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CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No 8

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Families,

Annual Contribution – we are over half way!

Following our reminder in the recent newsletter, we have now had 197 out of 360 payments from the annual £15 contribution. This has really helped us to pay for our day to day supplies for the pupils e.g. glue sticks, stationery, art supplies, first aid consumables and school books.

If you have not paid this and wish to do so, the payment request is on the School Gateway and it would be greatly appreciated as “every little helps”! Thank you for your continued support.

Messages from Miss Sherry

It has been a long half term for pupils and staff alike. I do hope that our new Year 3 families feel welcome and settled. Good luck to our Year 6 families completing their secondary school applications; I wish you good broadband for the event! Have a lovely half term break!

Lunchtime indoor club

I am delighted to say that after the half term break, there will be a small indoor lunchtime option for children. It will be based in the library of the new building. Places will be limited each day for the 'Quiet Room' but teachers will have passes each day to issue to a few children. This means that all children will have an opportunity over a 2 week period. There will be an assembly after half term to explain how it works to the children.

Year 3 & Year 5 Cross Country Competition – Tues 5th November 2024

On Tuesday 5th November 2024, Year 3 & Year 5 are taking part in a Cross Country Competition on the Watford Grammar School for Boys playing fields (nr Fullerians). Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school for the competition.

School Dinners

Just a reminder that school dinners **must be booked and paid for at least 2 days in advance**. Please can you check that you have booked your child's dinner on the School Gateway system or ensure your child brings a packed lunch with them to school in the morning.

School dinners for Autumn Term 2 are now available to book and pay for on the School Gateway.



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.

Asda Rewards

Please see the flyer below regarding how you can donate to our School via the Asda Rewards. A parent at Cassiobury Infant School has said this *"So I've just signed up for it on the Asda Rewards app and it's really easy. You either pick CJS or CINS to receive the cash which will come into the CSA account. It says £90 has already been raised for CINS"*.

Haunted House Drawing Competition

See the flyer below regarding the Haunted House Drawing Competition being organised by Dey, King & Haria (DKH) on the Cassiobury parade. DKH give us a £200 donation, treats for all of the children that drop off drawings, and choose their favourite drawings with vouchers for the winners!

School Disco – Friday 15th November 2024

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!

Autumn Concert - Save the date!

On 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 – see separate correspondence.

Sprog Sports are back in October Half Term

Have you booked your October holiday club yet for your child? If not then contact Mr Howells on <https://www.sprogsports.com/holidaycourses>

Chess Club for Autumn Term 2

Please see the flyer below to book your child in to Chess Club in for Autumn Term 2.

Newsletter from Watford and Three Rivers Fire Safety Department.

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Halloween and Meet Father Christmas at Church Farm, Ardeley

Please see the details below regarding the Halloween and Christmas activities at Church Farm, Ardeley.

***Special Mentions**

3 Alder – Sienna P - for taking ownership of her learning and creating some fantastic sentences independently, well done! **Adam R S** - for showing enthusiasm and sharing his in depth knowledge in RE this week, good work!

3 Apple – Joel R - for writing an excellent setting description using expanded noun phrases - keep it up! **Ethan T** - for always being a good role model for others and showing a good understanding in our maths column method lessons - well done!

3 Ash – Saskia B - for putting effort into practice the method for column addition in Maths and participating more during class discussions - keep it up!

4 Hawthorn – Waniah B - for performing her poem in front of the whole class and **Ciara R M** - for being an excellent classroom assistant for the past eight weeks.

4 Hazel – Ayla Y - for presenting some insightful comments during PSHE and Guided Reading and **Momin N** - for following instructions and being ready to learn.

4 Holly – Sophia P - for demonstrating some beautiful presentation this week and **Alex P** - for taking on some reasoning challenges in maths. Well done, keep up the good work.

5 Pear – Jenson G - for showing kindness to his peers and being a good role model and **Owee S** - for showing creativity across all subjects.

5 Poplar – Nikita L - for being kind and patient with her peers! **Faleehah A** - for supporting her friends with conflict.

5 Pine – Rohan R - for lovely writing this week, using excellent examples of figurative language. Well done Rohan! **Aasha P** - for showing so much resilience over these past weeks in the face of conflict. Proud of you Aasha! **Ali A** - for excellent contribution in Spanish this week, answering questions and sharing ideas. Keep it up Ali!

6 Beech – Thomas H - for producing some fantastic Pop Art pages and **Maya P** - for being an excellent role model to others.

6 Maple – Eliza T and **Leo P** - for excellent contributions in maths.

6 Oak – Mike M - for displaying a positive attitude to learning and **Aima N** - for consistently excellent classroom behaviour. She is an excellent role model to others.

Thank you to..

Emme T & Harry B-T – 6 Maple – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Well done to..



Cora F – 4 Hazel - played the drums as part of the band in a concert on Sunday with SoundBox Music School – Well done!

Ruqaiyah H – 5 Poplar – for playing the violin to the whole school in singing assembly this week – Well done!

Edward B – 5 Pine - for playing the violin to the whole school in singing assembly this week – Well done!



Have a lovely half term holiday!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2024	
28 th – Fri 1 st November	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2024	
5 th	Year 3 & Year 5 Cross Country (Fullerians) – 10am – PE Kit required
8 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
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
29 th	Occasional Day – School Closed
DECEMBER 2024	
10 th	Year 3 Production to parents - TBC
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
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



28TH - 31ST
OCTOBER

HAUNTED HOUSE DRAWING COMPETITION

Take your children's spooky pictures to Dey, King & Haria on the Cassiobury parade from 28th - 31st Oct. Each child leaves with a treat and is entered into the prize draw to win one of three **spooktacular** prizes!



Please include your child's name and class on the reverse. Winners will be contacted by the school.





