

NEWSLETTER

Please join us this afternoon for the Summer Fete from 3-5pm.

Library Grand Opening

It was a day of excitement on Wednesday at Cowley Hill and even the sun came out to celebrate with us! It was the Grand Opening of our marvellous new library and to cut the ribbon, we



welcomed esteemed author Martin Impey and our wonderful English Advisor Martin Galway. Other invited guests included our school governors and members of our school council, as well as Kerry Godsmann, Leader of the Herts Primary English Team.



Guests were welcomed with light refreshments in our courtyard area along with a glimpse of our before and after photographs on display outside. After a meet and greet, the ceremony began. Miss Thomas and Miss Taggart introduced the library and described our library journey from beginning to completion.



Martin Galway and Martin Impey both spoke highly of our school, the library, the magic of reading and how our library will be a fantastic learning resource for children at our school. Speeches done and it was time to cut the ribbon and declare the library officially open! As a gift for our school, Martin Impey gave us a signed copy of his brand new book "Where Once we Stood" and he also drew us a fantastic piece of artwork which will be framed proudly on our Library wall.

The children then shared their favourite stories with the guests and had some reading time in their new favourite room. A lovely morning was had by everyone and we now look forward to the fantastic opportunities our brilliant library will provide for our school!

**Martin Impey** @Martin\_Impey Following

I was really honoured to be invited to open a school library today! The teachers, governors and most importantly the children were so excited! I was happy to donate a copy of my new book too! @HertsLearning @HertsEnglish #PrimaryRocks #library #schools #Keepreading



**Martin Galway** @GalwayMfr Follow

Morning: get to see @Martin\_Impey at work at the opening of a fantastic new school library  
 Afternoon: @chrisriddell50 at @clpe1 fantastic #CLiPPA2019 awards. That is quite a Wednesday by any measure. #illustration



## Last Club Session

The last club sessions for the Summer Term was **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019**. New Clubs will start again in September and a letter will be sent home at the start of the Autumn Term.

Paid breakfast and after school club will run as normal.

## Sports



### Year 5 Athletics

Yesterday our year 5 athletes went over to Radlett Prep where they spent the morning competing against other schools. They competed in both track and field events and their performance was outstanding to say the least.

At Cowley Hill we have a set of values which we use as inspiration to develop our sporting excellence. The team put all their skills into action and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, teamwork and respect during the event. Both courage and determination was very apparent especially with the 6 individuals who ran the 600m race on what ended up being a really warm day. Team spirits were high as we all cheered and applauded competitors in the different field and track events.

A big well done to everyone who took part. The results will follow due to the event being across a cluster of partnerships.

### Sports Consortium Athletics

On Thursday, members of our Year 6 Athletics Squad participated in the Sports Consortium Athletics Tournament. The children competed in a range of individual and team track events including: 50m Hurdles, 60m sprint, 100m sprint and shuttle relays. Throughout the tournament, the children performed amazingly with Cowley Hill having finalists and taking medals in every event. As well as demonstrating excellent running techniques, our children also ensured they implemented our Sporting Values' showing passion, determination and respect throughout the afternoon. As the field events are taking place next week, the overall results are still to

be finalised. However, our children have put themselves in an excellent position and we are sure will go on to do well next week. Well done to all the children who competed.

## Year 3 Legoland Trip

Year 3 visited Legoland to supplement their learning in Computing about 'Stop Motion Animation'. During the workshop, the children were tasked with creating a film one frame at a time, by taking pictures with the I-pad. They then edited their film to have a background and music.

Following the workshop, the children had some time to explore the park. Highlights include visiting the model village and gaining their driving license from the driving school. The children were great ambassadors for the school and were complimented by members of the public for their excellent behaviour.

## KS1 Singing Festival

On Wednesday, we held our annual KS1 Singing Festival. This year's theme was 'Around the World'. The children performed beautifully, performing a repertoire of songs from a range of cultures and countries including England, South Africa and Japan, even singing one song in Japanese. Following their trip to London to see Aladdin, Year 2 also treated us to a special performance of 'A whole New World' from the hit musical.

Well done KS1 for performing brilliantly.

## Weather

As the weather is warming up the children need to bring into school with them a water bottle, sun hat and have sun cream applied before they arrive.



Water bottles can be topped up during the day.

## Assemblies

### 3-Cedar

Today 3 Cedar put on their final class assembly of the year. The children were keen to share their favourite parts of the year including an interesting performance of the Mad Hatters Tea Party from 'Alice in Wonderland' in which the party was anything but ordinary. The children then shared some of the opening of their myths they had written based on the Greek tale of 'Perseus and Medusa'. They shared their learning on Ancient Greece which they have been enthusiastic about all term. We learnt about the armour Greek soldiers wore and also the first Olympic Games. The children demonstrated some of the events the Greeks would have taken part in including their interpretation of a chariot race. The children also showed some of the Greek coin purses that they had sewed themselves over the last term.

