

**NEWSLETTER**

**Aylmerton**



The children who took part in the Norfolk trip this week have been great ambassadors for the school. They have had a fantastic week taking part in many activities including a trip to Blakeney to see the seals and explore the salt marshes, orienteering, splash swimming (they particularly enjoyed the wave machine) and a disco.



**Year 3 Trip to Celtic Harmony**

Year 3 had a wonderful time at Celtic Harmony on Thursday. We travelled back in time and experienced what it would be like to be a Neolithic Hunter- Gatherer and learned about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We were enthralled with the interactive activities and blessed with glorious sunshine.

We would like to extend our thanks to parent helpers for supporting us on such a great day.

**Artsmark Silver Award**

We are proud to announce that Cowley Hill School has recently been awarded the Artsmark Silver Award for the delivery of art at our school. The Arts Council commented that we have "evidently had positive, tangible results on pupils, staff and parents" and we have "developed a whole school approach, ensuring that our pupils receive high quality and meaningful experiences in the Arts." We have "enriched the curriculum; increased pupils' enjoyment of learning and improved their emotional well-being."



Thank you to all the staff and pupils involved in achieving this award.

**Meet the Teacher - Week 2**

Next week is week 2 of meet the Teacher.

Please meet in the hall, come through the main reception. We look forward to seeing you in your session (please see times and dates above for your child's year group).

**Week Commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

<b>Year 2</b>	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm
<b>Year 4</b>	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm
<b>Year 5</b>	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	2.30pm
<b>Year 6</b>	Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm

**Year 6 - Secondary Transfer**

All children in year 6 will need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2020. The online system is now open, the closing date for

applications is the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Parents should apply online at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions)

For those of you who do not have internet access you are very welcome to use a computer at school.

If you would like any help please talk to the office staff. The Moving-On booklet sent out recently will inform you of the dates for open evenings at the secondary schools and how to apply. If you would like another copy please contact the office.

### Message to Year 5 Parents

Secondary transfer is now open to all children currently in year 6. As year 5 parents this is an opportunity for you to also go around to their open evenings to have a look at what they have on offer. Further information can be found on our carousel or on individual secondary school websites.

### Harvest Festival

This week the children have been busy bringing in their donations for the local food bank. We have been overwhelmed by the number of items that children have brought in and would like to thank you all for your generosity. All of the donations will make a huge difference to many families within the local community.

**We will accept donations until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

### After School Club

This week in After School Club we have enjoyed looking at the signs of Autumn and the changes that are now taking place in nature. We have decided to create an Autumn display board in the dining hall. We are going to be very busy in the next few weeks working on various art ideas linked to the Autumn topic.



We made Autumn trees and in cooking we made pasta with a vegetable sauce.



### Parking - Reminder

Whilst the vast majority of parents park considerately at school drop off and pick up times I have received complaints from our neighbours in Winstre Road and Grove Road about parents parking over driveways, dangerously on corners and zigzag lines.

I appreciate that there is limited space around the school and request that you park considerately or walk to school.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please join us in the Dining Hall from 8.30-9.30 on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019** where we will be serving tea/coffee and cakes for a small fee, to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We are requesting donations of cakes and biscuits to be sold on the day, please send these

into the office from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019.

## Class Attendance

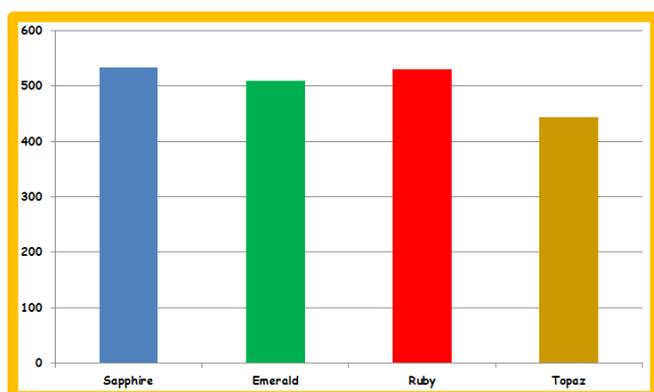
The classes with the best attendance from this week in Reception/KS1 is 1 Beech with 98.9% attendance and in KS2 4 Willow with 98.7%.... WELL DONE.

