

**Good news!.....this is an extra-long newsletter as we did not send one out last week due to our Inset Day...Happy Reading!**



### Thank you

A big thank you to the parents who were able to take our Year 6 Girls Cricket Team to the County Finals in Stevenage. Thank you also to Ms Handscombe who spent the day with the girls and we were thrilled to hear they came 4<sup>th</sup> overall.



### Sports Day

Thank you for supporting our Sports Day. I know that some parents missed it due to the change in timings but it seems that people understood the reasons. Thank you. We got lots of feedback and will use this to plan for next year.

Results as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Gade (yellow)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chess (blue)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Union (green)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Colne (red)



### Isle of Wight – Year 6 trip

We hope you have enjoyed following the “Tweets” from the Isle of Wight. The children look like they have had a lovely time and I am sure we will hear lots of stories. Thank you to the staff for giving up their week and for looking after the children.



### Parent/Teacher evenings

Please ensure you have booked your child’s parent/teacher evening on either Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July or Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July via the parents evening system (and not on the School Gateway).



### School Books

The children will bring home school books in the last week.



### Transition Day – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018

If your child’s Secondary School Transition Day is taking place during the usual school day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July, please could you telephone the school’s absence line to confirm that your child will be absent from school on that day. If your child has already attended their Transition Day or it does not take place during the school day, then we look forward to seeing them in school as usual.



### New Staff

Following the departure of Mrs Drucker and Miss Ferguson we are delighted to have recruited two highly experienced teachers to join our team. Mrs Potter has taught Year 6 for many years and Miss Thomas has taught for a number of years in a different authority. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the team. We hope that they will join us next week for transition day.



## Whatsapp

Whatsapp groups and messaging are the norm for many pupils. Please be aware that if the school is the main link and there are issues of concern brought to my attention, then I have a duty of care to involve the police - if I believe that a line has been crossed! I have had to involve the police in a recent spate of Whatsapp messages. As parents, you have an explicit responsibility to check and supervise the messages sent and received on your child's devices. Please do not brush off comments as 'banter' and 'messaging around' if they would be inappropriate if sent by an adult. If 10 or over they are at the age of criminal responsibility and their messages can be treated as crimes. I do not wish anyone to dismiss this. Please discuss with your child and exercise some simple rules. Phones must be checked and phones should be kept by parents overnight so not in rooms. Please screenshot anything that concerns you.



## Donations

Some parents have asked how they could make a donation to the school. Obviously we are delighted with such requests. Anyone wishing to do so can contact the office or send a cheque addressed to **Cassiobury Junior School Fund Account**. If you would like it to be spent on something specific then please let us know. Thank you.



## School Council Visit to Town Hall Chamber and Committee Rooms on Friday 13th July

Our School Council are visiting the Town Hall on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. They will leave school at 10.15am and return by 12.30pm for lunch and afternoon lessons.



## Year 6 Production

The children have been busy rehearsing for their Year 6 production. You are now able to book tickets via the online booking system (parents evening system). The costumes/props required has been emailed to you. Seats will be allocated and there will be a raffle at both performances so please bring some money which will go towards the production. There will also be a collection



## Curriculum Changes

Over this year we have been reviewing our approach to the curriculum. It has taken up quite a bit of our time but we are building a curriculum that aims to liven up the learning next year. We are aiming for more topic work based around themes of interest but with much more focus on the skills children need to learn. The teachers have already come up with some great ideas. We aim to share more of this with you before the end of term.



## SEND Review Meetings

Thank you to the parents, children and teachers for their input to the 4+1 Joint Planning Meetings for SEND. We are reviewing targets for the Autumn term and Mrs Newman will be sending home the updated documents before the end of term. Please note that the 4+1 Joint Planning Meeting does replace the Parents Evening Consultation so you are not required to book another appointment in July.



## Coffee Morning (SEND)

Please can you rsvp to [senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk) if you are hoping to attend the Coffee Morning for parents of children with Special Educational Needs. Mrs Newman will be inviting some of our new Y2 parents who are looking forward to hearing all about our experiences and strategies used for the children.



## Interventions

Thank you to all of the children, parents and Teaching Assistants for all of the additional support put in place this year. The Teaching Assistants are currently reviewing how well the children have done in their sessions and will be sharing this with the children and teachers over the next few weeks. All interventions (excluding Read, Write Inc and Dr Sanderson's Early Morning Maths) will come to a close on Friday 6th July. Mrs Newman will be reviewing provision with class teachers in the coming weeks. You will receive a letter in September outlining any further support being offered for the new term.



## Library Books

Our lovely librarian's, Mrs Santilale and Mrs Waterman, have spent the year working with us - a huge thanks from all of us. They have asked that all books are returned to school **by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July** so they can organise the library for next year.



