

Dear Parents and Carers



Young Voices

Well done to the pupils and staff who represented the school at the O2 arena on Tuesday. Thanks for the lovely emails and comments from parents.



Singing Day

Whilst Year 6 were on their way to the O2 many of our pupils were singing their hearts out at the Watford School of Music. Again I have had some great feedback from pupils.



Year 4 Athletics

As if Tuesday wasn't busy enough, many of Year 4 went on an athletics competition. They came 2nd overall in the competition. Well done to everybody who joined in!



Pupil Absence

Many expectations are put upon our School Office but attendance comes before most other issues. Our staff are spending too much time chasing up absences each morning and it is impacting on their time. If your child is unwell please let us know each morning **BEFORE 8.30am** and please telephone the absence line. We register at 8.55am so we need information before this time or we have to chase up the location of that pupil. Once we have double checked with the teacher, checked that they are not in the school, phoned all of the contact numbers and chased until we know that they are safe, an hour of time could have elapsed!



Considerate Driving

Please drive slowly and be considerate to our local residents. Residents are reporting to the police about dangerous driving at drop off and pick up times. Please **DO NOT** drive fast and **DO NOT** use your mobile phone whilst driving. This is for the safety of our children and for our parents and carers who are walking their children to school. **DO NOT** drive on pavements!!



Uniform

Please check the Parent Handbook before purchasing shoes or uniform for school. I would also urge you to check the rules on hair before the barber gets too creative! Please keep big hair bows for the weekend rather than uniform. Black trainers are not school shoes. Thank you for helping us keep the school smart.



Food

Please do not ask the staff to hand out sweets or other food for birthdays or celebrations. They must not do this, please do not ask them to bend the rules.



Author Visit

The School Office give their huge apologies for the book error this week and although the post box was not emptied as quickly as it should have been we do ask that no money is left in the parent post box in future as this is not secure. We did, however, contact Jack Trelawny and, as he was passing our door this morning, he popped in to meet the children he missed on Wednesday and he has signed their books. We have tweeted from this morning's book signings!



Parent Governors

Thanks to the parents who have already enquired about the Parent Governor vacancies.



School Dinner Bookings

Please ensure that you have booked your child's school dinners before we return to school. Coombs Catering have also added in some "special days" so please check the new menu which has been emailed this week. Payments must be made at the time of booking and allow two days to make the bookings.



Message from CSA;

Many thanks to everyone for the support shown at the Christmas fair. The money raised and the effort put in was amazing so thanks again to everyone. The next CSA meeting is booked for **Monday 26th February, from 7:30pm in the Oak Room (Infants School).**

We will be discussing ideas for fundraising events over the coming terms, and initial planning for the Summer Fair. Everyone welcome and encouraged to join us.



Maths Challenge

Four of our Year 5 children have been selected for the Primary Mathematics Challenge on Thursday 22nd February 2018 at Warren Dell Primary School – this was based on their assessment results.



Volunteers

Huge thanks to all the volunteers who have worked with the school since September. Mrs Newman would welcome feedback on how the sessions are going. Please email senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk.

She is also keen to get more parents in to school to read and practice times tables with the children so please contact her at senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk with your availability. Please note that you are required to have an enhanced DBS check and provide the school with two character references.



4+1 Joint Planning Meetings (SEND)

Mrs Newman will be opening the Parents evening online system up for 4+1 Joint Planning Meetings after the half term break. The following appointments are available - Mon, Wed, Thu 3:30pm and 4pm and Friday 3:30pm only. The meetings are 20 minutes long and give parents, teachers and children the opportunity to review the term and look at actions for the Summer Term. She looks forward to seeing you next term! We will notify you when the appointment slots are available to book on the Parents evening system.



Office Monitors

When your child is selected to be our Office Monitors for the day, please can you ensure that the children are smartly dressed as they are representing the school and quite often welcome visitors through the door. No jeans, shorts, crop tops, etc are allowed. The children do not need to wear school uniform but they can if they wish. They should be dressed to work in the office and should look smart and professional. We thoroughly enjoy having the children with us in the School Office.



