

Dear Parents and Carers



School Vision

The Governing Body are reviewing the school vision and aims and are requesting input from the whole school community. The school vision is fundamental in describing what the school is trying to achieve. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard! Please follow the link to participate in their survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/T6MRCMDM>

The survey closes on Sunday 30th April so that it can be discussed at the Full Governing Body meeting on Monday 8th May.



Autism Coffee Morning / Autism Awareness

Developing our understanding of autism is a growing focus for Hertfordshire, and our school! We are developing more training for our staff but also value the opportunity for pupils to learn about this condition. Mrs Newman has arranged for a volunteer from the National Autistic Society to visit the school on Tuesday 16th May 2017 and she will be available for a parent 'drop in' and coffee morning from 9am to 9.45am and then she will be working with different year groups in the school.



Former Headteacher

Sadly we learned this week that a former Headteacher of Cassiobury has passed away. Dick Haines was a dedicated Headteacher of Cassiobury for 20 years and, I understand, was very fond of the school. His funeral was held earlier today. I am sure that you will join me in sending our condolences to his family.

http://www.watfordobserver.co.uk/announcements/deaths/deaths/15224881.Dick_Haines/



Uniform Policy

Please see below our uniform guidance for Cassiobury Junior School. Leggings must not be worn as part of school uniform. Please support us by following this rule.



Newspaper

Many of you will have read the school newspaper over the Easter break. I would like to thank Mrs Drucker and her publishing team for the work put into this.



Furniture Donations

Over the Easter holidays we were delighted to receive a huge donation of furniture and equipment for the school. This was donated to the school by Mr Müller through his employer. Thank you Mr Müller!



Music Cabin

Some of you may have noticed that the music cabin has had a 'make-over'. Whilst it looks pretty, it has also had new flooring which means that it no longer stinks! This should be a much more enjoyable environment for the children. Oh and the colour? Mr Stanley's choice! Much of this has been organised by our music fan, Mrs Harrison.



Sainsbury Vouchers

Please may we have any and all Sainsbury vouchers as we can use these to get new gardening resources. This will help us develop our outdoor learning opportunities.



School Dinner Survey

Thank you to those of you that responded to our school dinner survey. The responses are very helpful. The survey will be used to aid our decision making process. The survey is now closed. We had 18 responses.



Chess Club

Sadly Mr Chapman has decided not to continue with the Chess Club. We would like to thank him for giving up his time to volunteer in the school.



School Dinners

Apologies for the regular reminders but please make sure that school meals are paid in advance. Thank you for your help with this.



Golden Pupils

Our Golden Pupils this week are...

Year 6: Sumayyah A, Ryan P, Katie C, Tharan S, Evie G, Ashmi V

Year 5: Emily B, Kian A, Alexandra B, James H, Harvey C, Taha R

Year 4: Rayaan B, Ella O, Luna P, Joel S, Stanley T, Maryam K

Year 3: Aiden S, Mae W, Owen B, Isaac J, Felix A, Rayyan A

The following pupils also received a mention:

Katie C & Tharan S - for demonstrating an excellent attitude towards their learning.



Dates for your diary

APRIL	
24 th	Clubs and Music lessons start week commencing 24 th April
26 th	Year 6 Swimming (every Wednesday)
MAY	
3 rd - 5 th	Year 5 Residential Trip to Woodrow High House
4 th	Class 4A – Nando’s Visit
8 th - 11 th	SATS week
11 th	Class 4K – Nando’s Visit
16 th	Autism Awareness Drop in and Coffee morning
16 th	Beginners String Day – Watford School of Music
18 th	Class 4V – Nando’s Visit
18 th	Class Photos
	Half term 29 th May to 2 nd June
JUNE	
15 th	Year 4 Trip to KidZania
17 th	Cassio Fest – Summer Fair - 12 noon
19 th – 23 rd	Year 6 Residential Trip to Little Canada, Isle of Wight
JULY	
3 rd	Open Evening for new and existing parents and carers
6 th	School Sports Day – starting at 1pm
7 th	Live Music Event – 7pm start (organised by CSA)
11 th	Year 3 Trip to Whippsnade – Letter to follow
13 th	Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day
20 th	Leavers Assembly – 9am
21 st	SUMMER TERM ENDS 1.30PM
AUGUST	30 th & 31 st Inset Days
SEPTEMBER	
1 st	Inset Day

4 th	Autumn Term begins – pupils return to school
OCTOBER	Autumn Half Term 23 rd Oct – 27 th Oct
DECEMBER	Christmas Holidays 20 th Dec to 1 st Jan 2018
JANUARY	4 th January 2018 – SCHOOL RETURNS
FEBRUARY	Half term 12 th Feb – 16 th Feb 2018

Uniform

School uniform is as follows:

Boys: school shoes (not with flashing soles), grey trousers, grey socks, blue school polo shirt and grey sweatshirt (plus outdoor shoes or trainers). Children may wear head coverings; they should be blue, white, grey or black to match school uniform and close fitting to avoid potential for accident during play or PE.

Girls: school shoes (not with flashing soles), grey tunic, grey skirt or grey trousers, grey or white tights or white socks, school polo shirt and grey sweatshirt or blue cardigan (plus outdoor shoes or trainers). Children may wear head coverings or hijab; they should be blue, white, grey or black to match school uniform, close fitting to avoid potential for accident during play or PE and must not cover our school badge on clothing. Hair bands, ties and slides should also be blue, white, grey or black to match school uniform.

In summer, girls can wear a blue and white gingham or striped dress; boys and girls can wear grey shorts.

PE kit: PE draw string bag, black shorts, white school polo shirt with logo, plimsolls, plain navy track suit top (with logo), plain navy or black track suit bottoms, trainers (these can be their outdoor shoes). No jewellery should be worn in PE lessons (please ensure your child can remove ear rings themselves or do not send them with ear rings on the days they do PE). Long hair should be tied up.

Swimming kit: one piece swimming costume for girls, trunks or close fitting swimming shorts (not below the knee) for boys, swimming hats and towel. NB: Please provide a vinyl sock if your child has a verruca.

All uniform should be marked prominently with the owner's name, so that lost property can be returned. The school polo shirts, grey sweatshirts, cardigans, school tracksuit and PE bags can be ordered through the website <http://www.mapaconline.com/schools/CassioburySchoolWD17/>