



Newsletter 9

10 November 2023

Dear Parents

Another busy week in school and another busy week ahead; there are a few events the children will be involved in next week so please make a note from the information below.

Wishing all our families 'A Happy Diwali' ~ we hope you have wonderful celebrations with your family and friends.

Don't forget to do your 40 Things Challenge for this term ~ we have one pupil completed so far and I am sure we can have more!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at 96% attendance throughout the year.

This week	94.53%
Week beg 30 October	94.1%
Best week to date	Week beginning 09 October ~ 98.65%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 06 November:

RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
Squirrel Owl Rabbit Kingfisher Badger	Fox	Woodpecker Hedgehog Robin Heron

Well done to Woodpecker Class who had the highest attendance this week.

HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

This week: 06 November	147 minutes = 2 hours and 27 minutes
Last week: 30 October	231 minutes = 3 hours and 51 minutes



GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Sebastian</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Isabelle</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Rufus</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Anaiya</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Dylan</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Clodagh</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Miles</i>	<i>Kingfisher 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
Akyra	Fox	Wallace Half Term Chess Camp ~ 2 nd Place

40 THINGS BINGO!

Well done to the following child who has achieved this half term challenge of all 4 in a row!

Pupil	Class
Kylan	Heron

WEEKLY WELL-BEING

Each week we will share one idea to promote family wellbeing. Please let us know if you enjoy it and if you have any other ideas that we could share!

This week's wellbeing idea: **Take some photos of the things that make you happy; this could include people or places as well as toys and food!**

LEARNING TOGETHER MORNING

Our first Learning Together Morning will take place next week on Friday 17 November. Please wait outside your child's classroom door and the teachers will open the door once the register has been taken.

Please note there are a few constraints to this event due to health and safety:

- **Only ONE parent per pupil (we do not have space in classrooms for more)**
- **NO younger siblings**

If you have more than one child in the school you can change classrooms part way through the session.

'Cut your Carbon' Month – November 2023

This week in assembly the Eco Council launched a month-long 'Cut Your Carbon' challenge (<https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/cut-your-carbon/>). Taking place throughout November 2023, the campaign challenges young people and their families to **complete nine simple actions that will reduce their carbon footprint**. Cut Your Carbon is a great way to learn more about the carbon emissions connected to everyday actions and how we can reduce them by making small, manageable changes.

Attached to this newsletter is an explanation of the challenges; simply tick off the challenges you achieve and return to school by WEDNESDAY 29th NOVEMBER so that our school results can be uploaded to the 'Cut your Carbon' campaign website and give our school a chance to win prizes as well as help the planet!

1. Make at least one journey more sustainable
2. Go meat-free for a day
3. Have a no food-waste weekend
4. Turn the heating down by 1•
5. Design a flight-free holiday
6. Say 'No' to a new item
7. Donate something you no longer need
8. Substitute 4 baths for 4 showers and limit them to 4 minutes
9. Share carbon-cutting advice

Share any photos of you completing the challenges on Twitter #CassInfEcoCouncil



HELP PAYING FOR CHILDCARE

Following on from the Eliminating Economic Exclusion letter I sent out earlier this week a parent has highlighted to us a support with childcare that may have been missed by parents. It is understood that afterschool club Xtratime can be paid via the government childcare account. Working parents are able to have their contribution "topped up" by the government by 20% if they use a supplier that is included in the list of registered suppliers.

Xtratime is formally registered and therefore included on the list of childcare suppliers that can be paid for in this way. If parents pay via their childcare account, they will therefore receive a 20% discount.

Parents will need to register and create an account. Please follow this link for more information: [Support with childcare costs](#) or [Tax-Free Childcare](#) or [Apply for an account](#)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY COLLECTION

Thank you to all parents who contributed; I will let you know how much we raised as a school once the Royal British Legion have collected and counted!

Today during assembly the whole school observed the 2 minute silence and we remembered the significance of the poppy.

WELLBEING WEEK ~ 13th – 17th November 2023

This is the first Wellbeing Week of the year. During this week we will experience a range of activities related to Antibullying, Healthy Eating, Positive Mental Health and Kindness. Each year group will have a focus story that they will share each day, the children will take part in a Healthy Eating Workshop with A-Life and enjoy a session of Cassiobury Chaos... We are very excited about it and hope you are too!

ODD SOCKS DAY ~ Thursday 16th November

We would love the children to be wearing odd socks on Thursday in support of Anti-Bullying; there is no contribution for this event ~ it is just for fun! Children are expected to still wear their school uniform but with odd socks.

CHILDREN IN NEED ~ Friday 17th November

We will be taking part in this National event again this year. Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for £1. Donations can be made via the classroom door on the day or via the gateway from today. All monies raised will go directly to Children in Need.

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY

Each year the Governors seek the views of parents about our school in our Annual Parent Survey. The information that we gather from the results supports the school in celebrating what we do well and supports us to develop in the future; we appreciate your feedback. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your views. The survey will close at 9am on Monday 20th November. Reminders will be sent before the closing date. Access our survey here: [Annual Parent Survey](#)

I appreciate that parents have recently contributed comments during our Ofsted inspection but I do not see the comments; they are for the inspectors only. I would very much welcome your views (again!), thank you.

