

19th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers



Internet Safety

A number of issues have been highlighted recently so I wanted to update you all on some tips and support. Please do not let your children keep/charge phones in their bedrooms. Some of the class/group Whatsapp messages show that messages have been sent in the middle of the night, even 3am!!! It is not considered healthy to charge phones, ipads, or any other electrical devices in your room where you sleep. Please do not let your children charge their phones in their bedrooms. Screen time before sleep is shown to impede restful sleep. We have arranged an evening talk for parents on 'Online Safety' on 21st November 2018 at 7pm in the School Hall. If I buy the biscuits (I might even buy mince pies!!!) then I just need you to turn up on the evening, please come and find out what is new in the online world for our children. I have included a link to a BBC article this week. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-45869178>



Gaming

I know that many of you allow your children to take part in online gaming. As with above, this needs to be monitored and limited! We have quite a few tired children in year 5 and 6.



Whatsapp and Online Messaging

Please could I remind you that inappropriate messages on phones, devices and the internet can be reported to the police. I have and I will again report incidents to the police particularly where children are over 10 and therefore at the age of criminal responsibility. Please check your child's devices. If you are not sure how to monitor all of this then please come for a biscuit and a talk on November 21st!



Guinea Pigs

Bookings for the guinea pigs have slowed recently. If you would like to book them for a weekend then please contact the School Office to arrange.



Staff absence

We have been hit with a bit of staff absence recently and along with the usual chest infections and other illnesses, Mr Morgan is having an operation next week, Mrs Potter has had to support her dad in ICU so it is a trying time for many. Thank you for your patience if your child's teacher has been absent.



Harvest Thank You

Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership have sent a lovely thank you to us for the contributions from Harvest Festival. In total we collected 292kgs but each month they are giving away a tonne of food and supplies!



Armistice

As you are probably aware, this year marks 100 years since the Armistice at the end of the First World War. To mark this event we will be planting a commemorative tree and time capsule with messages of peace and marking the location with an inscription. In addition to this event we are fortunate to have a theatre production next week, aimed at junior children, that is about the First World War. This production will be shown to the children in Years 4-6 next Wednesday.



Halloween Dress Up Day

The CSA have arranged a Halloween dress up day next Thursday. Each child is allowed to dress up for a £1 donation. I really wish to stress that they do not have to wear fancy dress but can just treat it as a non-uniform day. I do not want to see really scary costumes; we are a primary school.



Wonder

Some of you may have seen the film 'Wonder' it has such a strong moral message and year 5 are currently reading it. A central part of the film is about the Halloween dress up day so it seems pertinent to show it to the children on our dress up day next Thursday. As it is a PG then we need you to let us know if you do not wish your child to watch it. There will be a homework activity, related to the film, for all children. If you do not wish your child to watch then please email the School Office by next Wednesday. The film is currently on Netflix should you wish to view it.



Holidays

I am aware that some pupils are on holidays around the October half term. Please may I remind you that teachers do not provide homework for holidays and should not be sharing their lesson plans or activities. Preparing these for just a few children takes up quite a bit of time for the teachers.



GDPR

The School GDPR Policy and Privacy letter is accessible on our policies page of the website.



Cassiobury Fireworks Event - Saturday 3rd November

Cassiobury School is pleased to support the Fireworks night and provide extra parking. The school car park will be available for parking for a charge of £5 per vehicle. The gates to the car park and lower playground will be open from 5:45pm. Please let friends and relations that travel by car to the park know to use the school and support us in raising income for the school. The entrance to the car park is from Capel Vere Walk.



Inclusion/SEND

If you are able to attend the **Coffee Morning with Mrs Newman** on **Wednesday 24th October** at **8:50 - 10:00am**, please email Mrs Newman at senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk.



Flu Immunisation Consent Form – Years 3, 4 and 5

IMPORTANT – if you have not yet returned your flu immunisation consent form to the School Office please do so by Friday 19th October 2018. Your child WILL NOT be able to receive the immunisation if the form has not been returned.

If you **DO NOT** wish to give consent for your child to have this, the form still needs to be completed AND returned to the School Office.



CSA Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed, volunteered and attended our uniform with coats and wellies sale. We will share results and feedback with you all shortly. We are looking forward to next week, with dress-up / dress down day for £1.00 with a cake sale at home-time. **Please do ensure your child is comfortable and unobstructed in their chosen attire** – we must still be able to complete learning activities. Remember to bring your cakes in at drop-off.

Furthermore, we are able to confirm our Pamper evening on 9th November from 6pm. If you'd like to get involved, please email info@cassioburycsa.org. You may also have started to receive information and requests for the Christmas Market on the 25th November – please do all you can to give some time as we prepare for the event as well as on the date. Dates for your diary are below.



School Dinners

The school dinner bookings are available on the School Gateway so you can book your child's meals from now until Christmas! Our Christmas dinner day is on Friday 14th December – if your child would like a Christmas dinner on that day and they do not normally have a school meal, please let Mrs Harrison know in the School Office so this is booked separately and not on the School Gateway system.



Deadline Reminder – Year 6 parents

Secondary School admissions closing date is 31st October 2018 – please do not forget to apply for your child's Secondary School place with Herts Admissions.



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: Yusuf C, Cleo K, Zahraa-Ayn S, Fionn B, Abdul M, Emily H

Year 4: Oliver M, Giovanna F, Sundus N, Zaynab K, Zain A, Leora G, Chloe H, Millie H

Year 5: Zahra K, Amber M, Ramaan A, Rishi V, Jai Haria, Adam K, Claudia P

Year 6: Oscar A, Mia B, Eric L, Jake D, William R, Amena K, Yusuf Y

Special Mentions:

Summer R – Running for charity – 17th place – 170 youngest participant

Isabelle Che – Level 1 Award in Dance – Grade 2 – Imperial Classical Ballet – Distinction

Olivia Che – Level 1 Award in Dance – Grade 1 – Modern Theatre – Merit

Gabriella P – Stage 4 swimming award

Demi C – Stage 5 swimming award

This week's **Golden Broom** award goes to 3 Ash – well done!

Calendar dates for your diary....

OCTOBER	
19 th	Uniform Sale: Uniform, Coats & Wellies Sales, CINS Oak Room, 2.45 - 3.40pm
22 nd & 23 rd	Parent/Carer Consultation evenings (3.30pm to 7pm)
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
25 th	Halloween Dress up/down & Bake Sale - £1 suggested donation £1.00 for dress up / down day. Cake sale at home-time. Donations to CINS Oak Room and CJS Music Cabin in morning
26 th	Inset Day
29 th - 2 nd Nov	HALF TERM
31 st	Secondary School application deadline
NOVEMBER	
5 th	Flu vaccination form deadline – years 3, 4 and 5
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
9 th	Pamper & Prosecco Evening , 6.00pm. Please email info@cassioburycsa.org if you would like to be involved
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	Year 6 Height and Weight
16 th	Year 3, 4 and 5 Flu vaccination
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
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
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 Choir – more details to follow
12 th	Year 3 Christmas Production – Date and times to be confirmed – matinee and evening performance
12 th	Year 4 Theatre Trip – more details to follow
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