

Dear Parents and Carers



Important Diary Dates

Please make sure you check the diary dates listed on this newsletter. There are important dates added and various changes!



Inclusion

Many thanks to children, parents and teachers for taking the time to work on the 4+1 Joint Planning Meetings so far. This is a tool used for discussing Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) support. Mrs Newman would like your feedback on the process. Please can you email her at senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk with the subject 4+1 Parent Feedback.



Open Morning

Next Thursday morning we will be open to parents for an Open Morning. The focus of this session is to allow you to see the English lessons in action across the school. We have invested in a new scheme, designed to compliment the 'Read, Write, Inc' phonics programme in the Infants. If you would like to attend then please sign in at the Main Reception and meet in the Hall. We will briefly speak to you before you visit the classes. Please note that **siblings are not allowed** to attend the Open Morning.



Non-Uniform

Next week we have two non-uniform days. One of these is for Children in Need (Spotacular), next Friday 17th children can come in fancy dress or casual clothes but must be dressed for November weather. A £1 collection will be held for this and paid to the charity.

We also have a non-uniform day next Wednesday 15th, this is for our E-Safety Day. A £1 donation will fund the information evening for parents.



E-safety Day

Next Wednesday is our E-Safety Day at Cassiobury Junior. During the day children will explore some themes and facts on e-safety and in the evening we are running an information session for parents on E-Safety and Drug Awareness. These talks are run by external providers and cost us a considerable amount of money. The sessions are open to parents in the Infant and Junior schools. **Please come - this is so important.** As a parent, I have changed my approaches to E-Safety based on information. Refreshments will be provided.



Collector Cards

A large number of children enjoy bringing their collector/swap cards into school. We do our best to sort out issues involving 'swaps' but this can prove difficult. It is even harder to remedy these situations the following day. Ultimately, it is your decision whether your child is allowed to bring these items in to school. I realise that the cards cannot be named but this makes it more difficult to return them.



Lost Property

There is still a mountain of lost property. Please make sure that your child's items are named and that you check this regularly. I know that name tags cost money but it must be cheaper to buy these rather than new coats, water bottles and jumpers?



Morning Bell

Some of you may have noticed that our 'high-tech' morning bell lost its 'clapper' earlier in the week. It has been mended. Staff are manning the gate each morning and check the playground to make sure that pupils all go in.



Year 5 and Year 6 Office Helpers

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 then they should have received a letter today informing them of their Office Duty Day. This is an exciting day designed to give them an alternative experience at school.



Toilets

The toilets between 5 Pine and 5 Poplar are going to be shut from Monday 13th November to approximately Monday 20th November. This is due to legacy from building works. Although the timing is not ideal, we have fought to get this support so we apologise for any disruption caused. For safeguarding reasons, we will have to close the toilet and cloakroom area. Therefore, please would you ensure children do not bring in any unnecessary items during the time the work is being undertaken.

The same work needs to be completed for the toilets between 6 Oak and 6 Beech once work has been completed on Year 5.



Catering Assistant Vacancy

Coombs Catering is currently looking to recruit a Catering Assistant at Cassiobury Junior School. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate excellent craft skills, be flexible in their approach, self-motivated within a small team environment and preferably have previous experience working in a school. This is a part-time position working 4 hours a week Friday 10am to 2pm on £7.78ph with the opportunity for occasional overtime. For more information, please contact Mr Chris Sprott, Area Manager – chris@ccpltd.biz



Christmas Fair

Our CSA is organising the Christmas Fair to be held on Sunday 3rd December 2017 at Cassiobury Infants and Nursery School from 2pm to 4.30pm. Please see separate communications about this.



Orchestra Performance

We are delighted that our Orchestra will be performing again for us. Parents and carers of orchestra children are welcome to attend on Friday 15th December 2017 at 9am in the School Hall.

★ Golden Pupils

We did not have a Golden Book Assembly this week however, Reverend Dave Middlebrook led an assembly on Remembrance Day instead.

Kind regards
Jenny Sherry and the Office Team

Dates for your diary.....

NOVEMBER	
10 th	6 Beech Class Assembly – 9am – School Hall 3 Alder Class Assembly – 2.45pm – School Hall
14 th	Year 6 Basketball Competition – Queens School, Bushey
15 th	Non Uniform Day – suggested £1 donation
15 th	Year 5 – Woodrow High House Residential Trip meeting – school hall (5pm to 5.45pm)
15 th	E-Safety and Drugs Awareness evening – school hall - 6pm - No children allowed
16 th	Open Morning – 9.15am to 10.15am – No children allowed
17 th	Children in Need – Spotacular – Non Uniform Day - £1 collection
17 th	5 Pine Class Assembly – 9am – School Hall 3 Apple Class Assembly – 2.45pm – School Hall
17 th	Brass Trials with Brass Teacher, Mr Quinlan (during school hours)
24 th	INSET DAY
DECEMBER	
1 st	Non Uniform Day – Bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair
1 st	5 Poplar Class Assembly – 9am – School Hall 4 Hazel Class Assembly – 2.45pm – School Hall
3 rd	CSA Christmas Fair – 2pm to 4.30pm – see separate correspondence To be held at Cassiobury Infants and Nursery School
6 th	Primary Schools’ Carol Concert – The Colosseum – Year 5 Choir rehearsal @ 9.15am
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8 th	5 Pear Class Assembly – 9am – School Hall 3 Ash Class Assembly – 2.45pm – School Hall
11 th	Christingle at St. Luke’s Church – ALL DAY - more information to follow
13 th	Year 5 Trip – Ashmolean Museum
13 th	Elderly Tea Party – School Hall – 1.30pm
15 th	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children Charity
15 th	Cassiobury School Orchestra performance to orchestra parents and carers – School Hall – 9am
15 th	4 Holly Class Assembly – 2.45pm – School Hall (Changed from 9am) *
18 th	Year 3 Christmas production – 2pm and 6.30pm
19 th	Non – Uniform day
19 th	AUTUMN TERM ENDS 1.30pm
JANUARY 2018	
3 rd	INSET DAY
4 th	SPRING TERM BEGINS – pupils return to school
11 th	Open Morning for Year 2 parents only – 9am to 10.30am

11 th	Year 6 – Height and Weight Health Questionnaire
12 th	School Orchestra starts back for Spring Term 2018
FEBRUARY	
6 th	Year 6 – Young Voices – 02 Arena – see separate correspondence
12 th – 16 th	HALF TERM
MARCH	
23 rd	Sport Relief
29 th	SPRING TERM ENDS 1.30pm
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