGFISHER		95.2%	
HEDGEHOG	90.7%		
WOODPECKER		95.3%	
RABBIT			98.2%
OWL			98.6%
SQUIRREL	90.7%		

Well done to **Owl 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 March	281 = 4 hours and 41 minutes
Last week 03 March	212 = 3 hours and 32 minutes



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
Kyle	Heron	West Essex Golf Club Competition ~ 2 nd place

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; 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 wanted to make everyone on the planet smile, how would you do it?</i>	<i>Wave a magic wand, tell jokes, give everyone a tickle and then say nice things to make people feel good about themselves.</i>	<i>Sadie Hope</i>	<i>Fox Woodpecker</i>

This week's question is:

What would life be like if no one had a phone?

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

STEM FOCUS WEEK

This is taking place next week; a couple of reminders ~

Dress up day on Monday 13th March ~ come to school dressed as a bug or insect!

Open afternoon on Thursday 16th March from 2:45pm

Kidzania Trip on Friday 17th March (KS1 only)

TRAFFIC CALMING ON BELLMOUNT WOOD AVENUE

Following the traffic survey conducted recently, Miss Sherry (Junior School Headteacher) has met with the local councillor this week. They discussed what options were possible for calming school traffic. It seems that bollards are not financially viable to keep the pavement area 'car free' but, if the local residents are supportive, there is a possibility that our two local councillors might achieve a formal one-way system for Bellmount Wood Avenue. They are keen to hear feedback on this. If you have any comments to make on this specific initiative, please email the to the school office admin@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk with the subject line FOA LOCAL COUNCILLORS.

PARKING DISRUPTION ~ Friday 17th March 2023

On Friday 17th March 2023 KS1 children are travelling to Kidzania in London. To ensure a smooth and prompt departure from school please could I ask all parents to NOT park on Bellmount Wood Ave on this day. This will ensure the coaches have plenty of space to manoeuvre. Thank you for your co-operation.

RED NOSE DAY ~ Thursday 16th March 2023

Red Nose Day this year falls on Fri 17th March - the day of our Kidzania Trip, so instead we have planned to celebrate in school on **Thursday the 16th** so that all children can take part. The children may come to school in their own clothes / fancy dress. If you wish to make a donation to the charity, we will be collecting cash on the classroom door, or alternatively you may prefer to make a Gateway payment.

SUMMER TERM CLUBS

Information about our Summer Term extra curricular clubs is now available on our website; places are limited so please sign up as soon as possible: [Summer Term Clubs 2023](#)
Angie's Tennis Club has a deadline of 22nd March for sign up!

WASTE WEEK

We supported 'Waste Week' in school with a number of events. On Tuesday Romy from Veolia came in to talk to the children about food waste, and what we can all do to try and reduce the amount of food that we throw away. Then on Thursday, we held a Toy Swap for the children to donate toys that they no longer played with; they were then able to choose a new 'pre-loved' toy to take home with them. All the children that took part seemed very happy and excited to play with their new toy!

ANNUAL GOVERNOR DAY ~ Monday 20th March 2023

On Monday 20th March Governors will be in school to participate in learning with the children, to speak to children about their school and to meet with staff about school development.
Governors will be available on the playground to speak with parents at both drop off and pick up.

REMINDERS

LIBRARY COMPETITION - CHANCE TO MEET AN AWARD-WINNING 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

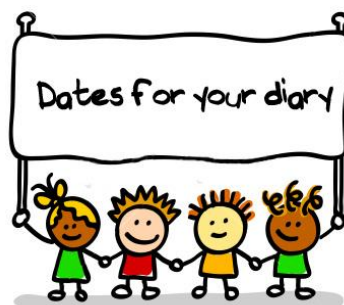
Closing date for entries: **WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL**. Winners will be announced in the school newsletter Fri 21st April.

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.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Spring term 2023

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Wk beg 13 March	STEM Focus Week		
Mon 13 March	STEM Focus Dress Up Day ~ bug or an insect!		
Tue 14 March	World Maths Day		
Thu 16 March	Red Nose 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	Wellbeing 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
Fri 12 May	Year 1 Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Wk beg 15 May	Wellbeing 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	Hall	9:15am

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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	Spring term end for Nursery ~ usual school timings
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
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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