Newsletter 8 Friday 10th March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Brass Day – Tuesday 14th March 2017

Next week the Watford School of Music hosts the brass day. Many of our students are attending. We wish them well and hope that they enjoy their day.

Parents Evening – Monday 20th March & Wednesday 22nd March 2017 – 3.30pm -7.00pm

Year 3 and 4 consultations will be held in their classrooms and Year 5 and 6 in the Hall and will last for a maximum of 10 minutes. Please book your appointment slot via the ***cassioburyjm.parentseveningsystem.co.uk***. We would encourage you to bring your child to the meeting with their teacher.

Pre-loved/Second hand uniform sale – Thursday 23rd March 2017

Please bring any second hand uniform to the School Office for our sale on Thursday 23rd March 2017. This will be held from 3.10pm to 3.45pm opposite the Pond Area near to the Year 5 classrooms.

Comic Relief – Friday 24th March 2017

Miss Kelly is organising Red Nose Day and has ordered a big box of noses!!!! The noses will be sold by our newly appointed Prefects during break and lunch. We will advise you when the noses are delivered to school. Red Nose Day will be a non-uniform day with a £1 donation; this is in line with the Infant School.

Year 4 Easter Production – Robin Hood – 28th March 2017 & 29th March 2017

Our Year 4 children are busy rehearsing for their production of Robin Hood. A letter has been emailed earlier today regarding this performance and this will be a ticketed event for both performances. Tickets will be available on the ***cassioburyjm.parentseveningsystem.co.uk*** from Monday 13th March 2017 at noon and will close on Thursday 23rd March 2017 at noon. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis via the above booking system and they will be numbered by aisle and row. Please do not request extra seats as we will not be holding a waiting list due fire regulations restricting the number of seats available. We request that no children under the age of 5 attend the performances.

Easter Bonnets – Friday 31st March 2017

Miss Asmat is keen to run an Easter bonnet competition to take place on Friday 31st March. All headwear will be judged before lunch on the day. It is a competition so there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each year group.

Cassiobury Newspaper

The newspaper team are working hard to produce our first edition. All contributions for this term need to be emailed to ***newspaper@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk*** by Friday 17th March. We are also trying to think of a good name for the paper - all suggestions gratefully received.

Secondary School Allocation

Our Year 6 pupils now have their secondary allocations. Year 5 parents may need to be aware that two out of 90 pupils have secured a place at the Croxley Danes School. Please be positive about all schools with your children. We do have situations where children criticise another child's allocated school and this can add anxiety at this time.

Safeguarding

Mr Stanley reminded the children about the importance of security this week. Please don't be offended if a child doesn't let you in a door; they are just following the rules!

Law change for using your mobile phone whilst driving

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving or riding a motorcycle – did you know this is still the case when stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic? Did you know? It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider.
New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means that new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence.
Keep safe – put your phone away in the glove compartment.

Golden Pupils

This week we have…
Year 3 - Milo VDB, Sophie R, Felix AC, Nana-Kofi KY, Freddie S, Zain A
Year 4 - Eric L, Benjamin H, Sophia CV, Christopher F, Calum H, Rayaan B
Year 5 - Pranav P, Melody R, Arhan L, Niusha M, Jason R, Alexandra B
Year 6 - Katie G, Hamid R, Maryam A, Kishan P, Maisie S, Ardalan A

We also celebrated the following successful pupils:
Jasdeep T – excellent behaviour, attitude and ability at chess club (nominated by Mr Chapman)
Oliver T, William T, Krish M – for winning a badminton tournament
Aarav P – Music award and trophy for violin
Sophie H – bronze award for proficiency in fencing
Year 4 Boys – 3rd place in an Athletics competition

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

Consortium Test Arrangements- Year 5 Parents

The South West Herts Consortium has 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/

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers

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

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.

Dates for your diary *(please note some dates are amended and added)*

MARCH	
14th	Year 6 Hockey Final – Watford Boys Junior Brass Day – Watford School of Music
17th	5P 9am Assembly – 3P 2.45pm Assembly
20th	3.30pm – 7pm Parents Consultations
22nd	3.30pm – 7pm Parents Consultations
23rd	Pre-loved (second hand) uniform sale – 3pm opposite the pond area near Year 5
24th	Comic Relief Day – 6P 9am Assembly – 3A 2.45pm Assembly
25th	7.30pm CSA Quiz Night – Tickets now on sale
27th	Year 4 Easter Workshop St Luke's
28th	Year 4 Easter Matinee Performance - tickets will be issued – 1.45pm
29th	Year 4 Easter Evening Performance - tickets will be issued – 5.45pm
30th	Easter Egg competition
31st	Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet Competition – TERM ENDS 1.30PM
APRIL	
18th	Inset Day
19th	Summer Term – pupils return to school
MAY	
3rd - 5th	Year 5 Residential Trip to Woodrow High House
8th - 11th	SATS week
18th	Class Photos
	Half term 29th May to 2nd June
JUNE	
15th	Year 4 Trip to KidZania
17th	Cassio Fest – Summer Fair - 12 noon
19th – 23rd	Year 6 Residential Trip to Little Canada, Isle of Wight
JULY	
3rd	Open Evening for new and existing parents and carers
6th	School Sports Day – starting at 1pm
7th	Live Music Event – 7pm start (organised by CSA)
13th	Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day
21st	SUMMER TERM ENDS 1.30PM
AUGUST	30th & 31st Inset Days
SEPTEMBER	
1st	Inset Day
4th	Autumn Term begins – pupils return to school
OCTOBER	Autumn Half Term 23rd Oct – 27th Oct
DECEMBER	Christmas Holidays 20th Dec to 1st Jan 2018
JANUARY	4th January 2018 – SCHOOL RETURNS – *** CHANGE OF DATE ***
FEBRUARY	Half term 12th Feb – 16th Feb 2018

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Jenny Sherry and the Office Team