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CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 1

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Families,

Message from Miss Sherry

Welcome back and welcome to our new families. It was great to see so many of you at our 'Meet the teacher' sessions this morning. At the start of each term you will also receive a 'Curriculum Newsletter' this week.

Secondary application talk with Miss Sherry – Friday 13th Sept 2024 - 9am to 9.45am – School Hall

Each year I give a talk for parents about secondary school applications. If you are unfamiliar with the process or unsure what to do then I would encourage you to come along and hear my tips for managing this complicated process. Year 5 & Year 6 parents and carers are all welcome to attend.

Parent Reps open meeting – Friday 20th Sept 2024 – 9am – School Hall

Last year we started monthly Parent Rep meetings and I found the feedback and dialogue really helpful over the year. If you are interested then please feel free to join us at 9am on Friday 20th September for a friendly meeting. We would really encourage you to try it. I don't expect you to do lots of jobs just pass on some information and gather feedback from other parents in your child's class.

Meet the Teacher today

Thank you for attending 'Meet the teacher' sessions today. We hope you found it useful. Please refer to the school handbook at all times.

Uniform standards

Please may I remind you to check the uniform section of the School Handbook. I am happy for children to wear trainers for school shoes but 'ONLY' if the trainers are entirely black and without any white or colour trims etc.

Also, just to confirm, you are allowed to wear plain navy/black tracksuit bottoms, plain navy/black shorts or plain navy/black leggings for PE only. They cannot be worn under skirts or dresses. Please check the School Uniform policy for more details.

Annual donation for 'useable' items

We have recently set our budgets for the year and, along with many other schools, face growing challenges in covering many school costs. In order to help us provide a broad and balanced curriculum next year, we are asking parents to make a donation of £15 per year for each child. This equates to £5 per term.

The payment request is on the School Gateway in the "Payments" section.

Lady Capel Fund

Please see the letter sent out today regarding the Lady Capel Fund. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Charging and Remissions Policy

Due to the increased number of requests for private referrals, references and assessments, please see the new Charging and Remissions Policy on the school's website. Payment should be made via the School Gateway in the "Payments" request. Please understand that we cannot complete reports at short notice and adequate time in working days needs to be allowed for responses. Thank you.

Sibling School Photographs – Thurs 12th September 2024

If you would like to have a sibling photograph taken of your children, please ensure you line up outside the Dance Studio door via the Capel Vere Walk gate entrance (lower playground) from 8am. This will finish by 8.40am. The children will then have their individual photographs taken during the school day.

Online Safety Newsletter – September 2024

Please see the attached online safety newsletter from Mrs Cooper.

CSA NEED YOU!

The CSA is recruiting!

We are looking for new committee members and volunteers for the Parent/Teacher association known as the CSA.

The CSA puts on events and raises valuable funds throughout the year with proceeds from all events going directly back to the schools to benefit the children. Last year we donated £9000 to each school (infants & juniors) and would love to have a successful fundraising year again.

But, we cannot do it alone. We need more help so please do come along and find out how you can help. Wednesday, September 18th @ 8pm in the Infant School Hall. Please sign up here: [CSA Meeting](#)

Curriculum Overview & Curriculum Newsletters

The Curriculum Overview is being update on our school's website and the Curriculum Newsletters for your child's year group will be sent out this week.

Daisy's Arc

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Please see an email from Daisy's parents. Daisy attended Cassiobury Junior School.

Daisy, our only daughter, was taken by this rare cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma aged 13. Prior to the diagnosis she was an active and fit child with 100% attendance at Cassiobury primary and Rickmansworth secondary school.

To honour Daisy's memory we ask for help and support to raise awareness and funds to find a cure for the children diagnosed in the future.

I have attached two posters (see below) we have created for this campaign. Daisy's Arc exists to found research into Rhabdomyosarcoma, it is part of a charity called Alice's Arc together with other families (the Arcs) impacted by this cruel disease.