Group Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
1 Beech	100	98.9
2 Maple	100	98.3
2 Birch	100	96.5
1 Holly	100	94
Reception Elm	100	93.7
Reception Ash	100	91

Group KS2	Possible	% Attend
4 Willow	100	98.7
3 Hazel	100	98.6
5 Sycamore	100	97.4
6 Mulberry	100	96.8
6 Hawthorn	100	96.6
3 Cedar	100	96
4 Cherry	100	95.7
5 Chestnut	100	95.2

## House Tokens

The current house point results.



Sapphire	533
Emerald	509
Ruby	530
Topaz	444

## Class Assemblies

Date	9.15am Start	9.45am Start
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	4 Cherry	2 Maple
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	5 Chestnut	1 Holly
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3 Hazel	Rec - Ash & Rec - Elm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	5 Sycamore	2 Birch
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6 Hawthorn	1 Beech
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Nursery (am)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3 Cedar	
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	6 Mulberry	
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4 Willow	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 & KS2 Base	

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm - Nursery - pm

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

## Snacks

Please can we remind you to send in a healthy snack for children from Year 3 to Year 6.

**Children from Nursery to Year 2 will be provided with a snack to eat at playtime, such as fruit or vegetables, PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN SNACKS FOR THESE CHILDREN.**

We promote ourselves as a healthy school, therefore, sweets, crisps or chocolate are not allowed during morning break. Please note: The school is a "nut free zone".

**Nuts:-** We have several children in school who have **severe** allergic reactions to nuts. Please can I remind you that we **do not allow nuts of any sort in packed lunches** including peanut butter spread. With your support we will keep all of our children safe.

## Uniform and Hair Bows

**Uniform:-** The children have all returned extremely smartly to school, please make sure that you have labeled all of your children's clothing as we already have items in lost property!

**Hair bows/Headband:** - Please remember that all hair bows and headbands should be in Cowley Hill colours (no sparkles or cat ears) and no large jojo bands. Thanks you!

## Head Lice

**Headlice:** - Can I please remind you that it is vitally important to check your child's hair regularly. If your child has headlice then it is important to; not only treat their hair, but also everyone else in the immediate family. The best method of controlling and eradicating headlice is to apply conditioner to your child's hair and comb with a special headlice comb. These are available cheaply from local chemists or the school office for a £1.

## Library and Book Bags

Before borrowing from the library, every child must have read and signed our Home- School Library Contract. As well as this, each child must have a Cowley Hill book bag, which they will use to carry their books to and from school.



The book bags are available for purchase at the small price of £2.00, with the school subsidising the remainder of the cost.

Books **cannot** be borrowed from the library without a book bag.

Please note that the book bag can be purchased online using your School Gateway account.

**If you have paid for a book bag but not yet received it please bear with us as we are waiting on a delivery. Thank you**

## Autumn Term Dates 2019

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Clubs Start
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Journey Meeting (Sept 2020 - yr 5+6)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	School Photographer In

28 <sup>th</sup> Oct to 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half-term
w/c Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Book Fair
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Consultation Appointments 1.10pm to 8pm
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Non School Uniform Day - Donations for the Christmas Fair
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Club
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am - Reception/Nursery Performance
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm - KS1 Performance
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.45pm Reception/Nursery Performance
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm KS1 Performance
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.15pm KS2 Carol Concert
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Finishes at 1.15pm

## Term Dates for 2019/20

### 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 - 8<sup>th</sup> May  
No School - 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
No School - 22<sup>nd</sup> June

### AUTUMN TERM 2020

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Half-Term Week - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

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**Headteacher**