## Adopt a Bed

If you have "green fingers" and some free time, how about "Adopting a Bed" at school. Gardening Bed! Our new grounds company will be clearing the flowerbeds by the classrooms over the summer holidays and could use your gardening skills to develop a few more flowerbeds. It would be lovely to continue to develop the outside environment. Any willing grandparents, aunts and uncles are also welcome. If you are able to help with this project, please contact Mrs Clarke in the School Office before the end of term as we would love to get this going at the beginning of September.



## Volunteers

A huge thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to read with the children or challenge them to learning their multiplication facts. Please contact Mrs Newman at [senco@cassioburyjm.hert.sch.uk](mailto:senco@cassioburyjm.hert.sch.uk) if you would like to volunteer next year.



## Golden Pupils

This week we celebrated the following children for their achievements:

Year 3: Timur J, Oliver M, Diego P, Aaron A, Sarah R, Jack G

Year 4: James Mc, Dee M, Oscar L'H, Megan P, Dylan S, Oscar H

Year 5: Amena K, Liam K, Tanusri K, Juliet R, Jamie M, Rayaan M

## Special Mentions:

4 Hawthorn Class – Won the Jam Jar Competition – they get **EXTRA GOLDEN TIME!**

Todd G – won a Badge Competition – overall winner in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Parnavi S and Zain A – came second place in a doubles tournament

Idil T – Level 7 gymnastics award

Vincent L & Rupert J – runners up in School Mini Green Tennis Competition – 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 10 teams

Rupert J received Andy Murray Award for best serve

Oren H & Harry D – played very well at the School Mini Green Tennis Competition

Kind regards

Jenny Sherry and the Office Team

[Calendar dates for your diary....](#)

<b>JULY</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup>	School Orchestra performing at 9am in assembly with an 8am rehearsal beforehand
10 <sup>th</sup>	Gymnastic Display during assembly in School Hall – parents at 8.20am and assembly at 9am (only parents of Gym Jams children invited at 8.20am)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Joint orchestra concert with Nascot Wood and Cassiobury Junior Schools orchestra – 2.45pm performance – see separate correspondence
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30pm to 7pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 last swimming lesson
11 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club – last session
11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30pm to 7pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day – Year 2's to come to Junior School and meet the teachers – see above for more information
13 <sup>th</sup>	3 Apple Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning for families with children with special needs (8.45am to 10am)
13 <sup>th</sup>	School Council visit to Watford Council offices – see separate correspondence - 10.15 leave school and 12.30 return for lunch.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Dress Rehearsal to whole school
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production “Cassiobury Cabaret” – 1.45pm prompt start and 6.30pm prompt start
19 <sup>th</sup>	9am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10am - Tea/coffee with Year 6 parents and teachers
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Party – <b>3.30pm to 5.30pm (staff and pupils only)</b>
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NON-UNIFORM DAY</b>
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SUMMER TERM ENDS 1.30pm</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Occasional Days</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Back to school for Autumn Term 2018</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mock Transfer Tests Presentation Evening – School Hall – 7pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	“Meet the Teacher” Evening 5.30 to 7pm
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 Cross Country Competition – Queen’s School – 1.30pm to 2.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 and 6 - Quicksticks Hockey Competition – Queen’s School – 10am to 12noon
11 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 and 6 - Quicksticks Hockey Competition – Watford Boys School – 1pm to 3pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent/Carer Consultation evening – TBC
26 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
29 <sup>th</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school
6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 Mini Basketball Competition – Queen’s School – 10am to 3pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 Quicksticks Hockey Competition Final – Queen’s School – 10am to 12noon
13 <sup>th</sup>	Speed Stacking Competition at Queen’s School – Year 3 and 4 – 1pm to 2.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Speed Stacking Final Competition at Queen’s School – Year 3 and 4 – 1pm to 2.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 Mini Basketball Final Competition – Queen’s School – 10am to 3pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair
30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Occasional Day</b>

<b>DECEMBER</b>	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Christmas Production – Date and times to be confirmed – matinee and evening performance
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Term Ends</b>
<b>JANUARY 2019</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Back to school for Spring Term 2019</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 2019</b>	
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school
<b>MARCH 2019</b>	
<b>APRIL 2019</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Term Ends 1.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Holiday
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Back to school for Summer Term 2019</b>
30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Tennis – Watford Girls School – 1pm to 3pm
<b>MAY 2019</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Woodrow High House Trip - TBC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Tennis – Queen’s School – 10am to 12noon
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Tennis Final – Queen’s School – 10am to 12noon
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>JUNE 2019</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 – Kwik Cricket – Watford Boys School – 9.30am to 12.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Tri Golf – Watford Boys School – 1pm to 3pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 Archery Competition – Queen’s School – 10am to 12noon
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sports Day – PM - TBC
<b>JULY 2019</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip - TBC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 Athletics – Watford Boys School – 1pm to 3pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Athletics Final – Queens School – 10am to 12noon
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Term Ends 1.30pm</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Inset Day</b>
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