Direct Link to Daisy's Arc:

<https://www.alicesarc.org/arc/daisy-birikorang/>

Direct Link to Daisy's Arc Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alan-Birikorang>

***Special Mentions**

All of Year 3 - for settling into the Juniors well, following routines and expectations and being keen learners. We look forward to the year ahead with you!

4 Hawthorn – **Esha A** - for undertaking her class job without any prompting and **Yusuf A** - for helping class members in an appropriate way.

4 Hazel – **Sebastian H and Sienna S** - for showing consistent focus and always being ready to learn.

4 Holly - **Jacob G and Jadon M** - for consistently putting up their hands in class to ask and answer questions and contributing to class discussions. Keep up the good work boys!

5 Pear, 5 Poplar and 5 Pine - for a great first week in Year 5; learning new routines, following behaviour expectations and working hard. Keep it up!

6 Beech – **Jonathan F** - for always participating in class discussions and having a great attitude towards work, and **Hridaya S** - for being a great role model and example to others.

6 Maple – **Mya C-A** - for demonstrating outstanding behaviour and respect towards her peers and adults and **Sulayman S** - for actively participating in all class activities and discussions this week.

6 Oak – **Rosie D** - great effort with reading this week, meeting the 100 page challenge and **Saloni D** - settled into new school confidently, taking an active part in lessons.

Thank you to..

Daya A & Joseph E – **6 Maple** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Well done to..



Saria A – **5 Pine** - had a piece of art being displayed at Cheslyn Gardens, alongside Fran Kershaw's exhibition '100 views of Watford'. Well done!



Miraj M - **3 Apple** - has achieved the following over the summer holidays:

- ASA Swim England Stage 7
- 600 Meter Distance Award
- Dolphina Gymnastics Stage 1
- 2024 Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Markers Certificate.

Well done!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2024	
12 th	Individual photographs
13 th	9am to 9.45am - Secondary school application talk for Year 6 parents, year 5 parents are welcome – School Hall
13 th	Swimming lessons (Year 5)
17 th	Cassiobury Junior School Orchestra restarts – 8am in School Hall
18 th	
20 th	Parent Rep Meeting – introduction to being a Parent Rep – 9am in School Hall
25 th	10.30am to 11.45am – Year 3 & Year 5 Cross Country Competition @ Watford Boys Playing Fields (Fullerians)
OCTOBER 2024	
10 th	Year 5 & 6 Explorer Dome @ School – more details to follow
Sunday 13 th	Year 5 & 6 Choir Concert with Hemel Hempstead Band & Strictly a Cappella – more details to follow
21 st & 22 nd	Parent/Teacher Consultations – more details to follow
28 th – Fri 1 st November	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2024	
11 th	Remembrance Day
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
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
FEBRUARY 2025	
6 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
10 th	Year 6 – Young Voices Concert – PM and Evening
10 th – 14 th	Art Week – more details to follow
17 th – 21 st	Half Term
MARCH 2025	
5 th – 7 th	Art Exhibition – more details to follow
13 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
APRIL 2025	
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	
16 th	Peace Hospice Charity Walk – more details to follow
22 nd	Open Morning – more details to follow
26 th – 30 th	Half Term
JUNE 2025	
9 th – 13 th	Year 6 Residential Trip – more details to follow
26 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
JULY 2025	
4 th	Sports Day & Summer Fair
10 th	Transition Day
18 th	Summer Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm
21 st	Inset Day
22 nd	Inset Day



Go Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month




- ✎ Cancer is the **number one** cause of death by disease for children under the age of 14 in the UK.
- ✎ There are **88 different types** of children's cancer.
- ✎ **1,838 new cases** in children each year, on average, in the UK*.
- ✎ **253 children** in the UK die from cancer each year. This is more than 4 children each week*.
- ✎ Only **4 new drugs** have been approved in the last 20 years to treat childhood cancers.
- ✎ **90% of long-term cancer survivors** will develop serious health issues as a result of current treatments.
- ✎ Among children in the UK, **cancer is highest in the under-fives***

DAISY WAS DIAGNOSED IN AUGUST 2022 WITH STAGE 4 ALVEOLAR RHABDOMYOSARCOMA, AGED 12. SHE UNDERWENT CHEMOTHERAPY AND RADIOTHERAPY FOR FRONTLINE TREATMENT. JUST BEFORE DAISY WAS DUE TO START MAINTENANCE CHEMOTHERAPY SHE RELAPSED. RELAPSE TREATMENT DIDN'T WORK, THE DISEASE PROGRESSED.

