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CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No 20

Friday 7th February 2025

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry

It was great to see so many Parent Reps this morning. We discussed a number of things including:

- Traffic issues around the school - local residents have declined a one way system. Miss Sherry works with the local councillor, Miss Sherry has tried to get bollards to protect children from cars bumping up the kerb, particularly smaller/younger children who cannot be seen, the parent reps suggested getting more parents to support this proposal and possible fundraising.
- Sports clubs and clubs in general - Miss Sherry has been completing observations, these are ongoing.
- Timings of school holidays - suggestions were made about creating a longer break in the Autumn Term. Sprog Sports no longer run holiday clubs.
- Mrs Newman's return - there is a transition/handover between Mr Hodgkinson and Mrs Newman.
- Mrs Vassiliou starting in 4 Hazel- thank you for making her welcome.
- New home/school agreement - Miss Sherry will be sending the draft out for comments.
- New attendance rules - Miss Sherry pointed out that these are a requirement of all schools since September.
- Year 6 residential - Miss Keighley will send out more information when we get updates from PGL.
- Trips in Years 3 and 4 – Year 3 are planning a visit to St Luke's Church and Cassiobury Farm and Year 4 are planning a wildlife trip.

Once again, I would like to thank the parent reps for their honest feedback, positive feedback and suggestions.

School Dinner Menu, Bookings and Payments

The school dinner menu for Spring Term 2 will be available next week to book your child's dinners on the School Gateway. Please note that school meal bookings **MUST** be made at least **4 days in advance** (*instead of 2 days*). This change is to ensure that we are able to meet demand. Please also pay for your child's school meal at the time of booking.

Year 6 – Young Voices

We hope our Year 6 children enjoy the Young Voices Concert on Monday 10th February 2025 at Wembley Arena. Please ensure you have read the information letter dated 20th January 2025. Year 6 children are to wear their YV t-shirts, leavers hoodies, grey school trousers, black leggings or grey skirts. *Please keep your eye on Twitter for a few photos and updates.*

NB: Year 6 PE day will be Friday 14th February 2025 so the children will need to come to school in their PE kit on that day (not their Leavers Hoodies). Thank you!

SEN Support Plan Meeting in person

Mr Hodgkinson and Mrs Newman have organised the SEN Support Plan Meetings for the Spring Term 2025. Please check your emails for your invitation to attend.

Please note – these are fixed appointments and **cannot be rescheduled** due to the volume of children we see.

CSA Cake Sale – Friday 14th February 2025 – 3pm to 3.30pm

Please see the flyer below regarding the CSA Cake Sale on Friday 14th February 2025 from 3pm to 3.30pm.

February Half Term Holiday Course – Challenge Sport and Education

Please see the flyer below for the February half term holiday course being held at Cassiobury Junior School.

Year 6 SATS and Residential Meeting – Monday 28th April 2025 at 4.30pm

We are now able to confirm that the SATS and Year 6 residential meeting will be held in the School Hall on Monday 28th April 2025 at 4.30pm. This should last for approximately 1 hour.

Half Term Bikeability

Please see the flyer below for the half term Bikeability course during February half term organised by the Watford Cycle Hub.

CSA Quiz Night – Friday 7th March 2025

IT'S BACK!

The world famous CSA fundraising quiz will be held on **Friday 7th March** in the Junior School hall.

Tables are £80 and can have up to 8 players per table.

There'll be a **raffle with amazing prizes** and other fun games on the night to raise funds for the schools.

Never been before? **Make 2025 your debut year** and get a team together to see if you can beat the reigning champs!

Feel free to **BYO!** Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks ok.

Pay for your table on PayPal at @cassioburysa, then email admin@cassioburysa.org to confirm payment with your or your team's name.

Special Mentions

3 Alder - Olha P, Mendim A & Yuvaeshnaa V - for demonstrating fantastic team work over the last few weeks in our PSHE lessons. They shared their thoughts and listened to each others ideas respectfully, this resulted in them designing a well thought through sensory garden. Well done all!

3 Apple - Aria P - for always trying her best and for using her initiative in the classroom to support her learning and to be helpful - keep it up! **Joel R** - for writing a great persuasive speech introduction about the environment and littering - well done!

