



Newsletter 21

1st March 2024

Dear Parents

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term; with the 1st March Spring should have sprung but it feels as though it has sprung a leak these last few days! Happy St David’s Day to all our families celebrating.

Thank you to all our Year 2 and Year 1 parents who attended our Maths Workshops this morning; we hope you found it useful to complete maths activities alongside your child and we hope you continue to enjoy the games at home. It was lovely to see the hall so full of eager learners and hear the buzz of activity. Thank you to Mrs Rajani, Miss Denham and Miss Cooper for all their hard work setting up this new maths mastery at home program.

PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY

A reminder that parking in Sun Sports Car Park is not permitted. This is private property and not part of the school. Sun Sports are within their rights to ask you to leave and can impose their own regulations.

Please also be reminded about the speed in which you travel on Bellmount Wood Ave as well as the roads leading to the school. There have been 3 incidents at a nearby school where children have been knocked down by cars despite them travelling within a 20 mph zone.

Please keep your child close to you at all times and remind them about being aware of the road and dangers associated with it.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

This week	94.9%
Week beg 12 th February	92.8%
Best week to date	Week beginning 09 October ~ 98.65%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 26th February:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			98.7%
FOX	91%		
BADGER	89%		
ROBIN			99.7%
KINGFISHER			98.7%
HEDGEHOG			97.3%
WOODPECKER	93%		
RABBIT			96.2%
OWL	90.3%		
SQUIRREL		95.2%	

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

HOURS OF LEARNING LOST



This week: 26 February	372 minutes = 6 hours and 12 Minutes
Last week: 12 February	237 minutes = 3 hours and 57 Minutes

GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Rees</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>	<i>Cleo</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>	<i>Vonalee</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>
<i>Maahir</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Clara</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Zak</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>
<i>Anaahat</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Nayra</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Maariya</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>
<i>Francis</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
<i>Thieran</i>	<i>Fox</i>	<i>Winter Reads Challenge ~ Hertfordshire Libraries</i>
<i>Miraj</i>	<i>Badger</i>	<i>Chief Scouts Bronze Award</i>
<i>Akyra</i>	<i>Fox</i>	<i>Desert Penguins Junior Chess Championships ~ Girls Under 8s</i>

40 THINGS BINGO!

This half term's challenge is to achieve a FULL [HORIZONTAL LINE](#).

Well done to the following:

Pupil	Class
<i>Alexander</i>	<i>Woodpecker</i>
<i>Grace</i>	<i>Owl</i>

Deadline for achieving a vertical line is Thursday 28th March.

GOVERNOR DAY ~ Monday 4th March

We are holding our Annual Governor Day on Monday 4th March. The Governors will be in school during the day, spending time speaking to the children and joining in with learning.

The Governors will be on the playground in the morning 8:45am to 9am should you wish to speak to them about any aspect of school or school development; they would love to hear your views.

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder that lost property is in the main foyer by the school office. There are several jumpers and PE hoodies so please check if your child has lost theirs.

Please ensure that you name all items of clothing and check the name remains after washing as most named uniform gets repatriated with its owner.

CHANGE OF STAFFING FROM THE SUMMER TERM

Miss Dilks (Rabbit Class Teacher) has been successfully appointed at a school outside of the area and will be leaving us at the end of this spring term. As a result I have made some changes to the staffing as follows:

Rabbit class ~ Mrs Rajani (Mon-Wed) and Miss Applegarth (Thu-Fri)

Fox Class ~ Mrs Christiansen

Parents of both classes have already been informed.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Dilks every success in her new role and thanking her for all her hard work and dedication over the last eight years.

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MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy to join our amazing lunch time team. If you would like more information please contact the school office via email at admin@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk

CELEBRATE SPEAKING

Thank you and a huge well done to all our children who took part in our Celebrate Speaking event on Thursday. It was wonderful to hear so many different languages being shared and spoken in school. We had known poems translated into another language, personally created poems and traditional songs being sung. Seeing their peers perform prompted more to get involved, so although some children didn't have a poem prepared, they shared counting numbers or greetings with us.

We are a lucky school to have such a wealth of diversity within our community and we're grateful to the children for wanting to share their heritage and languages with us. Languages shared included, but not limited to: Polish, Chinese, Hindi, Spanish, English, Arabic, Swahili, British Sign Language, Tamil, Serbian, Hungarian and Romanian. Please look at the class 'X' (Twitter) pages for further information.

A huge 'Thank you' to Mrs Macnish for arranging this event.

WORLD BOOK DAY: 7TH MARCH 2024

[World Book Day](#) changes lives through a love of books and reading, and is marked in over 100 countries around the globe! It is run by a charity that operates in the UK and Ireland, and on World Book Day every child in full-time education in the UK is given a voucher to be spent on books at participating book stores – you can check out the [book choices for this year](#) by clicking on [this link](#).

