

Dear Parents and Carers



Wrap Around Care

Cassiobury Junior School is delighted to continue offering our after school childcare service that is run by CSE and takes place in the Dance Studio every day from 3.20pm – 6.30pm. Numbers have continued to grow since its launch in January and with flexible collection times, ad hoc / last minute booking availability and sibling discount (including siblings in the infant school) it's a great way to keep your children active and safe after school. For more information on how the service runs please visit www.challengesporteducation.co.uk or call 0844 6932220



Inclusion

We are trialling a new tool for supporting children who require SEN Support. The 4+1 Questions is a person centred tool which asks four questions:

1. What have we tried?
2. What have we learned?
3. What are we pleased about?
4. What are we concerned about?

This tool helps:

- Staff to reflect on their understanding about a person
- Promote understanding in team meetings
- Exploring issues more deeply.

Parents, teachers and the Inclusion Leader will work on this together to action plan for children requiring SEN Support.

Mrs Newman has already confirmed a number of appointments and is continuing to arrange these across March and April. These appointments replace those on Parents Evening.



Athletics

Miss Ferguson and Mr Palmer have continued their focus on competitions. Year 6 were out this week competing in the area final at Queen's School. Our children performed well and were a credit to the school. The boys finished 2nd and the girls finished 6th. Well done to all! Year 4 boys are at their final on Tuesday 7th March.



Emergency Lunches

Each day a number of children are asking for emergency lunches. We do ask for payment in advance for lunches so please make sure that your child comes in to school with their lunch booked and paid for or with a packed lunch. Please do not request a lunch on the day.



Fitbits and Devices

Several people, including staff, are wearing fitness trackers. I am happy to encourage the children to have these but suggest that they stay on their wrist or at home. Please speak to your child about the risk of losing or damaging these.



Office Interruptions

Our office staff have seen an increase in the amount of interruptions to their work. Please make sure that your child is aware of collection arrangements before the start of the day. It is not the School Office's role to pass on messages to all of the classrooms and the risk of error is too great. Please use the School Office to pass on messages in genuine emergencies before 2.30pm.



Office closure

The School Office will be closed for a team meeting, staff development and dedicated administrative time from 10am to 12noon every Tuesday. Please only leave urgent messages on the answerphone or email admin@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk



Trips this week

A number of trips have happened this week. Year 5 went to the British Schools Museum and experienced life as a Victorian schoolchild. The Lincolnsfield Centre (Bushey) was the venue for Year 6 who enjoyed a day learning about life in the 1940s. The children really enjoyed the visits and will no doubt be including what they learnt in their upcoming class assemblies.



Consortium Test Arrangements- Year 5 Parents

The South West Herts Consortium have released their arrangement dates for this year. Registration opens on the 24th April and closes on the 16th June. Please read the full details on the link. <http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>



Approaching other children in the playground

Please may I request that you speak to me if you are concerned about a child's behaviour, rather than approach the child yourself. The only children you can reprimand in this school are your own. Situations are often more complex than they first appear and we should always investigate before acting. If parents do not adhere to this, then action can be taken to bar them from the school grounds.



Secondary allocations

Our Year 6 pupils received their secondary school allocations this week and, as usual, there is a mixture of emotions. Many pupils are pleased but for some it is a difficult time. This is not the final picture as there will be some movement over the following rounds. Please may I remind you that what you say can affect how the children view their schools and those of the other children.



Spread the word about reading the newsletter!

I am still having conversations with parents who have not read the newsletter. Please encourage others to do so. We have also put a link on the twitter feed but all of the main updates from the school will come via the weekly newsletter.



Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. There is a box in Reception for vouchers.



Golden Pupils

This week we celebrated the following children for their achievements.

Year 3: Karma H, Cameron B, Ayyoub A, Nikita N, Ella P, Dylan S

Year 4: Joshan P, Amit P, Alexander B, Ben L, Jay T, Hussain A

Year 5: Emily B, Louisa M, Maisie H, Sam S, Joshua R, Matthew M

Year 6: Aryan S, Julia BM, Ishaan S, Evie G, Thomas A, Sophie M

Special mention to Miss Ferguson for all her effort with the Athletics and to Mrs Fowler for all she does to support our pupils.



Dates for your diary:

MARCH	
7 th	Year 4 Boys Athletics Final – Queens School
10 th	6K 9am Assembly – 4V 2.45pm Assembly
14 th	Year 6 Hockey Final – Watford Boys Junior Brass Day – Watford School of Music
17 th	5P 9am Assembly – 3P 2.45pm Assembly
20 th	3.30pm – 7pm Parents Consultations
22 nd	3.30pm – 7pm Parents Consultations
24 th	Comic Relief Day - 6H 9am Assembly – 3A 2.45pm Assembly
25 th	7.30pm CSA Quiz Night
27 th	Year 4 Easter Workshop St Luke's
28 th	Year 4 Easter Matinee Performance (times tbc)
29 th	Year 4 Easter Evening Performance (times tbc)
30 th	Easter Egg competition
31 st	Easter Egg Hunt – TERM ENDS 1.30PM
APRIL	
18 th	Inset Day
19 th	Summer Term – pupils return to school
MAY	
3 rd - 5 th	Year 5 Residential Trip to Woodrow High House
8 th - 11 th	SATS week
18 th	Class Photos
	Half term 29 th May to 2 nd June
JUNE	
19 th – 23 rd	Year 6 Residential Trip to Little Canada, Isle of Wight
JULY	
3 rd	Open Evening new and existing parents and carers
13 th	Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day
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	2 nd January 2018 - School returns

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Jenny Sherry and the Office Team