



Newsletter 23

15th March 2024

Dear Parents

An amazing week in school for our STEM focus week ~ I think the children have thoroughly enjoyed the 'Tale of a Toothbrush!' and I have seen some fantastic learning! I hope you enjoyed open afternoon; I am sure the children enjoyed sharing with you what they have been up to.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

This week	96.6%
Week beg 4 th March	96.3%
Best week to date	Week beginning 09 October ~ 98.65%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 11th March:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			97%
FOX			98.7%
BADGER			96.2%
ROBIN			96.3%
KINGFISHER	94%		
HEDGEHOG			98%
WOODPECKER			97.7%
RABBIT			96.6%
OWL			96.3%
SQUIRREL		95.5%	

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

HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

This week: 15 March	344 minutes = 5 hours and 44 Minutes
Last week: 8 March	267 minutes = 4 hours and 27 Minutes



GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Charlotte</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Siya</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>	<i>Finlay</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>
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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
Elliot	Woodpecker	3 x badges at Squirrels (scouts): Be Active, Let's Celebrate, Musician
Molly	Robin	Learn to Swim ~ Stage 2
William	Woodpecker	3 x badges at Squirrels (scouts): Be Active, Let's Celebrate, Musician

40 THINGS BINGO!

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

Pupil	Class
Hari	Hedgehog

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

CSA BREAK THE RULES DAY ~ Thursday 28th March 2024

Break the Rules Day will take place on Friday, 28th March 2024. On this day, children will have the opportunity to break certain school rules:

- Squash in your water bottle
- Wear your own clothes / pyjamas / costume
- Wear nail polish
- Wear your hair down / colour your hair / make it crazy hair
- Wear temporary tattoos

To participate, we kindly request a contribution of 50p for each rule the children would like to break. All payments need to be made via the School Gateway.

Please also see the attached flyer.

ROAD CLOSURE

The County Council will be closing Bellmount Wood Ave on Friday 22nd March for the day in order to carry out maintenance and cleaning of the drains.

We have been assured that the road closure will not begin until after the school day has started and should be finished before pick up, however please ensure you have a back-up plan if this is not the case!

[Fox parents ~ please ensure you park elsewhere if you are attending the class assembly.](#)

EYFS CONSULTATION

Reception and Nursery parents ~ please ensure you have signed up for a consultation appointment for next week. An email with all the information has been sent.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everybody that attended our book fair last week; it was a huge success, making £528.45 profit for school funds. The money will be used to replenish books from our reading scheme, add some new titles to our library, and purchase children's non-fiction books to support teaching in the classroom for subjects such as History. I hope you've all enjoyed reading your new books, and remember when you've finished with them, you could always swap them for a different book in our FREE book exchange in the entrance foyer. Thank you to Miss Applegarth for all her hard work.

FOCUS WEEK

This week we had an exciting STEM Focus Week! It was a fantastic opportunity for our children to delve into the world of Science, Maths, Computing, and Design Technology (DT). The theme of the week was sustainability, linked to the text we were exploring, 'Tale of a Toothbrush'. In Maths, the children were thrilled to be visited by students from Watford Boys Grammar School who led exciting workshops. These workshops not only challenged our students' mathematical skills but also exposed them to real-life applications of maths. It was truly a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn from older students and be inspired by their knowledge and enthusiasm. One aspect of the week that stood out to me was the incredible creativity shown by our children through their homemade dress-up costumes made from recycling and rubbish. They really embraced the challenge and transformed ordinary waste into extraordinary outfits. It was heart-warming to see their enthusiasm for sustainable practices and their ability to think outside the box. The hands-on activities and visits left a lasting impact on our students, and I am confident that their awareness of sustainability and its importance will continue to grow.

A huge 'Thank you' to Miss Applegarth, Mrs Rajani, Miss Dilks and Mrs Alderton for all their hard work in planning a great week.

THE BIG WALK AND WHEEL

We are one of 2,247 schools currently taking part in the Big Walk & Wheel, inspiring pupils to make active journeys to school and to improve air quality in our neighbourhood. The challenge runs until the 22nd March so there's still plenty of time to walk, wheel or scoot to school!

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 (at any time)
- Park a couple of streets away and make the remainder of the journey on foot
- Be aware of pedestrians using the pavements, especially small children
- Travel slowly

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 all parents ensure that you keep your child close by and in sight when walking to school.

CLUBS

A reminder that there are still some places available at our after school clubs and some clubs are taking bookings for the summer term. Please look here for more information: [After School Clubs](#)

CASSIOBURY TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY

Cassiobury Tennis Club will be holding an open day for adults and children. For more information follow this link: [Cassiobury Tennis Club Open Day](#)

THIS WEEK'S FLYERS:

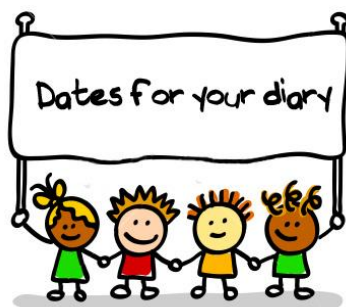
1. CSA Break The Rules
2. Public Health Nursing 5-19 Newsletter
3. DSPL Newsletter

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

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Spring term 2024

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
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
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		

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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		



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