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. We want to see more children with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them. Spending **just 10 minutes a day** reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their future success, and it's fun for all involved! According to latest research published by the BookTrust, children are 40% more likely to enjoy reading if their parents or carers do. To find out more, you can read the [full article here](#).

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school with a number of events:

- **School Book Fair** – to be held in the **Oak Room 8:30am and 3pm Mon 4th March – Fri 8th March** Books have been handpicked by Miss Applegarth to specifically appeal to the children at our school. All books are £5 each, with 100% of any profits going directly back to school to purchase new books for our children. Cash, card and Apple/Google payments accepted.

Thursday 7th March

- **World Book Day dress up** as a book character or author (see attachment for ideas)
- All children to receive their **Free book token** (please note this cannot be spent at the school book fair) [Click here for a list of retailers that will accept the tokens](#)

Throughout the week: live, online story telling events with authors and illustrators for different year groups; Mystery Reader; and sharing favourite stories in class

Remember, you can see all of the fun and exciting learning that the children do by searching for **#CassInfReading** on X (Twitter)

STEM FOCUS WEEK (11th - 15th March)...a heads up!

We will send out a letter detailing STEM Focus Week nearer the time, however for those of you that like to get organised please note the following dates:

- **Week beginning 4th March – Donation week** – Please donate any cleaned plastics to your child's class teacher e.g. bottles, lids, straws, fruit trays, yogurt pots so that they can be used for junk modelling.
- **Thursday 14th March** – Dress up Day for whole school: To raise awareness of recycling and sustainable living, we are inviting the children to make their own **accessory to wear with and enhance their school uniform...all items must be made from RUBBISH** e.g. belt, bracelet, necklace, hairclip, hat, brooch, badge, waistcoat, glasses, tie, shoe decoration, sash

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- **Friday 15th March: Sharing our learning with you**

Parents are invited in to their child’s classroom on Friday 15th March at 2:45pm to share their STEM Focus Week learning.

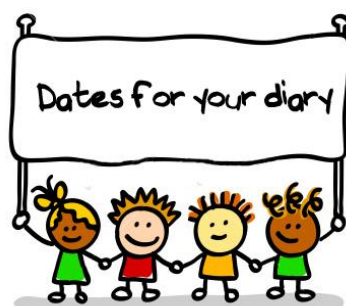
THIS WEEK’S FLYERS:

1. DSPL Weekly Newsletter
2. DSPL Parent / Carer coffee morning
3. World Book Day Information x 2

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Spring term 2024

Date	What’s Happening?	Where?	Time?
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		

Summer term 2024

Date	What’s Happening?	Where?	Time?
Fri 19 th April	Earth Day / Litter Pick		
Fri 26 th April	Robin Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 26 th April	Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9am onwards

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Fri 26 th April	International Dance Day		
Mon 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED		
Fri 10 th May	Owl Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 10 th May	Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9am onwards
Fri 10 th May	Pyjamarama Day ~ come dresses in your PJs		
Wk beg 13 th May	Well-being week		
Mon 13 th May	Y1 Singing Festival	Nascot Wood School	Afternoon
Thu 16 th May	CLASS PHOTOS		
Fri 17 th May	LEARNING OUTDOOR DAY		
Fri 17 th May	Heron Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 17 th May	Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9am onwards
Wk beg 20 th May	Walk to School Week		
Mon 20 th May	HERITAGE DAY		
Wed 22 nd May	Reception Workshops	St Luke's	Morning
Fri 24 th May	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Wk beg 27 th May	HALF TERM		
Tue 4 th June	Reception and KS1 school trip – details to follow		
Wed 5 th June	Environment Day		
Fri 14 th June	Woodpecker Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 14 th June	Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9am onwards
Wk beg 17 th June	Creative Focus Week		
Thu 20 th June	CLEAN AIR DAY		
Fri 21 st June	World Music Day		
Fri 21 st June	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Fri 28 th June	Kingfisher Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 28 th June	Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9am onwards
Wed 3 rd July	New to Reception Parents Meeting	Hall	9:15am
Thu 4 th July	New to Nursery Parents Meeting	Hall	9:15am
Fri 5 th July	Sports Day ~ joint event with the Junior School Followed by the CSA Summer Fair		
Mon 8 th July	EYFS Annual Report to Parents		
Wed 10 th July	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Thu 11 th July	Transition Day 1	Classrooms	N/A
Thu 11 th July	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Fri 12 th July	Rabbit Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 12 th July	Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9am onwards
Fri 12 th July	Y2 Leavers Disco (Year 2 only)	Hall	4:30-6:30pm
Mon 15 th July	Squirrel Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 15 th July	Squirrel Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Mon 15 th July	Transition Day 2	Classrooms	N/A
Tue 16 th July	Y2 Performance	School Hall	9:15am
Wed 17 th July	Y2 Performance	School Hall	9:15am
Thu 18 th July	End of term for Nursery pupils ~ usual time		
Fri 19 th July	Summer Term ends 1:15pm		



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These dates are the same as the junior school.

SPRING 2024

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