3 Ash - Leo I-R - for his incredibly detailed and descriptive narrative writing - fantastic work Leo!

4 Hawthorn – Byron C-A - for coding precisely when using Text based Turtle Academy and Conrad M - for good questioning skills when gaining quotes.

4 Hazel – Sienna S for excellent input in our discussions about a fair experiment in Science and Chloe G for thinking carefully about her English writing about a newspaper report.

4 Holly – Alexa A - for being very helpful around the classroom and Sophie G - for working hard in maths to recall new concepts.

5 Pear – Annie S - for her positive attitude in maths learning this week and **Hanaa J** - for her contributions during all class discussions and for being a positive role model.

5 Pine – Buna A - for a great half term, working hard and being a lovely role model. You will be missed! **Grace F** - for participating more and contributing more to lessons and learning. Keep it up Grace!

5 Poplar – Filip D and **Freya T** - for great participation this week during our visit to Watford synagogue.

6 Beech – Hridaya S, Ayaan H, Ram N – for entertaining, thoughtful and well-constructed Room101 speeches in English.

6 Maple – Hana K – for showing excellent work and resilience in her Maths work and **Rishaan K** – for being curious and asking inquisitive questions about microorganisms in Science.

6 Oak – Veer P and **Aima N** - for great speeches delivered confidently to the class.

Thank you to..

Mya C-A and **Rishaan K** – **6 Maple** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Well done to..

Anthony A-S – **6 Beech** – passed his Grade 1 ABRSM piano exam with a Merit – well done!

Clara V C – **4 Hawthorn** – for playing the French Horn to the whole school in singing assembly – well done!

Kerem J – **4 Hawthorn** – for playing the piano to the whole school in singing assembly – well done!

Ruqaiyah H – **5 Poplar** – for playing the violin to the whole school in singing assembly – well done!

Farong L – **3 Ash** – for playing the piano to the whole school in singing assembly – well done!



Miraj M – **3 Apple** - competed in the Watford South District Chess Competition 2025, contributing to his team's impressive 2nd place finish. Individually he came 5th place in his group – well done!



Teddy W – **3 Ash** – has passed his Level 3 swimming award – well done!



Hossein R - 4 Hawthorn - completed the Winter Reads Challenge with Hertfordshire Libraries – well done!

Creative Minds Art Club – thank you for sharing a lovely display of art – see the poster below – well done!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – don't forget you can sync our website calendar with your Google Calendar!

FEBRUARY 2025	
10 th	Year 6 – Young Voices Concert – see separate correspondence
10 th – 14 th	Art Week – more details to follow
13 th	Interschool Year 4 Cricket Tournament – see separate correspondence for children involved
14 th	CSA Cake Sale after school
17 th – 21 st	Half Term
MARCH 2025	
5 th – 7 th	Art Exhibition – more details to follow
7 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
7 th	CSA Quiz Night -7.30pm – see separate correspondence
13 th	Open Morning – Reading: Vocabulary
24 th	Year 5 – St Albans Cathedral – see separate correspondence
25 th	Year 4 Production – PM time to be confirmed
26 th	Year 4 Production – AM time to be confirmed
27 th	Year 3 – Science Workshop – see separate correspondence
APRIL 2025	
2 nd	Year 3 visit to St Luke's Church – more details to follow
2 nd	Spring Term 2025 Concert – School Hall – 6pm
4 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
4 th	Mini Marathon Fun Run – more details to follow
4 th	Spring Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm – NON UNIFORM
Tues 22 nd	Summer Term 2025 starts
28 th	Year 6 SATS and Residential meeting – 4.30pm to 5.30pm
MAY 2025	
2 nd	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
5 th	Bank Holiday
7 th	Class Photographs
16 th	CSA Cake Sale after school
16 th to 21 st	Book Fair in Year 3/4 library – more details to follow
19 th – 23 rd	Year 6 Bikeability – more details to follow
22 nd	Open Morning – more details to follow
26 th – 30 th	Half Term
JUNE 2025	
6 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
9 th – 13 th	Year 6 Residential Trip – see separate correspondence
20 th	Sports Day
26 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
27 th	CSA Cake Sale after school
30 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30pm to 7pm

JULY 2025	
1 st	Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30pm to 7pm
4 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
4 th	Reserved Sports Day
10 th	Transition Day
18 th	Summer Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm
21 st	Inset Day
22 nd	Inset Day
23 rd	Inset Day
SEPTEMBER 2025	
3 rd , 4 th & 5 th	Inset Days
8 th	Back to School for the Autumn Term 2025
OCTOBER 2025	
24 th	Inset Day
27 th – 31 st	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2025	
28 th	Occasional Day
DECEMBER 2025	
8 th	Year 3 & 4 Pantomime – more information to follow
9 th	Year 5 & 6 Pantomime – more information to follow
12 th	Christmas Dinner/Festive outfit Day
19 th	Autumn Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm
JANUARY 2026	
5 th	Inset Day
6 th	Back to School for the Spring Term 2026
FEBRUARY 2026	
16 th – 20 th	Half Term
MARCH 2026	
27 th	Spring Term 2026 ends @ 1.30pm
APRIL 2026	
13 th	Back to school for the Summer Term 2026
MAY 2026	
4 th	Bank Holiday
25 th – 29 th	Half Term
JUNE 2026	
JULY 2026	
23 rd	Summer Term 2026 ends @ 1.30pm

Creative Minds Art Club

The beautiful artwork by
the art club's artists.



INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS

CAKE SALE

FRI 14TH FEB, 3-3.30PM



Please bring donations to
Oak Room or Junior School
office on Thursday 13th PM,
or Friday 14th AM.

Please clearly list all ingredients
on homemade goods.

**NO NUTS,
PLEASE!**



EVERYONE

YOUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN ADOPTED!

What is the Adopt a School programme?

Adopt a School is an opportunity for both Everyone Active and local schools to work collaboratively in order to provide a 4 week programme, led and designed by our professional teams.

For School Employees:

Scan the QR Code to complete the form to claim the benefits on offer to you in this programme.

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For Parents/Guardians & pupils:

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What is available to you?

We are pleased to offer ALL school employees, parents and pupils, during the 4 week period, a range of perks and freebies!

So, what's included?

For Parents/Guardians & School pupils:

- ✓ 20% off one Birthday Party booking
- ✓ Free Swimming for any children aged 10 & under
- ✓ Free Junior Membership for any children aged 11-15
- ✓ FREE Membership for 1 week (16+)

For School employees:

- ✓ 1 Month FREE Membership

*Please note facilities on offer may vary at each centre.

More information on the programme:

Scan the QR Code now!

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Peace Prospect,
Watford, WD17 3HA
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**NOW BOOKING FOR
FEBRUARY HALF TERM**



Today's "Cycling Proficiency", there are three Bikeability levels:

- Level 1 is a 1-day course and will help new riders to control their bike before they move on to developing on-road skills at Level 2.
- Level 2 is a 4-day course and is usually tackled by children in Years 5 or 6, before they leave primary school.
- Level 3 is a 3-day course and teaches how to ride in different and more challenging traffic situations and is usually completed by children of secondary school age. To register participants must have already successfully completed Level 2.

Bikeability
Cycling Proficiency for the 21st century

Watford Cycle Hub
Chaffinch Lane,
Watford WD18 9QD

watfordcyclehub.org.uk/kids-courses

01923 223 994

FEBRUARY HALF TERM COURSES WATFORD

*Keeping children active, safe
and smiling*



- ✓ Led by PE teachers
- ✓ Skill Development
- ✓ Socialising
- ✓ Matchplay



**CASSIOBURY
JUNIOR SCHOOL
WD17 3PD**

Sports include football, basketball, netball, cricket, tennis, athletics, gymnastics, dodgeball, hockey, rollerball and more!

Open to 5-11 year old boys and girls

8am - 3pm **£28**
8am - 4.15pm **£32**
8am - 5.30pm **£40**
9am - 3pm **£22**
9am - 4.15pm **£26**
9am - 5.30pm **£32**

CLICK TO BOOK

More Information:

info@challengesporteducation.co.uk



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PRESENTS

FUNDRAISING

QUIZ NIGHT

BYO &
RAFFLE

£80
A TABLE
MAX 8 PER
TABLE

READY TO PLAY?
FRIDAY 7 MARCH

DOORS OPEN 7:30 FOR 8PM START
CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL

PAY FOR YOUR TABLE ON PAYPAL @CASSIOBURYSA
THEN EMAIL ADMIN@CASSIOBURYCSA.ORG WITH LEAD
BOOKER OR TEAM NAME TO CONFIRM PAYMENT.