

Dear Parents and Carers



### **Welcome**

Welcome to all our Year 3 pupils and any other children who are new to Cassiobury. I have popped down to see Year 3 and they have settled in really well. They have impressed their teachers with how great they have been this week. I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members of staff. They have all hit the ground running and are enjoying their new surroundings.



### **Morning Routine**

Many thanks to those of you who have given us feedback on the new before school arrangements. The comments have been overwhelmingly positive. There will be staff present on the playground from 8.30am each morning to supervise the children before their Class Teachers come out to greet them. This gives parents the opportunity to leave their children with us and go about their planned activities. There is no obligation for parents to wait with their children on the playground.



### **School Dinners**

We are aware that there have been issues with our school meal provision this week for which we apologise. We are in the process of tendering for an external catering company to provide our school meal provision however, due to commissioning timescales, the contract will not start until the second half of this autumn term. Therefore, we have interim arrangements in place for this half term and unfortunately the company helping us has had some teething problems including an ordering issue, which has affected the provision this week. We have been working closely with the interim company to address the issues. Looking forward, we are excited about working with the successful bidder for our contract and having a refreshed school dinner offering. We will send out details regarding provision for next half term as soon as we can, watch this space!



### **Harvest Collection**

The Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership has been in touch and will be gratefully receiving our Harvest donations this year. They support a growing number of families in our local community. They are looking for donations of tinned meat and fish, tinned vegetables, sweetcorn and fruit, soup, sponge puddings, rice puddings, custard, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, rice, biscuits, long life fruit juice, UHT milk, tea, cereals and sugar. Cassiobury has always donated a lot at harvest time. We will inform you when to bring in the items for our Harvest assembly.



### **Marvellous Me**

Marvellous Me proved really successful last year and was very popular with the children. I have been working with Marvellous Me this week to transfer existing pupils into new classes/year groups and to set up our new pupils. This is now complete. If you are new to the school you will soon receive information and log in details. Existing pupils will work as before. If anybody needs assistance with Marvellous Me, please email the school office who will pass this on to the relevant member of staff.



### **Meet the teacher**

The Teachers are looking forward to meeting you informally next week during our 'Meet the Teacher' mornings. Please arrive via the school office so that you can sign in and receive a visitor badge. All meetings start at 09.00am and will be held in the school hall.

Year 6 – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Year 3 – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Year 4 – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September



## Uniform

It has been lovely to walk around the school this week and to see how smart all the children are looking. Uniform and appearance are focus areas for us this year and will have a high profile. Thank you to all parents who have read our new guidance in the Parent Handbook and met with our expectations.



## Parking

Unfortunately one of our neighbours in Bellmount Wood Avenue was unable to leave her house yesterday morning due to a parent or carer blocking her driveway. Please can I remind you to park carefully and respectfully in the roads near to the school.



## Inclusion Survey

Since joining the school Mrs Newman has made a huge impact on Inclusion and Special Educational Needs (SEN). She has set up an online survey and would really value your feedback so that she can continue her good work. Please follow the link below to carry out the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cjsinclusion>

If you have any questions regarding SEN or Inclusion, Mrs Newman can be contacted directly by sending an email to [senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk)

## One Page Profiles

Mrs Newman will be emailing the one page profiles for children who have SEN support. She will be arranging the '4+1' joint planning meeting for after the half term break.



## Golden Pupils

This week we celebrated the following children for their achievements:

Year 3: Ameera B, Umar A, Snehi S, Siddharth, Alex, Rica

Year 4: Aaron K, Harriet W, Harry C-M, Oliver H, Ayyoub A, Mae W

Year 5: Sofia C-V, Branam P, Jahn A, Joel S, Sulaiman M, Lara T

Year 6: Hibah I, Shivam P, Sam S, Myuri K, Devani O, Emily B



## Special Mentions also go to:

Sarah T - passing her Grade 1 piano exam

Rupert J - 3rd in the Årkarp Junior Open international tennis competition in Sweden

Oliver H - gaining a Blue Peter Badge for inspiring another child to take up a new sport

Mr Palmer & Mr Payne – being helpful in assembly today

Oliver L – For Fitter Future

Ya'Qoub A – for having excellent manners



## Golden Broom Award: 3 Apple

This year we will also be presenting the Golden Broom to the class which has the tidiest classroom. This week the Golden Broom has been awarded to 3 Apple. Well done!



## School Dinner Invoices

Your child's dinner money invoice is now available to pay on the School Gateway system and must be paid immediately as no credit is allowed. We would prefer that payment is made via an Instant Bank Transfer as this is cheaper for the school than the use of a Credit Card/Debit Card. We recommend that you download the School Gateway App on your phone to also keep up to date with trips, clubs, etc. Please be advised that we **DO NOT USE** the **School Dinner Top Up facility**. This is a function on the School Gateway system, that we do not use but unfortunately the button cannot be removed.



## Parent Consultation Evenings

The dates for the parent consultation evening are Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. More information will be sent out in the next week in order for you to book a time slot with your child's teacher.

Kind regards

Mr Gary Stanley and the Office Team



## Dates for your diary

11 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher – School Hall – Year 6 – 9am
11 <sup>th</sup>	Band Practice and Brass Lessons resume
12 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher – School Hall – Year 3 – 9am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher – School Hall – Year 4 – 9am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening and Nature Club
13 <sup>th</sup>	First Aid Club – see separate email
14 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher – School Hall – Year 5 – 9am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Hindi Club starts – see separate email
14 <sup>th</sup>	First Aid Club – see separate email
18 <sup>th</sup>	After School Football Club with Challenge Sport & Education – see separate letter
19 <sup>th</sup>	Fitter Future with CSE
19 <sup>th</sup>	After School Netball Club with Challenge Sport & Education – see separate letter
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mock Transfer Tests – Secondary Transfer information evening for Year 4 & Year 5 6.30pm – School Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 Trip – Roman Verulamium Trip – see separate letter
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jeans for Genes Charity Day
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mock Transfer Test Club starts – see separate letter
25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening – more information to follow (3.30pm to 7pm)
27 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening – more information to follow (3.30pm to 7pm)
29 <sup>th</sup>	8am – School Hall – Cassiobury Junior School Orchestra (years 4, 5 & 6 – see separate letter)
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Individual School Photos
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Half Term
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Nurse – Year 3 and 4 – more details to follow
17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need - Spotacular
24 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children Charity
19 <sup>th</sup>	Non – uniform day
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AUTUMN TERM ENDS 1.30pm</b>
<b>JANUARY 2018</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SPRING TERM BEGINS</b> – pupils return to school
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Young Voices – 02 Arena – see separate letter
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
<b>MARCH</b>	

23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sport Relief
29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SPRING TERM ENDS 1.30pm</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SUMMER TERM BEGINS</b> – pupils return to school
<b>MAY</b>	
28 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
<b>JULY</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip – more details to follow
12 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary Transition Day
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SUMMER TERM ENDS 1.30pm</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Occasional Days