

Dear Parents and Carers



Diwali

Happy Diwali to our families celebrating this week. We have a visitor in to explain more about Diwali to our children next week.



Playground Improvements

You may have noticed a number of improvements to the playground this week. We have purchased a number of signs for the children to use, with more to come. The wall has been removed to improve visibility on the playground. We now have a sports coach available every lunchtime. Mondays and Fridays it is Mr Palmer and the other days it is a coach from Watford FC.



Walking Home

With the change of clocks we are reminded that children need to be aware of their own safety when walking over and near roads. We are currently reinforcing safety messages at school but please discuss, at home, how your child is walking home on these darker evenings.



Remembrance Day

This week we have been marking the 100 years since The Armistice. So far this week we have seen WW2 workshops in Year 6, wartime poetry in Year 4, poppy making in Year 3 and an act of remembrance from Reverend Dave Middlebrook. All of the children have been asked to write a message of peace to go in the time capsule that will be placed with a tree next week.



Wonder Homework

Thank you to everyone who has sent back their Wonder homework. We will start displaying them soon. Look out for some on our Twitter feed.



Open Afternoon – Thursday 15th November 2018 @ 3.20pm

Next Thursday is our open afternoon. Please come and join us for some displays of the children's learning so far this term. Please enter the school through the classroom doors once the children have been collected at 3.20pm.



Uniform

Please may I remind you all that children should not be in summer dresses at this time of the year and that leggings are not part of the uniform at any time. We do and we will send the children out in light rain and they need to have suitable coats for such weather.



Year 6 Leavers

As with last year we have offered to assist with the end of year arrangements for the Year 6 pupils. As a brief summary we offer to help with the following: a formal leavers assembly and coffee morning for the parents, a leavers BBQ run by the staff, a blue hoodie which can be worn in school after the February half term and help to produce a yearbook. If you are interested in helping then please contact Mrs Harrison in the School Office but I understand that some communication is already being passed in Whatsapp groups.



Children in Need – Friday 16th November 2018

This year our School Council have organised our Children in Need event at school and will be selling badges and wristbands for a suggested donation of £1 commencing Monday 12th November at break and lunchtimes. We also ask for the children and staff to dress up as someone who inspires them or, alternatively, they are welcome to wear non-uniform again for a suggested donation of £1.



Audience Tickets for Young Voices @ the O2 Arena

Thank you to those who have ordered the audience tickets for the Young Voices concert. The order has been placed with the box office and we will notify you when these are available to collect from the School Office. If you require any further tickets, you will need to contact the O2 directly.



Inclusion/SEND

Mrs Newman has emailed all parents who did not book a parents evening in place of the SEND 4+1 Joint Planning Meetings. Thank you to those who have confirmed meetings for the next two weeks. If you still wish to meet with Mrs Newman having attended a parents evening appointment, please contact her directly to organise.

Parent Workshops in 2019:



Speech, Language and Communication Needs Workshop (SLCN)

Mrs Newman is currently working with Central Primary School's SLCN base to provide training to the teachers and teaching assistants. She has also organised a 30 minute workshop for parents on Monday 21st January 2019 at 2:45pm here at Cassiobury Junior School. **Please email senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk** to confirm your attendance - we are limiting places to 50 people.



Reading Beyond the Words - Reading comprehension workshop with Laura Bloomberg

In the New Year, Mrs Newman will confirm the date and further details for this reading workshop with Laura Bloomberg, an accredited trainer with 23 years experience in working with children in primary schools. Laura has worked with local schools for many years as a specialist teacher for specific learning difficulties and looks forward to meeting you in the New Year. **Please email senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk** to confirm your attendance - we are limiting places to 20 people in the first instance.



Swimming Gala

We have received this email from the Watford and District Schools' Swimming Association. *There are many accomplished swimmers in our District and this is their opportunity to swim at a higher level gala against pupils from schools throughout the south and south east of England. Entries close this week but I will accept any entries received until 12th November. Thank you in anticipation, Zoë McQuire, Watford and District Schools' Swimming Association. T: 07729 800923*



Digital Parenting

To find out information on specific concerns such as cyber bullying or sexting, and keep up to date with the must-have apps and social media platforms that are providing so popular with children and young people, please go to the website www.vodafone.com/digitalparenting



Watford and the Great War

The Watford Museum have an exhibition commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the First World War. Here is the link to their website <https://www.watfordwillremember.co.uk/>



Guinea Pigs

I have given the teachers a rota so that all classes in Years 5 and 6 can have 1 half term looking after the guinea pigs at lunchtimes. You can still request to have them at weekends and I often remind the teachers that they can have them in the classrooms during the day. The guinea pigs love cucumber, carrots, broccoli and dandelion leaves if any child wishes to bring them in for them as I sometimes forget!



