

Dear Parents and Carers

Guinea Pigs

Thank you for the offers to look after the guinea pigs over the holidays. I am sure that the guinea pigs will enjoy being with their host family over Easter. We will ask again over May half term and the summer holidays. Thank you also for the donations of equipment that we have received.

Clubs

Many of you have said that you would like more non-sporty clubs. Several new clubs are running over the Summer Term. These include; Art History Club, Dance Club, Art Club, Scrabble Club and Table-Top Games Club.

Summer Fair Choir

Miss Ferguson and Mrs Harrison will be running a choir for the Summer Term. There are 25 places in the choir and all singers need to be available for the summer fair.

School Meals

Please make sure that you book and pay for school meals during the Easter holidays. Please don't leave it to the Sunday night as it is too late for the Monday. Please speak to your child about the choices you make so that they know. A new menu with some special days has been produced for the Summer Term.

Office Monitors

Our Office Monitor Scheme has gone down well this year. Some of the Year 6 pupils may get a second go over the Summer Term. Mrs Clarke will send out the letters letting pupils know.

Library

We have 'literally' spent thousands of pounds on improving our library stock in the year 3 and 4 library. Huge thanks to the volunteer librarians who are helping us. It was a delight to see some of the year 3 pupils reading the books this week- you could have heard a pin drop!

Mrs Paradas

Mrs Paradas retires this week and is moving. Our thanks go to her for all of her hard work. We wish her well with the move.

Mrs Keating

Mrs Keating returns to us in a part-time capacity next term. We look forward to seeing her around the place and she will be part of the team teaching Apple class.

Mrs Shah

Mrs Shah currently teaches several classes around the school and joins the Class Teacher team for next year. Currently we are fully staffed for teachers next year.

Parent Consultations

Parents' evenings will be on the 10th and 11th of July this year. Please keep these dates in your diary.

Mr Armstrong

Mr Armstrong joined us this week as our School Business Manager. Please feel free to introduce yourself if you see him around.

Hairstyles

Please remember that our school uniform states that there should not be any shaved designs in hairstyles. Please ensure that your child follows our uniform policy.

Free seeds

Mrs Clarke and her green fingers have secured a fantastic box of seeds from Kew Gardens. She will arrange for the children to plant them around the school after Easter.

Whatsapp

Many of us use Whatsapp to communicate and it can be really useful. Please remember that it is not a forum to discuss serious school issues or named members of staff: we are entitled to take legal action, should we choose, in such circumstances. If you are concerned about a situation in school then it should be raised with the class teacher, and if not resolved should be referred to me. Issues involving other children or staff and even the name of the school must not be discussed in a negative way. We do not have the right to challenge, defend or put our side of the story in these situations.

Kindness

I have spoken to several parents recently who never get a playdate or party invitation for their child. I am setting a polite challenge to you, as parents, to have a think about inviting someone different for a playdate, even if it is just a short trip to the park and an ice cream. I think if we are honest we can all think of someone. Many children feel quite isolated. Thank you!

Return to school

We return to school on the 16th of April. Children may choose to wear summer uniform. Please bear in mind that leggings are NOT to be worn, even under skirts. Girls may choose to wear trousers or tights.

★ Golden Pupils

These will be done on Thursday after the newsletter.

Kind regards

Jenny Sherry and the Office Team

Calendar dates for your diary....

MARCH	
28 th	CSA Easter Bake Sale – Cassiobury Junior and Infant School – to be held between Infants and Juniors (or Infants Oak Room)
29 th	4 Holly Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
29 th	SPRING TERM ENDS 1.30pm
29 th	Non-uniform Day
APRIL	
16 th	SUMMER TERM BEGINS – BACK TO SCHOOL - pupils return to school
18 th	Year 6 swimming lessons start
20 th	5 Poplar Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
23 rd	Art Club – 3.30pm to 4.15pm – Year 4 and 5 – see separate correspondence
24 th	Dance Club – see separate correspondence
24 th	Art History Club starts – see separate correspondence
25 th	Scrabble Club starts – see correspondence next week
25 th	CSA AGM – 7pm – venue to be confirmed
26 th	Table-Top Games Club starts – see correspondence next week
MAY	

2 nd – 4 th May	Year 5 Residential – Woodrow High House – more details to follow
7 th	Bank Holiday Monday
18 th	Royal Wedding Celebration Day – more details to follow
21 st – 25 th	Outdoor Learning Week
28 th – 1 st June	HALF TERM
JUNE	
4 th – 8 th	Street Smart Week
16 th	Summer Fair – more details to follow
28 th	Sports Day – 9am Infants, 12noon picnic and 1pm Juniors
29 th	Inset Day
JULY	
2 nd – 6 th	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip
10 th	Joint orchestra concert with Nascot Wood and Cassiobury Junior Schools orchestra – more details to follow once confirmed.
10 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations – more details to follow
11 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations – more details to follow
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 – 3.30pm to 5.30pm – more details to follow
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