Year 3 Assembly dates

Please see the Year 3 assembly on the calendar below.



Challenge Sport and Education – Holiday Course

At CSE we run multisport holiday courses during the summer holidays. Every day your child will take part in a variety of sports including tennis, basketball, football, netball, cricket, dance, rounders, gymnastics, orienteering, dodgeball, tri-golf, volleyball, handball & more. Days run from 9am-3pm or 5pm. Everyone is welcome from ages 4-11 so come along and make the most of your half term by making new friends, keeping active and most importantly having fun. For more information go to <https://www.challengesporteducation.co.uk/courses/>



Golden Pupils

This week we celebrated the following children for their achievements:

Year 3: Lillian R, Zhara T, Isabelle F, Katya S, Chloe H, Martha A
Year 4: Thomas B, James K, Aiden S, Izaan Z, Lora L, Josephine D
Year 5: Lara T, Amena K, Lily H, Oliver A, Eleanor M, Christopher F
Year 6: Victor C, Prem T, Harry O'B, Haseen F, Oscar T, Simran M

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



Special Mentions also go to:

- Tabitha Z – for cheerleading
- Year 4 – Athletics competition – 2nd overall
- Our Year 6 O2 Young Voices choir have all received certificates for attending the O2 Arena, London on Tuesday.

Kind regards

Jenny Sherry and the Office Team

Calendar dates for your diary on the next page.....

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FEBRUARY	
9 th	4 Hazel Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
12 th – 16 th	HALF TERM
21 st	Gardening Club starts – see separate correspondence
22 nd	Year 5 Maths Challenge – Four of our Year 5 children are attending
23 rd	5 Pear Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
26 th	CSA Meeting – 7.30pm Oak Room, Infants School
26 th Feb to 1 st March	World Book Week
27 th Feb	School Orchestra to visit BBC Concert Orchestral performance of Ten Pieces from 1.45pm to 2.45pm at Watford Colosseum – see separate correspondence
MARCH	
1 st	World Book Day
2 nd	4 Holly Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
7 th	Year 6 netball competition – more details to follow
9 th	6 Maple Class Assembly – 9am School Hall 3 Apple Class Assembly – 2.45pm School Hall
14 th	Non-uniform day
14 th	Paediatric First Aid Evening - Infant and Junior School parents/carers
16 th	6 Beech Class Assembly – 9am School Hall 3 Ash Class Assembly – 2.45pm School Hall
21 st	Year 4 Easter Production – Afternoon performance – times to be confirmed
22 nd	Year 4 Easter Production – Evening performance – times to be confirmed
23 rd	Sport Relief
23 rd	6 Oak Class Assembly – 9am School Hall 3 Alder Class Assembly – 2.45pm School Hall
26 th – 29 th	Autism Awareness Week
29 th	SPRING TERM ENDS 1.30pm
29 th	Non-uniform Day
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
7 th	Bank Holiday Monday
21 st – 25 th	Outdoor Learning Week
28 th – 1 st June	HALF TERM
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	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

SEPTEMBER	
3 rd	Inset Day
4 th	Back to school for Autumn Term 2018
OCTOBER	
22 nd	Parent/Carer Consultation evening – TBC
24 th	Parent/Carer Consultation evening - TBC
26 th	Inset Day
29 th - 2 nd Nov	HALF TERM
NOVEMBER	
5 th	Back to school
30 th	Occasional Day
DECEMBER	
21 st	Term Ends
JANUARY 2019	
7 th	Back to school for Spring Term 2018
FEBRUARY 2019	
18 th – 22 nd	HALF TERM
25 th	Back to school
MARCH 2019	
APRIL 2019	
5 th	Term Ends 1.30pm
8 th to 22 nd	Easter Holiday
23 rd	Back to school for Summer Term 2018
MAY 2019	
6 th	Bank Holiday
27 th – 31 st	HALF TERM
JUNE 2019	
JULY 2019	
19 th	Term Ends 1.30pm
22 nd	Inset Day
23 rd	Inset Day
24 th	Inset Day