DAISY PASSED AWAY ON 27TH NOVEMBER 2023, AGED 13 YEARS OLD.

[HTTPS://WWW.ALICESARC.ORG/ARC/DAISY-BIRIKORANG/](https://www.alicesarc.org/arc/DAISY-BIRIKORANG/)

TO HONOUR DAISY'S LIFE AND CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER WE HAVE JOINED ALICE'S ARC TOGETHER WITH OTHER FAMILIES IMPACTED BY RHABDOMYOSARCOMA TO FUND RESEARCH AND FIND A CURE.

RESEARCH MAKES THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

HELP US TO CHANGE THE STORY.

PLEASE SUPPORT CHILDREN DIAGNOSED IN THE FUTURE BY MAKING A DONATIONS AND/OR SHARING. SHARING OUR POST.




*SOURCE CRUK 2017-2019 AND CRUK 2016-2018



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Spot the Signs*

✦ Think Daisy's Arc ✦

- ✦ D ✦ DISCOMFORT: PERSISTENT PAIN (ANYWHERE IN THE BODY). A NEW LIMP OR SLOW RECOVERY AFTER INJURY.
- ✦ A ✦ APPEARANCE: YOUR CHILD LOOKS PALE OR HAS A SWOLLEN TUMMY.
- ✦ I ✦ IRRITABILITY OR CONSTANT EXHAUSTION.
- ✦ S ✦ SWELLING OR A LUMP THAT IS PERSISTENT.
- ✦ Y ✦ YOU ARE CONCERNED !!!
- ✦ S ✦ SICKNESS OR NAUSEA. LOSS OF WEIGHT.

- ✦ A ✦ A NEW RECURRENT HEADACHE. DISTURBANCE IN VISION.
- ✦ R ✦ RECURRENT HIGH TEMPERATURE OR NIGHT SWEATS. BLEEDING, EXCESSIVE BRUISING, BLOOD IN THE URINE.
- ✦ C ✦ COUGH. A PERSISTENT COUGH THAT DOESN'T GO AWAY AND MAKES IT HARD TO BREATHE.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOUR CHILD HAS SOME SYMPTOMS FROM THIS LIST, IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY HAVE CANCER. THE LIKELIHOOD IS THAT THEY HAVE A NORMAL CHILDHOOD ILLNESS, BUT IF YOU ARE WORRIED SOMETHING IS JUST NOT RIGHT, PLEASE GET YOUR CHILD REVIEWED BY YOUR GP.

MOST OF THE TIME, THE CAUSE OF THESE SYMPTOMS WILL NOT BE CANCER. HOWEVER IF IT IS CANCER, AN EARLY DIAGNOSIS CAN HELP THE TREATMENT OF SOME CANCERS.



*SOURCES:
[HTTPS://WWW.CANCERRESEARCHUK.ORG/ABOUT-CANCER/CHILDRENS-CANCER/SYMPTOMS](https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/childrens-cancer/symptoms)

[HTTPS://WWW.GKCCT.ORG/INFORMATION-AND-SUPPORT/ABOUT-CHILDHOOD-CANCER/THE-SIGNS-AND-SYMPTOMS-OF-CHILDHOOD-CANCER/KNOWTHESIGNS/](https://www.gkcct.org/information-and-support/about-childhood-cancer/the-signs-and-symptoms-of-childhood-cancer/knowthesigns/)

