

Dear Parents and Carers



New Teacher letter

By now I hope you have received a letter about your child's teacher next year. You should also have received a copy of your child's school report. No classes will be mixed this year so each class will move up as they are.



Open evening

Next Monday evening is our open evening between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. There will be a presentation for Year 2 parents in the hall between 6.30pm and 7pm but all other parents are free to wander around the rest of the school. Some of our new teachers might pop in but all of our new teachers are attending the transition day on the 13th July when the children will work with their new teacher for the morning. For security reasons we won't open all of the gates so the main access will be the pedestrian entrance by the main School Office. Governors will be available in the centre of the school outside my office. There will be a second hand clothes sale which will be in the dining hall. The Cassiobury Junior School Band will be playing as the Year 2 parents, carers and children arrive between 6.10pm to 6.30pm and the Orchestra will be playing at 7.10pm to 7.30pm so please feel free to wander in and hear the Cassiobury Junior School Orchestra.



Outdoor learning week

This week has been a very busy one! Outdoor learning week is a new focus for us but has brought out different strengths and challenges for the children. It is great to be using the resources on our doorstep and we are committed to more outdoor learning in the future. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Pease and Mr Norris for sharing some of their knowledge of outdoor activities. Even our teachers did outdoor learning this week and attended staff training on 'working scientifically outdoors,' this is aimed at making science more engaging for all pupils.



Parent Volunteers

Events such as this week and other events can only run with the support of parents giving up their time. There are varying ways to volunteer in school, you could help out with learning activities or trips but you might only be able to volunteer for one off events such as the summer fair. Please let the office know if you would like to help the school in any way. If you are interested in working as a governor then please speak to our chair of governors on Monday during the open evening.



Classrooms

Please be aware that we are moving classrooms for the children next year. To improve the environment for our younger pupils, we are giving them the bigger classrooms. The aim of this is that they will be able to utilise the painting areas and create enticing book corners in the classrooms. With the younger children in the main building, we can also allow the younger children to move around the school without going through the security doors. Our Year 5 and 6 children are more responsible when moving between buildings.



Parent Handbook

Mr Stanley and I have also written a parent handbook, this outlines the main systems and expectations for you, as parents. Please note that whilst we are not planning a significant uniform change, we are going to gradually phase out the grey jumper and start selling a blue

jumper so that the children are similarly dressed. We are still selling the grey jumpers but will soon stop when we run out of stock. This does not mean that grey jumpers are banned so please do not throw them out; just replace them as your child grows out of them. One other significant note on uniform is hair. Large hair decorations and shaved hair designs will not be permitted next year. This handbook will be issued shortly.



Dates for your diary

JUNE	
30 th	4A – Class Assembly – 9am – school hall
JULY	
3 rd	Open Evening for new and existing parents, carers and children
4 th	Joint orchestra concert with Nascot Wood School at Watford School of Music - PM
6 th	School Sports Day – starting at 1pm
7 th	4K – Class Assembly – 9am – school hall
7 th	Live Music Event – Doors open at 8pm start (organised by CSA)
10 th – 14 th	Hazard Alley week
11 th	Year 3 Trip to Whipsnade – consent required on School Gateway
11 th	Year 5 Athletics Team final – more details to follow
13 th	Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day
14 th	4V – Class Assembly – 9am – school hall
18 th	Year 6 Production of Lion King – matinee and evening
19 th	Reserved Sports Day
20 th	Leavers Assembly – 9am (10am – Year 6 parents coffee morning)
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
19 th	Fitter Future with CSE
22 nd	Jeans for Genes Day Charity
OCTOBER	Autumn Half Term 23 rd Oct – 27 th Oct
DECEMBER	
15 th	Christmas Jumper Day
19 th	AUTUMN TERM ENDS 1.30pm
JANUARY 2018	
4 th	SPRING TERM BEGINS – pupils return to school
FEBRUARY	Half term 12 th Feb – 16 th Feb 2018
MARCH	29 th – Term ends 1.30pm
29 th	SPRING TERM ENDS 1.30pm
APRIL	16 th – Summer Term starts
16 th	SUMMER TERM BEGINS – pupils return to school

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Jenny Sherry and the Office Team