In Science, the children introduced their learning about MRS GREN and the 7 life processes with a range of actions to help them remember them. Finally the children shared some of their incredible homework that they had worked on over the year including sculptures of Greek Gods to detailed models of Greek houses. The children worked very hard on their assembly and should be incredibly proud of their performance.

Well Done 3 Cedar!

### Nursery

A fantastic ending to the week seeing Nursery's class assembly this morning where all children joined together to demonstrate their wonderful learning. The children spoke loudly and confidently to the audience and were extremely proud to showcase their current work. They demonstrated their brilliant counting and ordering by size work from their maths lessons.

They then showed us some of their wonderful artwork linking to their current topic. The audience were very impressed by their phonics knowledge and sentences, not forgetting their dancing skills.

Well done Nursery, another amazing assembly!

## Reception Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park

On Wednesday Reception enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Paradise Wildlife Park. They had a fun day. The children saw a variety of animals including the meerkats, white tigers, penguins and snakes. They also went to watch the otters being fed. During the visit, the children learnt some new facts too about some of the animals. After lunch, the children visited the Dinosaur World and they were all fascinated! Everyone



really enjoyed themselves and represented the school very well.

## Nursery Trip to Willows Farm

On Wednesday Nursery Visited Willows Activity Farm for their school trip. The children had a fantastic time exploring the learning that has been taking place linking to their topic and Guided Reading lessons. The children were given the opportunity to feed the animals and learn about animals and their babies which was a fantastic opportunity for the children.

We were then lucky enough to meet some of the characters from Peter Rabbit in a meet and greet which they have been learning so much about during Guided Reading. The children loved riding on Tristan the Tractor and exploring inside Peter Rabbit Garden. They explored the setting of the stories we have been learning in the Peter Rabbit Playground and watched the Peter Rabbit show. The children were extremely well behaved and represented the school beautifully.



A big thank you to all of the staff and parent helpers for their support during our school trip and a huge well done to the children in Nursery!

### After School Club - Price Increase

From September there will be a slight increase of 50p for after the school club sessions. Each session will now be £7.00.

Breakfast Club will remain the same.

### Class Attendance

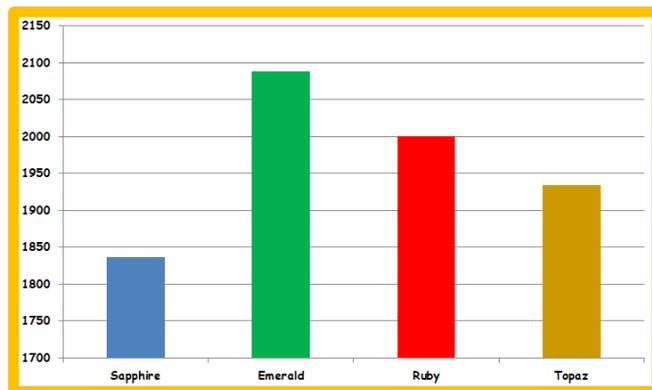
The classes with the best attendance from this week in 1-Holly with 100% and in KS2 5-Sycamore with 99.3%.

Group Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
1 Holly	100	100
Reception Ash	100	97.8
2 Birch	100	96
1 Beech	100	93.3
Reception Elm	100	91.7
2 Maple	100	91

Group KS2	Possible	% Attend
5 Sycamore	100	99.3
4 Cherry	100	99.1
3 Cedar	100	97.9
4 Willow	100	97
6 Hawthorn	100	96.4
3 Hazel	100	95
5 Chestnut	100	94.2
6 Mulberry	100	93.2

### House Tokens

The current house point results.



Sapphire	1995
Emerald	2281
Ruby	2173
Topaz	2151

### Class Assemblies

Please use the dining hall entrance when arriving to watch your child's class assembly. Tea and coffee will be available from 9am.

Date	9.15am Start	9.45am Start
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9am start - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	

### Summer Term Dates 2019

Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm Year 6 Performance - Dress Rehearsal
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm Year 6 Performance
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving Up Day
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening 6-7pm
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 Cinema Trip
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Presentation evening 5-7pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9am - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Children finish at 1.15pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	After School Club Finishes at 3.30pm

## **Term Dates for 2019/20**

### **SUMMER TERM 2019**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Half-Term Week - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

May

**No School - 24<sup>th</sup> June**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2019**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Half-Term Week - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

### **SPRING TERM 2020**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Half-Term Week - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

February

### **SUMMER TERM 2020**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Half-Term Week - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

May

**No School - 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

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Jon Hood

**Headteacher**