

End of Year Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Results

Our Year 6 provisional and un-validated SATs results came in last week. I am pleased to say that we are above national results in Reading, Writing, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. We aim to continue to build on this progress next year. Well done to everyone on their hard work and effort.

Curriculum

Over this year we have been working on a more engaging and effective approach to the school curriculum. As a result not all lessons will be taught as separate subjects as we look to a more cross curricular method of planning. We still MUST follow all of the skills stated in the National Curriculum. Next term you will hear about a range of topics taught across the year groups. We might even ask for your input! Our staff training day on the 3rd of September is all about the curriculum so we will have more to share then.

Premises

We have begun to make a number of improvements to the premises and will continue to do so over the summer and next term. Hopefully you will notice some in the autumn term.

MSA Advert

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Chapman, our Midday Supervisory Assistant, who has been with us for 6 years! We wish her all the best and will miss her at lunchtimes. If you are interested in the position, please collect an application form from the School Office or email Keith Armstrong - sbm@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk

Guinea Pigs

The guinea pigs have gone off to their summer residence and will be ready, once again, for weekend borrowing from the 7th September. As stated in the newsletter on May 4th, please contact the School Office if you would like to go on the office waiting list. I do not run the guinea pig waiting list. Mrs Clarke does ask that parents/carers contact the office as we cannot have children booking - you might get an unexpected surprise if that was the case!

Danceathon – Year 3

We were thrilled to see the Year 3 children dancing for the “Danceathon” the other week to raise money for Nystagmus Network. They raised a total of £213. Thank you for your sponsorship.

Attendance

As we reach the end of the year let me take this opportunity to share our whole school attendance figures 96.4%. I am aware that some parents go on holiday in term time and we do ask that you put all requests in writing. No holidays have been authorised in 2018.



Thanks to...

There are so many people to thank this year for everything that they do and have done...

The CSA and those that have helped or attended events, music teachers, governors, parent volunteers, librarians, gardening helpers, walking to swimming, help with sporting events and much more. Many events can only be run with your support so THANK YOU!!! Mrs Newman is on the hunt for more volunteers; if you think you would like to help then please contact the office. We would love your help!

Thanks also to you parents/carers, your support is amazing and feedback (good or bad) helps us work to improve the school. Have a lovely summer!



Emails

Please ensure that all emails for staff are sent via the admin email (admin@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk) to ensure that they get to the right person, including me. I currently have over 28,000 emails in my clutter file where emails from unrecognised addresses are sent.



Year 6 Leavers

We say Goodbye and Good Luck to all of our Year 6 this week. Our four main secondary schools this year are both Watford Boys and Watford Girls, Rickmansworth and Croxley Danes. The children have worked really hard this year and should be proud of their achievements.



Staff Retention

Whilst we are sad to say farewell to Mrs Drucker and Miss Ferguson this week, we are pleased that so many teachers are staying on this year. I hope that Mrs Potter's class are looking forward to their new teacher in 6 Oak class next year. Two of our TA's move on this year, Mrs Marsh and Mrs Chaggar- we wish them all well.



Sporting successes

We have had so many successes in our sporting competitions this year that we have struggled to get to all of the finals! We are trying to take more children to sporting events next year and will be updating you over the year.



Baby News

Mrs Keating clearly enjoys being busy because she is pregnant (again!) That is going to be one busy mum next Spring! Mrs Keating will be with us in the Autumn Term and will finish at Christmas. She will be teaching Mr Payne's class one day a week and also Mr Long's class.



Concerts and Productions

Our Year 6 production was this week. It was a real pleasure to watch, as I said on the night, my favourite feature was that we worked hard to get all the children involved and showcase their talents. Synchronised swimming will never seem the same again!!!



Cycle Proficiency

Some parents have enquired about cycle proficiency and whilst I agree that it is worthwhile to teach the children these skills, it is quite limited for large groups of children. We have put in a request for an after school course for next year for year 5 and 5 but have to see what we are allocated. I attach the link to the cycle hub for parents to arrange courses. <https://www.watfordcyclehub.org.uk/>



Playground

See you on the playground on Tuesday 4th September. They practised this on transition day!



CSA Welcome back Coffee Morning – Friday 7th September 2018 – School Hall

Before we all depart for the Summer Holidays, the CSA would like to thank EVERYONE for your support this year. With your help, we have been able to provide valuable new resources for both schools, including touch-screen televisions for our Infants, and Chrome books for our Juniors. Not only this, but we have had fantastic fun at some really special events. We hope you have too.

To express our gratitude, we would like to invite all our parents and carers from **both schools, including our new nursery community**, to join us for coffee, croissants and a catch-up at the Junior School Hall on Friday 7th September 2018. This will be held from 9am-10am. There is no meeting agenda, just a chance to catch up with friends in an informal environment. We hope you can join us.

