

Dear Parents and Carers



Harvest Festival – Tuesday 9th October 2018

The Reverend Dave Middlebrook will be coming to school to talk to the children on the 9th October about Harvest Festival. This year we are donating to the Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership. Please can children bring in the following items to their class from the 1st October so a class Harvest Box can be prepared:

Their current needs are: Tinned meat and fish, tinned vegetables, sweetcorn & fruit, soup, sponge puddings, rice puddings, custard, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, rice, biscuits, fruit juice (long life), milk (UHT), breakfast tea, cereals & sugar.



Headlice

According to studies this is the worst time of the year for catching headlice and we are following that trend, here at Cassiobury. I can give you my top tips; when you treat for headlice you need to check the instructions, some require re-treating the hair and this often gets missed! When you treat your child's hair the lice might be on pillows, towels, hoods or hats, they need to be hot washed at the same time as the treatment. Check regularly with a comb. Treat everybody in the house at the same time. Only 50% of people will scratch when they have head lice as they do not react to the lice and their deposits, so you need to check every two weeks, scratching or not!!! A female head louse only needs to mate once and can continue laying egg for the rest of her life. You only have to leave one louse behind and then they will be back!

Did you know? Children huddled around phones are now a new way of spreading headlice in older children- that might keep them off the phones!



Parent Consultations

Please see separate correspondence regarding the booking system for parent/teacher consultations which will take place on Monday 22nd October and Tuesday 23rd October 2018. The online booking IS NOT through the School Gateway. Please visit <https://cassioburyjm.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> and follow the instructions as per the letter. The booking system will open on Monday 8th October 2018 at 8am.



Lunch Choices

Please discuss your child's lunch choice with them. I have spoken to several children this week who wanted a different option but did not get to choose.



Coats

Please make sure that your child has a coat in school as the weather is getting cooler. I do encourage the children to have tracksuit bottoms for PE at this time of year as we often take them outside.



Year 6 – Leavers meeting

We welcome our Year 6 parents to pop in for a quick meeting on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 3.30pm. Please come to the School Hall.



Inclusion – SEND

Mrs Newman has sent out intervention letters. Thank you for replies so far. Please note any interventions with Ms Handscombe start on 5th November 2018.



School Council

The children have voted for their School Council and now the hard work begins. I am keen to hear about their ideas so that they can feedback to their class. Our outgoing school council represented the school recently and I received this feedback...

'I would like to extend my thank you to you, your school and most importantly the children who came to Nationwide last Friday to lend a hand and support our cake sale which was being held to raise money for our chosen charity, Macmillan.

It was so nice that you once again agreed to support Nationwide and the local community. What my team and I expected was just some support around selling cakes. What we actually received from the Children was so much more. They were confident young people who were happy to meet and greet my members at the front door and engage with them about our cake sale and tombola. All of my team have praised the self confidence and manners displayed by the children of Cassiobury. If this is how they are at this age, then I know they will be capable of great things as they progress through life.

We have very high standards here in Watford and we were so so impressed.

Thank you once again for your support – the children of Cassiobury definitely had a positive impact on our donations.

Pleased to say we raised £592.20 for Macmillan

Watford (Nationwide) will return the favour by coming to the school to talk to the children about managing their money both now and in the future.'



Challenging stereotype month

With ever increasing awareness of our need to challenge stereotypes we are, for the month of March, inviting people whose career path has done just that. We feel that it is vital that children do not feel that there are barriers that prevent them from pursuing their dreams in careers or activities that have, in the past, seemed out of bounds. We want to widen the scope of opportunities and empower them to pursue things that they might have considered in the past. As part of this we will be aiming to challenge stereotypes in the world of sport, employment, arts and in family life.

If you are interested and able to offer some time to come and talk to a group or more about your role, and how you went about achieving it, then please email me through the admin email and put FAO Mrs Fowler.



Dates

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



Golden Pupils

This week we celebrated the following children for their achievements:

Year 3: Andros T, Ayaan P, Gabriella P, Mya P, Amelia H, Savar T

Year 4: Jiya T, Hadley C-D, Zoya C, Aman B, Zoe R, Ali Raza D

Year 5: James M, Sophie D, Karma H, Cameron B, Evie B, Eli R

Special Mentions:

Year 5 Choir children – Thank you for attending the choir auditions and performing a solo
Isabella F – Level 1 Royal Academy of Dance award in Ballet
Mia C – 200m swimming (3 different strokes) award

Calendar dates for your diary....

OCTOBER	
9 th	Harvest Festival Assembly – 1pm – see separate correspondence
9 th	Year 5 Poplar visit to Westfield Academy – see separate correspondence
10 th	Individual School Photos
11 th	Years 6 - Hockey Competition – Watford Boys School – 10am- 12pm
15 th	Year 3 visit – Chiltern Open Air Museum – see separate correspondence
16 th	Year 5 Pear visit to Westfield Academy – see separate correspondence
17 th	South West Herts Consortium results
22 nd & 23 rd	Parent/Carer Consultation evenings (3.30pm to 7pm)
23 rd	Year 5 Pine visit to Westfield Academy – see separate correspondence
24 th	SEND/Inclusion Coffee Morning – 9am to 10am – if you would like to attend please email senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk
24 th	Year 5 Woodrow Trip meeting – School Hall @ 5pm
26 th	Inset Day
29 th - 2 nd Nov	HALF TERM
31 st	Secondary School application deadline
NOVEMBER	
5 th	Back to school
6 th	Year 6 Basketball Competition – Queen’s School – 10am to 12pm
7 th	Year 6 – WWII Historical Workshop @ school – 9.30am to 12noon
7 th	Year 6 Leavers meeting – School Hall – 3.30pm to 4pm
8 th	Year 4 – Speed Stacking Competition – Watford Grammar School for Girls 1pm-2.30pm
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 – more details to follow
16 th	Year 4 Holly – Hazard Alley visit – see separate correspondence
16 th	Children in Need – Spotacular Day – more details to follow
19 th	Year 4 Hazel and 4 Hawthorn – Hazard Alley visit – see separate correspondence
21 st	Talk for parents and carers – Internet Safety – 7pm to 8.30pm – School Hall
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
29 th	6 Beech and 6 Oak visit to Bentley Priory Museum – see separate correspondence
30 th	Occasional Day

DECEMBER	
5 th	Primary Schools' Carol Concert – Year 5 – more details to follow
12 th	Year 3 Christmas Production – Date and times to be confirmed – matinee and evening performance
14 th	OAP Charity Coffee morning (Contact the Elderly) – 9.30am to 11am
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