



Newsletter 15

12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to 2024 at Cassiobury; I hope you had a lovely holiday. It was lovely to see the children back at school and excited about the learning ahead; it is going to be a short but busy term!

Our 40 Things Bingo challenge for this half term is underway ~ please see below for more details.

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

This week	<b>93.6%</b>
Week beg 11 December	<b>93.4%</b>
Best week to date	Week beginning 09 October ~ <b>98.65%</b>



### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 8 January:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			<b>99.3%</b>
FOX	<b>93%</b>		
BADGER	<b>92%</b>		
ROBIN	<b>90.7%</b>		
KINGFISHER	<b>91.7%</b>		
HEDGEHOG	<b>94.3%</b>		
WOODPECKER			<b>97.1%</b>
RABBIT			<b>99.3%</b>
OWL	<b>91.6%</b>		
SQUIRREL	<b>88.3%</b>		

Well done to **Rabbit Class** and **Heron Class** who had the highest attendance this week.

### HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

<b>This week: 11 January</b>	<b>378 minutes = 6 hours and 18 minutes</b>
<b>Last week: 11 December</b>	<b>313 minutes = 5 hours and 13 minutes</b>



### 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	London Chess Congress 'Beginner to Winner' Chess Tournament (Under 7s) ~ 1st Place
Tommy	Owl	Learn to Swim ~ Level 2

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### 40 THINGS BINGO!

This half term's challenge is to achieve a FULL VERTICAL LINE. Make use of some of the activities already coloured in and see if you can complete a line of activities from top to bottom!

Once your child has completed a vertical line, email into the school office and their name can be added to the newsletter!

Deadline for achieving a vertical line is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### WEEKLY WELL-BEING

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

This week's well-being idea: **Go on a trip, you could go to the park or walk along the canal, try somewhere you don't go very often!**

### CSA UNIFORM SALE

The CSA will be holding a table top uniform sale on Tuesday 16th January, 2:30pm to 3:45 pm in the Oak Room. Previously loved uniform will be on sale at great prices.

This is a great opportunity to support our sustainability drive and the CSA fundraising. Come early and grab yourself a bargain!

### BOOK AT BEDTIME

As part of our focus on promoting and developing a love of reading at our school, we are very excited to announce that we are holding our **'Book at Bedtime' session on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.**

Children are invited to return to school at **4:20pm** with an accompanying adult, to listen to two story sessions.

Parents will stay and listen to the stories with their child; children (and parents) are given the option to wear their pyjamas or bring a teddy bear if they wish! We will serve hot-chocolate and a biscuit in the break for £1; all monies raised will go towards new reading books for school.

The session will run as follows:

4:20pm	Doors open for children and their accompanying adult
4:30pm	Story session 1 (15 mins)
4:45pm	Hot chocolate and biscuit break (bring £1)
5:15pm	Story session 2 (15 mins)
5:30pm	Children and parents go home

**Please note:** all children MUST be accompanied by an adult for both story sessions. Parents with siblings who do not want to listen to the same story may arrange for another parent to be responsible for their child.

**This is only for Infant School children; junior school children are unable to attend.**

More information about the story sessions you can choose will follow next week.

We look forward to seeing you!

### WEBSITE CALENDAR

We are delighted to announce that the calendar on our website is now working and populated with our school diary dates. This will be updated regularly and a good place to check what is happening each week. The calendar can be found on the home page of our website or by following this link: [School Calendar](#)

### CHILD ILLNESS IN SCHOOL

It is that time of year when we are all coming down with bugs and viruses. It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school. Please have a look at the following information which may be of use: [Is my child too ill for school?](#) and [Back to school advice](#)

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## **WINTER SAFETY TIPS**

With the threat of some colder weather before the winter is out and freezing conditions, please have a read of the attached flyer about keeping children safe around frozen water.

## **PARENT WORKSHOPS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN**

Please find attached the timetable of the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops (January-March 2024). Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered to a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Eventbrite page: [Workshops](#)

## **TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL BY CAR**

We encourage families to walk, cycle otherwise scoot as much as possible to keep our roads clear and congestion free. However, if you do need to travel to school by car please remember the following:

- Turn off your engine while waiting to keep the air clean for our children
- Be respectful of our neighbours and keep their driveways clear and accessible at all times
- Do not park on the double yellow lines or zig zags
- Park a couple of streets away and make the remainder of the journey on foot
- Obey the speed limit on all surrounding roads on the approach to school and on the estate

Also, just a reminder about the 'unofficial one-way system' for Bellmount Wood Avenue. Please enter at the junior school end and exit out on to Cassiobury Drive (by the vets).

## **COUNTRY OF THE MONTH**

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

## **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](#)

## **RECEPTION 2024 PLACES ~ APPLICATION**

If you have a child in our Nursery or another local nursery you will need to apply for a place to join our Reception classes in September 2024. The deadline for applying is 15<sup>th</sup> January. For more information and to apply follow this link: [Reception September 2024 Application](#)

## **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Donations for Christmas Jumper day on 15<sup>th</sup> December totalled £127.15 for the Save The Children charity. Many thanks for your support.

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

Thank you to everyone who supported the British Legion and purchased poppies in November. Our school raised a total of £201.37.

## **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 and a PSHE and Well-Being Trophy for pupils who show kindness and empathy towards others. 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.

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I am delighted to announce that the winners for Autumn 2 are:

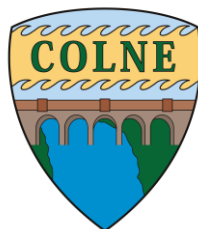
TROPHY	PUPIL	CLASS
	George G	Hedgehog
	Imogen	Fox
	Amba	Fox
	Jaden	Owl
	Freddie	Hedgehog
	Raheem	Robin

### HOUSE POINTS

We have counted up the house points for the end of the autumn term ~ **Well done to CHESS!**



**780**



**700**



**744**

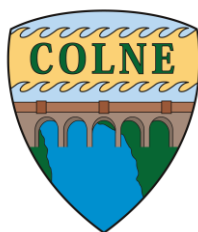


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Overall House Points so far this year ~ **Well done to CHES!**



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**1005**



**1109**



**1081**

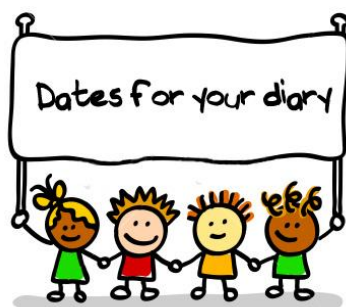
**THIS WEEK'S FLYERS:**

1. Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops (January-March 2024)
2. Delivering Special Provision Locally (DSPL) Newsletter
3. Winter Safety Leaflet
4. Australia knowledge organiser

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

**Charlotte Cooper**  
**Headteacher**



**Spring term 2024**

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Badger Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Coffee Morning (all parents)	Oak Room	9-10am
Wk Beg 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	National Story Telling Week		
Wed 31 Jan	Y2 St Luke's Workshops		
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Book at Bedtime	KS1 Classrooms	4:20-5:30 pm
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Internet Safety Day		
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Hedgehog Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wk Beg 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Well-Being Week		

Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	World Thinking Day ~ Scout / Brownies Uniform Day		
Wk Beg 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Waste Awareness Week		
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day		
Wk Beg 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	STEM Focus Week		
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Maths Day		
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Poetry Day		
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Fox Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	KS1 Annual Report Home to Parents		
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Spring Term ends 1:15pm		



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 These dates are the same as the junior school.

### SPRING 2024

Mon 19 Feb – Fri 23 Feb	Half term
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery end of Spring Term ~ usual time
Thursday 28 March	Spring term ends 1:15pm

### SUMMER 2024

Monday 15 April	Summer term starts
Mon 27 May – 31 May	Half term
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery end of Summer Term ~ usual time
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



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2024/25**  
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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