



Newsletter 17

26th January 2024

Dear Parents

A fairly short newsletter this week! A reminder to email the school office once you have completed your full vertical line in our 40 Things Bingo ~ so far we have only had 3 children completed and I know there must be more. Email your child's name and class to admin@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk

Congratulations to Badger Class for an amazing Class Assembly today; we are all very proud of you!

Our attendance has really improved this week which is fantastic! Thank you for your support.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

This week	95.9%
Week beg 15 January	91.1%
Best week to date	Week beginning 09 October ~ 98.65%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 22 January:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON	94%		
FOX			99.3%
BADGER		95.7%	
ROBIN			97.3%
KINGFISHER			97.3%
HEDGEHOG		95%	
WOODPECKER	90.7%		
RABBIT			97.9%
OWL			98.3%
SQUIRREL	93.4%		

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

HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

This week: 11 January	300 minutes = 5 hours
Last week: 11 December	312 minutes = 5 hours and 12 minutes



GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

Jack	Badger Class	Thieran	Fox Class	Zaid	Fox Class
Ada	Fox Class				

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
Rian	Rabbit	Swim England ~ Duckling 4

40 THINGS BINGO!

This half term's challenge is to achieve a FULL VERTICAL LINE.

Pupil	Class
Zakariya	Kingfisher

Deadline for achieving a vertical line is Friday 16th 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: **Do some extra physical activity this week! 'PE with Joe' lessons are still free online!**

FANCY DRESS CLOTHES AMNESTY ~ SUSTAINABILITY SUPPORT

Fancy dress costumes often have short lifespans. While most are worn only twice, a shocking 2 in 5 are donned just once. This results in an estimated 7 million costumes being discarded annually in the UK, intensifying the environmental concern.

So in a drive to be more sustainable and support families with the cost of living, we are launching a 'Fancy dress clothes amnesty'. We will collect in unwanted fancy dress outfits clothes in from **Monday 5th February**, with a pop-up-shop taking place the week beginning **Monday 26th February**, so that you can purchase pre-loved costumes in time for World Book Day!

Please send donations onto school via your classroom. Many thanks for your support

TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL BY CAR

We encourage families to walk, cycle or 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

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).

Please can I also remind parents about driving safely whilst on the estate as many of our children do walk, cycle or scoot. Thank you for your support in keeping all children safe.

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 31st 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	PLEASE ENTER VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE 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!

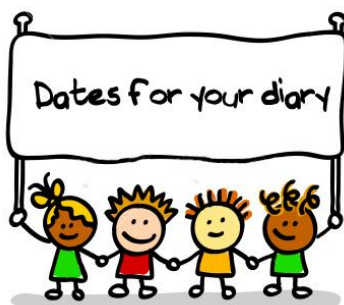
THIS WEEK'S FLYERS:

1. DSPL Newsletter

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Spring term 2024

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Wk Beg 29 th Jan	National Story Telling Week		
Wed 31 st Jan	Book at Bedtime	KS1 Classrooms	4:20-5:30 pm

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Tue 6 th Feb	Internet Safety Day		
Fri 9 th Feb	Hedgehog Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wk Beg 12 th Feb	Well-Being Week		
Wed 14 th Feb	Y2 St Luke's Workshops		
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		



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2023/24**

These dates are the same as the junior school.

SPRING 2024

Mon 19 Feb – Fri 23 Feb	Half term
Wednesday 27 th 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 th 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



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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