Welcome!

Autumn 2024

To our Autumn edition of the Schools Stay Safe Newsletter.
Read on for advice on ways to stay safe for you and your family.

Keep you and your home warm this winter.

There are low-cost ways to heat your home without compromising on your safety.

1. Close your blinds and curtains at night when its dark.
2. Find ways to block draughts.
3. Put secondary glazing film on your windows.
4. Use heated throws or blankets.
5. Get your boiler serviced regularly so its runs efficiently.
6. Make sure you have a carbon monoxide detector.
7. Heat the person not the room!
8. Turn down thermostats in rooms you rarely use.





Staying safe with **fireworks** this Autumn

If you decide to use fireworks at home, ensure they are used safely and responsibly.

In the wrong hands fireworks can cause life changing injuries if they are not used properly.

- Keep candles, sparklers, and naked flames in lanterns away from fancy dress costumes.
- Some trick or treat sweets and make-up can contain traces of allergens & irritants (e.g. nuts, additives, chemicals)
- Read instructions and warnings on fireworks – light fireworks at arm's length to avoid serious injury and severe burns.
- Only buy fireworks from licensed businesses that sell fireworks with a CE mark.
- Keep boxes of fireworks well away from areas where fireworks are being lit.
- Fireworks should not be sold to children under 18.



Reporting to Trading Standards



British Fireworks Association





Fire Safety in the home - did you know?

- Cooking appliances are the main cause of fires in the home.
- Around five accidental dwelling fires a day are started by smoking.
- Faulty electrical appliances cause over 3,500 fires in the home each year.
- Three accidental dwelling fires a day are caused by candles.
- Working smoke alarms correctly positioned in your home can save your life.
- You need to replace smoke alarms every 10 years.



Fire Kills Campaign

Vaping and under 18-year-olds

- It is illegal to sell vapes containing nicotine to children under 18, or for adults to buy them on their behalf.
- Their developing lungs and brains mean they are more sensitive to its effects.
- Some cheap, illegal vapes may contain heavy metals and dangerous chemicals, and even illegal drugs.
- Lithium-ion batteries in vaping devices can overheat and explode, causing fires.
- If you find a retailer selling either nicotine vapes or tobacco products to under-18s, you can report them via the Citizens Advice online portal



Report sales to children
(under 18)

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk/
consumer/get-more-help/
report-to-trading-standards/](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards/)



Are you aware of StayWise?

StayWise is an interactive website packed full of fun activities from the UK's leading emergency services and safety-focused organisations, making it easy for you to find trusted activities that provide learning opportunities to help keep you safe.

There's lots to do on there for children and they are learning as they play!



Have you tested your smoke detector lately?

Do you have a night-time routine?

Would you know how to escape in the unlikely event of a fire?

We encourage you to book yourself a free Home Fire Safety Visit today. The local station numbers are to the right of this newsletter.

Don't forget, the visit is **FREE!**



If you need any further information or advice on any of these topics, please feel free to call our friendly staff at your local station:

- **Watford Fire Station**
01923 255235
Watford.fire@hertfordshire.gov.uk
- **Garston Fire Station**
01923 672825
Garston.fire@hertfordshire.gov.uk
- **Rickmansworth Fire Station**
01923 481200
Rickmansworth.fire@hertfordshire.gov.uk

 **Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service**

 **Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Community Safety**

 www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire

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Junior School disco

**FRIDAY
15 NOV**

**TICKETS
£8.50**

YRS 3 & 4 - 4.15-5.15PM

YRS 5 & 6 - 5.30-6.30PM

**A SNACK & UNLIMITED SQUASH INCLUDED
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Chess Challengers
Igniting Minds...

Chess Challengers

UK's No.1 leading chess club



in Cassiobury Junior School, Watford

After school Chess Club

Every Thursday starts from 7th November 2024

Time : 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Chess Lessons & Tournaments

Pin it !

Register : chess.challengers@outlook.com

Our students participates in UK's prestigious tournaments
London Junior Chess Championship,
British Chess Championship



Encourage your child to explore a new skill !



Halloween at church farm



From 19th October

Visit
Church Farm
Ardeley
*A real working
farm!*



* Spooky Farm Trail to see the farm animals & Halloween Décor

* Big Bale Play

* Tractors & Digger Ride-Ons

* Creepy Fairy Woodland Play

* Spooky Photo Opportunities

* Spot the Pumpkin & sweet treat prizes

* Scarecrow Trail

* Find the Spooky Fairy Doors

* Find your unique Witch and Halloween name

* Spooktacular Costume Stickers for the best dressed boys, girls & dogs

* Halloween Activity Pack, 'I've Been to Church Farm' Sticker

* Puzzles and Colouring-in fun

* Farm Sensory Trail

Additional Activities

Pumpkin Picking & Carving

Trick or Treating in our Spooky Wood (4-6pm)

Horrid Hay Tractor & Trailer Rides

Eerie Egg Collecting

Ghoulish Goat Walking

Book online www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk



CHURCH FARM, ARDELEY
A Free Range Experience





Meet father christmas church farm Ardeley

Selected dates in December

Festive Farm Entry includes

Christmas Activity Pack * Festive Woodland
Walk the farm & see the farm animals

Meet Father Christmas

Father Christmas in his outside grotto
(includes a quality toy)

Meet the Elves

Write a letter to Father Christmas

Write a wish for the Wish Tree

Bag up reindeer food & carrot to take home to Rudolph

Additional Activities

Santa Paws – bring your beloved pooches to meet

Father Christmas include treat & toy

Harvest your Own Christmas Tree

Festive Tractor & Trailer Ride

Feed the farm animals

Book online www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk

*This is an outdoor event so plenty of
fresh air. Wrap up warm & wear wellies!*

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