REMINDERS

YEAR 2 ONLY ~ JUNIOR SCHOOL APPLICATION

You will have been sent information this week with regard to applying for a place at the junior school. You MUST ensure you complete the online form before the deadline. For more information and to apply follow this link: [Junior School Admissions Application](#)

PARENT PIT STOPS ~ REMINDER

Our parent 'Pit Stops' will take place this term. They are an opportunity to find out more information on how to support your child at home with their learning / information about school. The sessions are planned and delivered by

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school staff. Sessions will take place at 9am after drop off and will last approx. 1 hour; you are welcome to attend all or part of the sessions. Please see details below.

DATE	Time	FOCUS	INFO	TARGET AUDIENCE
Tuesday 21 st November	9am	Maths	How our sessions are delivered in school and how you can support at home. This is a repeat of the session delivered last term Book your place here: Maths Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly parents in Reception and new to the school. Any parent who has not previously attended. Any parent who would like a refresher.
Tuesday 5 th December	9am	Writing	How our sessions are delivered in school and how you can support at home. This is a repeat of the session delivered last term Book your place here: Writing Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly parents in Reception and new to the school. Any parent who has not previously attended. Any parent who would like a refresher.

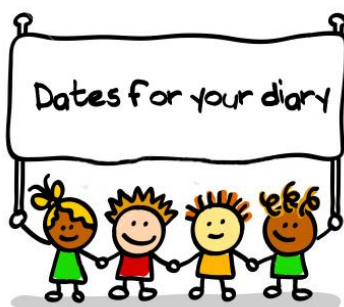
THIS WEEK'S FLYERS:

1. Cut Your Carbon Checklist
2. Xtra Time Community Give Back

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2023

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Wk Beg 13 th Nov		Well-Being Week Nursery Rhyme Week Road Safety Week Maths Week	
Thu 16 th Nov		Wear Odd Socks Day	
Fri 17 th Nov		Children in Need Awareness Day	
Fri 17 th Nov	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Tue 21 st Nov	Maths Parent Pit Stop	Hall	9am
Thu 23 rd Nov		Flu Vaccination Day	

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Mon 27 th Nov	Christmas Jumper Sale	Oak Room	8:30am and 3pm
Tue 28 th Nov	Christmas Jumper Sale	Oak Room	8:30am and 3pm
Thu 30 th Nov	Whole School Trip		
Fri 1 st Dec	SCHOOL CLOSED ~ OCCASIONAL DAY		
Mon 4 th Dec	Deco Day		
Tue 5 th Dec	Writing Parent Pit Stop	Hall	9am
Wed 6 th Dec	Reception ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	9:30am
Wed 6 th Dec	Year 2 ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	10:45am
Thu 7 th Dec	Year 1 ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	9:30am
Fri 15 th Dec	Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day		
Wk Beg 18 th Dec	Christmas Parties Week		
Tue 19 th Dec	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Wed 20 th Dec	Autumn Term ends 1:15pm		

Spring term 2024

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
5 th Jan	INSET Day ~ school closed to pupils		
Fri 26 th Jan	Badger Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 26 th Jan	Coffee Morning (all parents)	Oak Room	9-10am
Wk Beg 29 th Jan	National Story Telling Week		
Wed 31 Jan	Y2 St Luke's Workshops		
Wed 31 st Jan	Book at Bedtime	KS1 Classrooms	4:20-5:30 pm
Tue 6 th Feb	Internet Safety Day		
Fri 9 th Feb	Hedgehog Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wk Beg 12 th Feb	Well-Being Week		
Fri 16 th Feb	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Tue 27 th Feb	World Thinking Day ~ Scout / Brownies Uniform Day		
Wk Beg 4 th Mar	Waste Awareness Week		
Thu 7 th Mar	World Book Day		
Wk Beg 11 th Mar	STEM Focus Week		
Tue 12 th Mar	World Maths Day		
Fri 15 th Mar	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Tue 19 th Mar	World Poetry Day		
Wed 20 th Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Thu 21 st Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Fri 22 nd Mar	Fox Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 25 th Mar	KS1 Annual Report Home to Parents		
Tue 26 th Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 th Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 th Mar	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Thu 28 th Mar	Spring Term ends 1:15pm		

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PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2023/24**
These dates are the same as the junior school.

AUTUMN 2023

Friday 1 December	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 20 th 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



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AUTUMN 2024

Monday 2 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 September	Autumn term starts
Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov	Half term
Friday 29 November	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 20 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

SPRING 2025

Monday 6 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 January	Spring term starts
Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb	Half term
Friday 4 April	Spring term ends 1:15pm

SUMMER 2025

Tuesday 22 April	Summer term starts
Mon 26 May – 30 May	Half term
Friday 18 July	End of summer term 1:15pm
Monday 21 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 23 July	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils