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CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 9

Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry

Staffing

I am pleased to say that Miss Keighley is recovering well from her knee surgery. Sadly, this does mean that we are unlikely to have her back before the end of the month. I am delighted that Mrs Taylor is doing additional days with Mrs Amaranath.

We were unsuccessful in finding a teacher for 4 Hawthorn. Mrs Cooper will stay with the class unless I find someone else suitable to take on the class.

Our sports coach Mr Akoso will be leaving us this month. I know that Challenge Sports are working on a replacement. We will update you.

School Council

I am delighted to say that the School Council is up and running. The council elected Hridaya as Chair, Joseph as Vice Chair, Emilie and Jonathan as the secretaries. They have chosen Road Safety, Lunchtime Activities and Fundraising as their focus areas for the year.

As a start, the School Council will be feeding back to me about ideas for Road Safety around the school. I would encourage you to share any ideas at home so that children can contribute to class discussions over the next couple of weeks.

Non-uniform day Thursday 28th November 2024

Mrs Cooper, from the Infants School, and I have both agreed to a non-uniform day specifically to collect boxes of tissues and anti-bac soap to see us through the Winter. More details and reminders to follow.

Occasional Day

Please note that the school is closed on Friday 29th November 2024 for our Occasional Day.

Results from our Year 3 and 5 Cross Country Competition this week!

This week, all of year 3 and year 5 took part in a cross country competition against five other schools. Well done to everyone for participating and showing great sportsmanship. These children were placed in the top 15.

Year 3 Boys

1st - Leo IR
12th - Shayo O
13th - Kyaan K
14th - Miraj M
15th - Jakov J

Year 3 Girls

1st - Audrey L
3rd - Andrea L
4th - Myla GP
5th - Mathilda B
8th - Sienna P (Ash)
9th - Zara GP
12th - Sienna P (Alder)
13th - Katya M

Year 5 Boys

1st - Monty L
3rd - James J
4th - Ali A
7th - Ralph M
9th - Bob H
11th - Rey D
13th - Ashwin C
15th - William H

Year 5 Girls

1st - Hannah H
2nd - Amelia P
3rd - Millie G
4th - Layla B
5th - Hanaa J
6th - Sophie W
8th - Lily I
9th - Owee S
12th - Thea K
14th - Saria A
15th - Aura R



Autumn Concert – NEXT Wednesday 13th November 2024

NEXT Wednesday 13th November 2024, the Cassiobury Junior School Year 5 & 6 Choir, Cassiobury Junior School Band, Cassiobury Junior School Orchestra and Year 5 Recorder Club will be performing at 6pm in the School Hall for the Autumn Concert.

We do have some more audience tickets available so please contact Mrs Harrison in the School Office if you require any more.

If your child is not involved in the concert but would like to come along, again, please contact Mrs Harrison.

School Dinner Bookings

If you have booked your child's school dinners for Autumn Term 2 (from now until Christmas) **please can you pay for the meals booked.** Thank you!



Christmas School Dinner – Friday 13th December 2024

Please see separate correspondence regarding how to book your child's school Christmas Dinner. If your child has regular school dinners then please book on the School Gateway, as normal, by Monday 2nd December 2024.

If your child always has a packed lunch but would like the Christmas Dinner, please see the letter regarding how to book.

Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Harrison in the School Office.

Online Safety Newsletter – November 2024

Please see below the Online Safety Newsletter for November 2024.

Winter Read

Join the Hertfordshire Libraries Winter Reads Challenge from **Friday 1 November 2024** to **Friday 31 January 2024**. It's fun, free, flexible, and perfect for all ages!

There are two prize draws this year so both adults and children who complete their 6 chosen challenges have a chance to win an iPad. Visit your local library and collect your bookmark or challenge card to get started.

They have a fabulous programme of events too.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/events-and-things-to-do/winter-reads.aspx?searchInput=&page=1&resultsPerPage=10&view=card>

School Disco – Friday 15th November 2024 – book tickets ASAP!

See flyer below..

Session 1- years 3 and 4

4:15-5.15pm

Session2 - years 6 and 6

5:30pm- 6.30pm

Tickets are now available to purchase on the School Gateway! Closing date to book tickets is Thursday 14th November 2024.

If you would like to volunteer at the disco, please sign up via:

<http://volunteersignup.org/34YXD>

Message from Hertfordshire County Council

It's that time of the year again and '**Be Bright Be Seen**' is an important message for all your pupils and the whole school community. The Active and Safer Travel Team are continuing to promote this as a key part of the road safety and active travel programme, especially over the Autumn and Winter months.

As the days are getting shorter, now is a good time to remind everyone of the importance of wearing bright and reflective clothing when out and about, to make them more visible to traffic.

*Special Mentions

3 Alder – **Jasleen G** - for sharing her knowledge and pushing herself as a learner in maths this week and **Yuvaeshnaa V** - for sharing her learning and experiences from home with her peers.

3 Apple – **Miraj M** - for always contributing to class discussions and for showing a love of learning particularly in our Maths lessons - keep it up! **Keyaan V** - for settling in well into 3 Apple, always having a smile on his face and for trying hard in his learning - well done!

3 Ash – **Thieran Y** - for being a kind natured and considerate class member who always looks out for chances to be helpful.

4 Hawthorn – **Byron CA & Sadie W** - for starting to use fronted adverbials in their writing and for writing a clear explanation of how a dishwasher works.

4 Hazel – **Noor N** - for making a great effort in guided reading lessons and **Chloe G** - for steady, focused and careful work in all subjects.

4 Holly - **Emelia L** - for working hard in our cricket sessions when fielding and **Jovan S** - for working hard on his presentation.