Over the Summer, please continue to support us by:

- Following our Facebook page, the more exposure we get, the better (<https://www.facebook.com/CassioburySchoolsAssociation/>)
- Sign up for www.easyfundraising.org, and remember to use the site when making online purchases to gain donations to the schools.

We wish you a wonderful break and we will see you September!

From everyone at the CSA



Golden Pupils

This week we celebrated the following children for their achievements:

Year 3: Abhiram K, Aliyah K, Ekaterina S, Maya C, Oliver J, Millie H

Year 4: Cameron B, Romaan A, Sydney S, Zakariya I, Hugo H, Claudia P, Saffy L

Year 5: Vincent B, Yusuf Y, Sophia M, Tanusri K, Thomas W, Maja L

Year 6: Shivam P, Alexandra B, Whole class of Maple, Whole class of Beech

Special Mentions:

Ella P – Grade 1 Guitar – Merit

Benjamin H – Grade 1 Jazz Piano – Distinction

Kieran M – Grade 3 Piano

Simran M – Grade 2 Piano

Snehi S – Dance Award

Year 5 Maths team – 6th place

Arya D – Martial Arts Silver Medal and double graded

Samarth D – Martial Arts Gold Medal and double graded

This week the **Golden Broom** has been awarded to **Staff who helped clear up this morning**. Well done!

Have a lovely summer!

Kind regards

Jenny Sherry and the Office Team

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

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| JULY | |
| 23 rd – 27 th | Occasional Days |
| SEPTEMBER | |
| 3 rd | Inset Day |
| 4 th | Back to school for Autumn Term 2018 |
| 5 th | Mock Transfer Tests Presentation Evening – School Hall – 7pm |
| 7 th | CSA – Coffee morning – Junior School Hall – 9am to 10am |
| 12 th | “Meet the Teacher” Evening 5.30 to 7pm |
| OCTOBER | |
| 2 nd | Year 5 Cross Country Competition – Queen’s School – 1.30pm to 2.30pm |
| 9 th | Years 5 and 6 - Quicksticks Hockey Competition – Queen’s School – 10am to 12noon |
| 11 th | Years 5 and 6 - Quicksticks Hockey Competition – Watford Boys School – 1pm to 3pm |
| 22 nd & 23 rd | Parent/Carer Consultation evening – TBC |
| 26 th | Inset Day |
| 29 th - 2 nd Nov | HALF TERM |
| NOVEMBER | |
| 5 th | Back to school |
| 6 th | Year 5 and 6 Mini Basketball Competition – Queen’s School – 10am to 3pm |
| 13 th | Year 5 and 6 Quicksticks Hockey Competition Final – Queen’s School – 10am to 12noon |
| 13 th | Speed Stacking Competition at Queen’s School – Year 3 and 4 – 1pm to 2.30pm |
| 20 th | Speed Stacking Final Competition at Queen’s School – Year 3 and 4 – 1pm to 2.30pm |
| 20 th | Year 5 and 6 Mini Basketball Final Competition – Queen’s School – 10am to 3pm |
| 24 th | Christmas Fair |
| 30 th | Occasional Day |
| DECEMBER | |
| 12 th | Year 3 Christmas Production – Date and times to be confirmed – matinee and evening performance |
| 21 st | Term Ends |
| JANUARY 2019 | |
| 7 th | Back to school for Spring Term 2019 |
| 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 2019 |
| 30 th | Year 3 and 4 Tennis – Watford Girls School – 1pm to 3pm |
| MAY 2019 | |
| 1 st – 3 rd | Year 5 Woodrow High House Trip - TBC |
| 2 nd | Year 3 and 4 Tennis – Queen’s School – 10am to 12noon |
| 6 th | Bank Holiday |
| 21 st | Year 3 and 4 Tennis Final – Queen’s School – 10am to 12noon |
| 27 th – 31 st | HALF TERM |

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| JUNE 2019 | |
| 4 th | Year 5 and 6 – Kwik Cricket – Watford Boys School – 9.30am to 12.30pm |
| 4 th | Year 3 and 4 Tri Golf – Watford Boys School – 1pm to 3pm |
| 18 th | Year 5 and 6 Archery Competition – Queen’s School – 10am to 12noon |
| 21 st | Sports Day – PM - TBC |
| JULY 2019 | |
| 1 st – 5 th | Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip - TBC |
| 2 nd | Year 5 Athletics – Watford Boys School – 1pm to 3pm |
| 9 th | Year 5 Athletics Final – Queens School – 10am to 12noon |
| 19 th | Term Ends 1.30pm |
| 22 nd | Inset Day |
| 23 rd | Inset Day |
| 24 th | Inset Day |