

Dear Parents and Carers



Cricket

This week we have had the privilege of a visit from an ex pupil. Steven Finn left the school in 2000 and is a Middlesex and England cricket player. Part of the winning Ashes team (last time!) he took great pleasure in visiting the school and speaking with the children. When asked for a volunteer class, Mr Payne was quick to offer his pupils for a maths session with Steven and the children were filmed by the BBC for their sports reports. All of the links can be found on our twitter feed but I attach one here.

<https://www.chancetoshine.org/news/mr-finn-returns-to-teach-at-his-old-primary-school>



Contact the Elderly

Mrs Fowler has been working with a group of Year 6 pupils over the Autumn Term and focussing their attention on purposeful activities. They chose to organise a Christmas tea party for an organisation called, 'Contact the Elderly.' They raised the money themselves and hosted the afternoon. They were also treated to a visit from an England cricket player.



School Dinners

The new Spring Term 2018 menu was emailed yesterday so please check this and book as soon as possible for the new term. Also please ensure that all meals are paid for at the time of booking.



CSA Christmas Fair

The CSA has counted up every last penny from the Christmas fair and have announced their profit, **£4,933.59!** This equates to about £5 of profit for every child at the two schools. Well done to everybody who came or supported the event in any way. The parents who gave up their time were brilliant! Thank you!



Farewell Mr Stanley

Mr Stanley leaves us next week and he will be missed! We all wish him well in his next school and look forward to hearing about the baby in April.



New Assistant Headteachers

The Governors and I have decided to replace the Deputy Head with three people (something that has entertained Mr Stanley!) We have, this week, appointed three Assistant Heads from our current staff; Mrs Newman, leading on SEND and Inclusion, Mr Payne, leading on assessment and data, and Mr Long, leading on Curriculum. Congratulations to them all!

Both Mr Payne and Mr Long will continue to lead their classes but will have a little more release time. Mr Payne is very concerned that his class will be worried about him moving roles, but he is sticking with them!

Data

Our children have completed assessment tests recently. I know that some of you are keen to get scores but please allow us time to process the data and moderate. We will produce reports in the New Year. These will be sent home.



Snow Day

Sadly we had to close the school on Monday and, at points, on Tuesday I wondered whether we should still have been closed but it was good to get the Christmas lunch done. As a result we had to cancel the Christingle. Mr Long has been in contact with St Luke's over the week and there will be an event organised for Easter to make up for this.



SEN and 4+1 meetings

Mrs Newman would love to hear from parents about SEN report and feedback on 4+1 meetings. Please email senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk



Twitter

The snow day was a good opportunity to use our Twitter account, but we do use it quite a bit. If you don't use Twitter, you can still see our feed under the Twitter page on our website. Please check it out as there is much to see.



Christmas Cards

Thank you for the lovely Christmas cards. It is lovely to receive a card and a message.



Parent Governor

We did not receive any applications for the parent governor positions. If you were thinking about it, but are not sure, then feel free to email me via the admin address. We will run nominations again in the New Year.



Christmas Jumper Day

It is lovely to see the staff and children dressed up in their festive outfits today. We have raised over £250 towards the Save the Children charity.



DIY Nativity – Year 3

Please ensure you bring your tickets with you to the performance(s). No children under five years old are permitted. No admission once production has started. The dress rehearsal today went very well indeed.



Cassiobury School Orchestra performance

Thank you to the Cassiobury School Orchestra this morning for entertaining us with their Christmas music. We look forward to hearing more from them next year. Rehearsals will start back on Friday 12th January 2018 at 8am in the School Hall.



Poppy Appeal total

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy from the Poppy Appeal. We raised £105.99 for The Royal British Legion



Golden Pupils

This week we celebrated the following children for their achievements:

Year 3: Oliver M, Ayla H, Ethan S, Anaya B, Sarah R, SamarthD
Year 4: Eleanor F, Connie P, Zakairya I, Charlotte C, Ella P, Arthur B
Year 5: Samuel R, Malya T, Mia B, Sonny A, Stanley T, Thomas W
Year 6: Aarav A, James H, Maja J, Kian A, Bianca K, Oliver L



Special Mentions also go to:

Azlan L – Passed Grade 2 piano with a Merit
Maisie H – medals for Thai boxing
Sophia L – Grade 1 ballet & Level 6 gymnastics

This week the **Golden Broom** has been awarded to 5 Pine. Well done!

Kind regards

Jenny Sherry and the Office Team

Calendar dates for your diary.....

DECEMBER	
18 th	Year 3 Christmas production – 2pm and 6.30pm
18 th	No Band practice (Brass lessons to be made up from 11 th December) Mr Quinlan will be in from 9.30am
19 th	Non – Uniform day
19 th	AUTUMN TERM ENDS 1.30pm
JANUARY 2018	
3 rd	INSET DAY
4 th	SPRING TERM BEGINS – pupils return to school
8 th	Band practice starts and all music lessons resume
11 th	Open Morning for Year 2 parents only – 9am to 10.30am
11 th	Year 6 – Height and Weight Health Questionnaire
12 th	School Orchestra starts back for Spring Term 2018
FEBRUARY	
6 th	Year 6 – Young Voices – 02 Arena – see separate correspondence
12 th – 16 th	HALF TERM
MARCH	
23 rd	Sport Relief
29 th	SPRING TERM ENDS 1.30pm
APRIL	
16 th	SUMMER TERM BEGINS – pupils return to school
MAY	
2 nd – 4 th May	Year 5 Residential – Woodrow High House – more details to follow

21 st – 25 th	Outdoor Learning Week
JUNE	
4 th – 8 th	Street Smart Week
29 th	Inset Day
JULY	
2 nd – 6 th	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip
12 th	Secondary Transition Day
17 th	Year 6 Production – PM and EVENING performances
19 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly and tea/coffee with Year 6 parents
19 th	Year 6 Party - TBC
20 th	Non-uniform Day
20 th	SUMMER TERM ENDS 1.30pm
23 rd – 27 th	Occasional Days