Golden Time

Due to changes in the weather and to give teachers more freedom with their timetables we are now giving teachers the choice as to when and how they give the children time for fun experiences. For obvious reasons, they can't all be doing things outside in the cold and the rain.



Golden Pupils

This week we celebrated the following children for their achievements:

Year 3: Jessica R, Jacob H, Trisya P, Maya P, Arisha S, Lucas H, Emily R

Year 4: Prabhansh S, Himnish N, Haris M, Aman B, Siddharth R, Mason W

Year 5: Jacob C, Ayyoub A, Dee M, Simran P

Year 6: Calum H, Hussain A, Ryan H, Alexander B, Scarlett F, Joel S, Tanusri K

Special Mentions:

- Lucy K - 3 Ash - Recreational gymnastics competition. Gold - vault, Silver- floor & Silver overall
- Sulaiman M – 6 Beech – Purple belt in karate. On Sunday 21/10/2018 he attended a Practical and Applied Karate Tournament. At his level, against a lot of competition, he won a Gold Medal in Kumite
- Alex Y, Haris M, James A, Ruairi F and Sammy W – competed in Amersham and Chiltern Rugby Festival. They won the fair play award for the second year running. It was their first contact festival and they performed brilliantly on a very wet and rainy Sunday morning!
- Maja L – Congratulations on receiving a Blue Peter Sports Badge
- Certificate of Appreciation received from the Watford Foodbank for our Harvest collection of food.

This week's **Golden Broom** award goes to Mrs Voller and 4 Hazel – well done!



Dates

Please check all of the dates at the end of the Newsletter and add them to your calendars.

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

NOVEMBER	
9 th	Pamper & Prosecco Evening , 6.00pm. Please email info@cassioburycsa.org if you would like to be involved
13 th	Year 6 Hockey Final – Queen’s School – see separate correspondence
15 th	Celebrating Learning – Open Afternoon from 3.20pm to 3.40pm
15 th	Year 5 Primary Schools’ Carol Concert rehearsal at Bushey Manor Junior School
16 th	Year 4 Holly – Hazard Alley visit – see separate correspondence
16 th	Year 6 Height and Weight
16 th	Year 4 Holly – Hazard Alley visit – see separate correspondence
16 th	Brass Trials with Mr Quinlan
19 th	Year 4 Hazel and 4 Hawthorn – Hazard Alley visit – see separate correspondence
19 th	Year 6 – Fire Service visit to school
21 st	Talk for parents and carers – Internet Safety – 7pm to 8.30pm – School Hall
22 nd	SEN Coffee Afternoon - 2.20pm to 3.20pm - Dining Hall
25 th	Christmas Market – more details to follow – 11am to 4pm
26 th	Year 5 – Planetarium Solar System Experience @ school – 9am to 3pm
27 th	Year 6 – WWII Historical Workshop @ school
28 th	6 Maple visit to Bentley Priory Museum – see separate correspondence
30 th	Occasional Day
DECEMBER	
3 rd	Year 3, 4 and 5 Flu vaccination – *CHANGE OF DATE
4 th	6 Beech and 6 Oak visit to Bentley Priory Museum – see separate correspondence
5 th	Primary Schools’ Carol Concert – Year 5 Choir – more details to follow
12 th	Year 3 Christmas Production – 1.45pm prompt start and 5.45pm prompt start – more details to follow
12 th	Year 4 Theatre Trip – see separate correspondence
13 th	Christingle Dress Rehearsal – Year 5
14 th	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children
14 th	OAP Charity Coffee morning (Contact the Elderly) – 9.30am to 11am
14 th	Christmas Dinner – more details to follow
17 th	Christingle Service – St Luke’s Church – Year 5 – more details to follow
21 st	Term Ends
JANUARY 2019	
7 th	Back to school for Spring Term 2019
FEBRUARY 2019	
15 th	SEND/Inclusion Coffee Morning – 9am to 10am – if you would like to attend please email senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk
18 th – 22 nd	HALF TERM
25 th	Back to school
28 th	Celebrating Learning – Open Afternoon from 3.20pm to 3.40pm
MARCH 2019	
7 th & 8 th	Year 3 - Affinity Water Trip
20 th	Talk for parents and carers – Managing anxiety and self-esteem – 7pm to 8.30pm – School Hall

21 st	Down Syndrome Awareness Day
APRIL 2019	
1 st to 5 th	Autism Awareness Week
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
6 th	Bank Holiday
8 th	Class Photos
24 th	SEND/Inclusion Coffee Morning – 9am to 10am – if you would like to attend please email senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk
27 th – 31 st	HALF TERM
JUNE 2019	
21 st	Sports Day – PM - TBC
JULY 2019	
1 st – 5 th	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip
19 th	Term Ends 1.30pm
22 nd	Inset Day
23 rd	Inset Day
24 th	Inset Day