

Dear Parents and Carers



Reading

We are currently developing the staff skills on reading and have reviewed some of the systems that we use. In order to improve the information that staff keep on reading, we will separate the use of the reading record. From now on the reading record will be for parents to record the regular reading. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will keep their own record for assessment and planning. Please make sure that your child is reading to an adult on a regular basis and record this in the book. Please initial to confirm that you have checked this. You do not need to write lengthy comments.



Curriculum

We now have curriculum maps on the school website and you should also have received a curriculum newsletter. There are still some additions to the curriculum as we are still adding to our music provision.



Staffing

After a long period of absence, Mrs Watson has chosen to leave the school. I know that you will join me in wishing her well in her continued recovery to full health.

Mrs Anderson, our School Business Manager, leaves us at the end of the month to start a new job and have more time with her crazy dog, Buddy. We are currently advertising for a School Business Manager on the 'Herts for Learning' website.



Early Morning

A member of staff will be on the main gate from 8.30am. All teachers are expected to be on the playground from 8.45am in case you wish to briefly speak to them. All classes will go in at 8.50am when the bell goes. This gives the children 5 minutes to get to class and settle for the register at 8.55am.



Inclusion

SEND Interventions

Mrs Newman and the Teaching Assistants have been working on assessments for children requiring additional support programmes. She will be in touch early next week with new provision information. All interventions will start on Monday 15th January 2018 for eight weeks.

Parent Volunteers

If you are able to volunteer on a weekly basis to support Reading and Maths, please can you email Mrs Newman at senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk with the days and times that you are available on a weekly basis. You will need to have an Enhanced DBS check which the School will undertake and provide the school with two character references.

Feedback

Mrs Newman is eager to hear from you about your experiences of the 4+1 meetings and the One Page Profiles.

SEN Information Report

Please have a look at the SEN Information Report on our website which highlights what Cassiobury Junior School offers for children requiring SEND Support. Mrs Newman is keen to hear your feedback on this document.



Switch-off Campaign

The Eco Committee will be running a 'Switch-Off Campaign' for a fortnight from Monday 15th January, which will be introduced to the children in assembly on Monday morning. This is a campaign designed to raise awareness around our use of energy and its impact on the environment. The Eco-Committee will help to organise a few whole-school initiatives including an audit to see how saving energy can help the school, and 'Eco spies' - a competition monitoring which classes switch off their lights and electrical equipment during break times. There will be posters up around the school encouraging everyone to take part and class discussions will take place about how to save energy and help our environment. This forms part of our work to help us on our way to becoming a Green Flag Eco-school.



School Newspaper

The school newspaper is going online! First meeting will be held in Mrs Drucker's classroom next Monday: Years 3 & 4 at 12:30pm and Years 5 & 6 at 12:50pm. I look forward to seeing the old gang as well as welcoming new members.



Calendar Dates

We are confirming our term dates for 2018/2019 this week and we will update this on our website and newsletter by the end of next week.



School Dinners

Please make sure you check your "View Bookings" on the School Gateway system with your child to ensure that your child has meals booked and they know what meal they are having.



Young Voices – 02 Arena

The Year 6 children have started rehearsing for the Young Voices concert at the 02 Arena on a Wednesday morning in the School Hall. More details will follow regarding the concert however the children will require lunch and dinner to be provided on the day, Tuesday 6th February. If you have booked a school meal for this day in error please let Mrs Harrison, in the School Office, know so this can be cancelled. A credit will be issued on your account.



Junior Singing Day – Watford School of Music

Please see separate correspondence regarding this event at Watford School of Music on Tuesday 6th February 2018. If your child has been authorised to attend by Miss Sherry and you have booked a school meal on this day, please let Mrs Harrison, in the School Office, know so this can be cancelled. A credit will be issued on your account.



Golden Pupils

This week we celebrated the following children for their achievements:

Year 3: Mahnoor K, Jess L, Rosie P, Ya'Qoub A, Rica N

Year 4: Raisa A, Dee M, Isabelle C, Christina W, Sydney S, Safwaan S

Year 5: Christopher F, Jake D, Mia B, Rania B, Ella O'S, Oren H

Year 6: Alexa Mc, Shu'Ayb A, Rebecca M, Myuri K, Louisa M, Muhammed A



Special Mentions also go to:

Sam S – achieving Grade 3 merit for Violin exam.

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

Kind regards

Jenny Sherry and the Office Team

Calendar dates for your diary.....to be updated next week

JANUARY 2018	
19 th	School Orchestra starts back for Spring Term 2018
26 th	4 Hawthorn Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
FEBRUARY	
2 nd	5 Pine Class Assembly – time to be confirmed
6 th	Year 6 – Young Voices – 02 Arena – see separate correspondence
6 th	Junior Singing Day – Watford School of Music – see separate correspondence
9 th	4 Hazel Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
12 th – 16 th	HALF TERM
21 st	Gardening Club starts – see separate correspondence
23 rd	5 Pear Class Assembly – time to be confirmed
26 th Feb to 1 st March	World Book Week
MARCH	
1 st	World Book Day
2 nd	4 Holly Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
9 th	6 Maple Class Assembly – 9am 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
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
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
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