

Dear Parents and Carers



Congratulations!

We are really pleased to pass on the wonderful news that Mrs Keating gave birth to a baby boy last week. After a long labour, which started at 10pm on Tuesday night, Sebastian Arlo Keating arrived at 2.3pm on Friday 8th September 2017. Sebastian weighed in at a healthy 8lb 5.5oz and was 11 days overdue!



Curriculum Maps

Some parents have been asking for an updated curriculum map for their Year Group. The teachers are currently in the process of redesigning our curriculum to make sure we are meeting statutory requirements but also to ensure that the curriculum we offer is exciting and relevant for our children. We will update you as soon as possible with any changes.



Jeans for Genes

On Friday 22nd September, we will be holding our first charity event of the year in aid of the Genes for Jeans charity which helps children in the UK affected by genetic disorders. Children can come to school in non-uniform (jeans if you have them!) for a minimum donation of £1. The money will be collected by some of our Year 6 children during the morning assembly.



Park and Stride

A few years ago the school worked with the local authority on a parking system. Despite no access to the Sun Postal car park we now have permission to use the Fullarians car park via Coningsby Drive. The school has a substantial fee to pay for this facility so please use it. I will be asking for feedback on this and passing this on! Please park in the Fullarians car park and walk across the zebra crossing to the small gate which will lead you up through the Infants School wooded area and path to the upper playground at the Junior School. This facility is available from 8.30am to 9am and 3.00pm to 4.00pm.



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 be collecting on **2nd October** when Reverend Middlebrook will be coming in to lead our assembly.



Charity Cake Sale

Lily H, Maja L and Ella O have asked to do a cake sale to raise funds for a disabled friend of theirs who needs alteration made to her living space. They have asked to run a cake sale after school on Monday 25th September. They are going to put any monies raised towards a lift for their friend. This is a lovely and kind act and will be supported by the school. They will be selling cakes on the playground/in the gazebo.



Responsibility and Jobs

This year we will be asking more of the children to take on jobs around the school. Year 5 and 6 will each have an 'office day' over the year. There will be a number of jobs issued once the children have settled in school. In a change to previous years, some roles and responsibilities may not last for the whole school year. This is due to the number of children who are keen to take on extra jobs within school so do not worry if your child has not been chosen for a job recently.



Meet the Teacher

Many thanks to those of you who came along to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. We had a really positive turnout. We hope you found this a useful addition to the school calendar this year.



Head Lice

We do have some extra visitors in school at the moment and I would rather that they were not here. Please check your child for head lice, a comb is best for finding them but some of the head lice we have seen are very mature specimens and can be seen from a distance! https://beta.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice?WT.mc_id=organic_split



Office Interruptions

The School Office has been inundated this week with forgotten items, such as lunchboxes, water bottles, fleeces, jackets, etc. Please can you children remember to bring their belongings to school as it is not always possible to deliver the items to the children during the school day.



Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Mon 25th and Weds 27th September 2017

Parents evenings are earlier this year so that the new staff can have a chance to meet with you and discuss any identifies gaps in learning. In December we will run an assessment week and then use this and other information to write a school report for each pupil. This should identify any targets for improvement and help those parents who are asked to provide information for secondary schools. These targets will then be worked on and in the summer term we will run parent consultation evenings so that you can review your child's progress with the teacher and sign off any targets for the year.

Appointments can be made from Monday 18th September at noon and will close on Thursday 21st September at 11.00am. To book your appointment(s) the online booking system can be accessed at <https://cassioburyjm.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> or via the link on our school website which can be found on the Payments/School Gateway tab and then Parents' Evening System. To log in you will need to enter your name, your child's name and date of birth and, in order to receive confirmation of your appointments, your email address. Should you have any issues logging into the booking system please contact the School Office who will be happy to help.



Music Lessons in School

It was lovely to welcome a new Clarinet Teacher to the school this week and we are hoping to be able to offer Clarinet lessons to some of our pupils later in the term. More details will follow. Also, a lot of parents have enquired about brass and violin lessons. Again, if spaces are available more details will follow later this term.



Hindi club

We are pleased to inform that we have got superb response to our Hindi after school club. Children are always excited to attend and expressed that they are learning so much. Time just flies in this club. Parents are reminded to register their interest for this term at learnwithfun11@gmail.com



Golden Pupils

This week we celebrated the following children for their achievements:

Year 3: Daisy B, Sonny O, Isabella S, Ammar, Sitara M, Sammy W

Year 4: Luca R, Jessica R, Jess N, Kian P, Riyaan S, Sydney S,

Year 5: Leon L, Carys L, Lily H, Eric L, Lola M, Jay T

Year 6: Safian R, Rahul N, Matilda S, Muhammad-Ali K, Sophia M, Kieran M



Special Mentions also go to:

Harry B – Grade 2 French Horn

Sadie K – Grade 1 Singing

Nathan W – Stage 1 and 2 Sailing and Stage 1 Windsurfing

Charlotte G – Watford Football Club Girls Academy

Jenan Craggs – Grade 1 Piano

Mrs Handscombe – For taking on the extra responsibility of sorting out the medical room and medications for the children.

This week the Golden Broom has been awarded to 6 Maple. Well done!

Kind regards

Mr Gary Stanley and the Office Team



Dates for your diary

SEPTEMBER	
18 th	After School Football Club with Challenge Sport & Education – see separate letter
19 th	Fitter Future with CSE – all pupils
19 th	After School Netball Club with Challenge Sport & Education – see separate letter
20 th	Mock Transfer Tests – Secondary Transfer information evening for Year 4 & Year 5 6.30pm – School Hall
21 st	Year 4 Trip – Roman Verulamium Trip – see separate letter
22 nd	Jeans for Genes Charity Day
25 th	Mock Transfer Test Club starts – see separate letter
25 th	Parent Consultation Evening – more information to follow (3.30pm to 7pm)
27 th	Parent Consultation Evening – more information to follow (3.30pm to 7pm)
29 th	8am – School Hall – Cassiobury Junior School Orchestra (years 4, 5 & 6 – see separate letter)
OCTOBER	
2 nd	Harvest Assembly
5 th , 12 th & 19 th	Year 5 First Aid Training
11 th	Individual School Photos
23 rd – 27 th	Autumn Half Term
NOVEMBER	
2 nd	Year 6 NHS Height and Weight
3 rd	School Nurse – Year 3 and 4 flu immunisation
17 th	Children in Need - Spotacular
24 th	Inset Day
DECEMBER	
6 th	Primary Schools' Carol Concert – The Colosseum – Year 5 – more details to follow
15 th	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children Charity
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
FEBRUARY	
6 th	Year 6 – Young Voices – 02 Arena – see separate letter
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	
21 st – 25 th	Outdoor Learning Week
28 th – 3 rd June	HALF TERM
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