5 Pear - **Katrin C** and **Avya N** - for their efforts in writing and editing their setting descriptions in English.

5 Poplar - **Fatema D, Monty L** and **Filip A** - for their amazing effort in their homework to produce a well detailed space poster. Well done!

5 Pine - **Edward B** and **Simi P** - for lovely descriptive writing, as well as thoughtful editing in English this week. Keep it up!

6 Beech – **Hamdan B** and **Elianna C** - for being great role models this week, taking part in class discussions and setting a good example to others.

6 Maple – **Zahra M** - for demonstrating great cookery skills, following a recipe and working well with others and **Harry B-T** - worked very hard during cookery, learning new skills and persevering (especially mixing hard butter and sugar together).

6 Oak – **Sebastian N** - for improved independence in completing his homework and **Aima N** - consistently excellent behaviour. You are a great role model to others.

Thank you to..

Rosie D & Max McT – **6 Oak** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Well done to..

Ayla Y – **4 Hazel** - has passed her grade 1 vocals with merit! Well done!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2024	
11 th	Remembrance Day
13 th	Autumn Concert – School Choir, School Band, School Orchestra and Year 5 Recorder Club – see separate correspondence
15 th	Year 3 & 4 Disco – 4.15pm to 5.15pm Year 5 & 6 Disco – 5.30pm to 6.30pm
20 th	Flu Nasal Vaccination Day
25 th – 28 th	Science Week – more details to follow
28 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
Thursday 28 th	Non-uniform day – in exchange for tissues and soap – more details to follow
29 th	Occasional Day – School Closed
DECEMBER 2024	
4 th	Year 4 Christmas Choir performance to BUPA care home and then Year 4 Choir parents
10 th	Year 3 Production to parents – more details to follow
11 th	Year 6 Pantomime – more details to follow
12 th	Year 5 Christmas Concert – more details to follow
13 th	Flu Vaccination (for those who did not have on 20 th November 2024)
13 th	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
13 th	CSA Cake Sale after school
18 th	Year 3, 4 and 5 Pantomime – more details to follow
20 th	Autumn Term 2024 ends at 1.30pm
JANUARY 2025	
6 th	Inset Day
7 th	Spring Term 2025 starts
10 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
15 th	Year 5 – Rickmansworth School visit
FEBRUARY 2025	
6 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
7 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
10 th	Year 6 – Young Voices Concert – PM and Evening
10 th – 14 th	Art Week – more details to follow
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
13 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
APRIL 2025	

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
Tues 22 nd	Summer Term 2025 starts
MAY 2025	
2 nd	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
16 th	Peace Hospice Charity Walk – more details to follow
16 th	CSA Cake Sale after school
16 th	Book Fair in Year 3/4 library – 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 – more details to follow
20 th	Sports Day
27 th	CSA Cake Sale after school
26 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
JULY 2025	
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

Online Safety Newsletter

NOV 2024

How can I find age-appropriate games?

Do you need suggestions on age-appropriate games? You could use either of the following websites to search suitable games.

Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check if it has a communication feature as this might mean you decide a game is not suitable for your child.

- <https://www.askaboutgames.com/find-the-right-game>
- <https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/home>



How to Remove Social Media Access After Granting It

Have you given your child access to social media but are now regretting that decision? Bark have published this article to help you take back control by removing social media:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/removing-social-media/>

WhatsApp

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. We frequently receive reports of children not using WhatsApp appropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out.



Since WhatsApp lacks parental controls, it is important to think about whether it is really the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying. Furthermore, do they understand how to manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on harmful behaviour?

If your child is using WhatsApp, it is crucial to have regular conversations with them. Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be perceived by others. Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

- **Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat. If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group privacy settings to see who can add them to groups. Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time, and they know how to report users. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>
- **Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Location sharing:** talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use and the potential danger of sharing their location.
- **Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- **Blocking/Reporting:** Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>

Further information

Internet Matters have produced a how to guide available here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 01.11.24.

YouTube

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/legal guardian. When giving your child access to YouTube, there are different options you could choose depending on your child's age:



- **YouTube Kids** – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

- **Supervised accounts** – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+.
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a guide to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

My child wants to be a YouTuber

Many children want to start their own YouTube channel, but it is important to be aware of the potential risks and ensure that your child understands what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments. YouTube have produced these safety tips for teens when posting content:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

You should be aware that there are different settings available when posting videos:

1. **Public:** anyone can view the video.
2. **Private:** video can only be viewed by users that you select.
3. **Unlisted:** only people who have the link to the video can view it.

What are the benefits and negatives of a YouTube channel?

Before allowing your child to start a YouTube channel, review the benefits and risks. This article discusses the pros and cons as well as provides recommendations to help minimise any risks:

<https://www.brightcanary.io/should-your-kid-become-a-youtuber-weighing-the-pros-and-cons/>

Further information

- <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en-GB>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/youtube>

Among Us

This game has been rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is not suitable for those under the age of 7. **However**, whilst the gameplay may be suitable, there are communication features available, where issues such as inappropriate language and bullying may arise.

Additionally, it is important to note that Among Us does have the option for in app purchases so please ensure that a password (that your child does not know) is required for all purchases.

Find out more about Among Us from Parent Zone:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/among-us>

The NSPCC discuss online games in more detail here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

Screen time and your family

Vodafone discuss screentime and what you should consider when setting your own rules in this useful article:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/screen-time-and-your-family-a-guide-to-what-works-and-what-doesnt/>

Band Runner Game

Band Runner is a fun interactive game created by CEOP to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safer online. Your child can play it here:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/>

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YRS 5 & 6 - 5.30-6.30PM

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