

## NEWSLETTER

### Parent Consultation Appointments - 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Parent consultation appointments, for you to see your child's class teacher on the **6<sup>th</sup> November**, are still available for you to book via Parentmail. Appointments will start at 1.30pm and run through to 8pm. **Nursery appointments will run from 10.30-11.50am and 1.30-8pm.**

Each appointment is for a ten minute slot and will take place in the school hall. If you are unable to log on please contact the school office and they can book the appointment for you

### Mobile Phones in School

We have a 'No Mobile Phone' policy at Cowley Hill.



Please do not take photos or videos during clubs, on the playground or around the school site. You are allowed to record or take photos during your child's class assembly as long as images taken are for your personal use and not posted on social media.

If you do need to use your phone please contact a member of staff who will find you a quiet area.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Library Volunteers

Could you be our next librarian? Could you spare a few hours a week to volunteer in our wonderful new library?

We are looking for volunteers to help with our library sessions, if you think you can support us even if it is only for 1-2 hours per week, please pop into the school office for a chat.

### Assemblies

#### 5 Sycamore

This morning, 5 Sycamore shared with us their first class assembly of the year. They shared some of their English learning on Legends, which included a diary entry from King Arthur and the climax of Sir Lancelot's first quest as a knight. There was some impressive vocabulary used throughout!

In maths, the children shared their learning on prime and composite numbers. They showed how all composite numbers can be made up of prime numbers through multiplication. They then went on to share their Topic learning on South America in which the children shared some interesting facts such as: 'It is tradition at Christmas for Venezuelans to roller skate to church because all the roads are closed.'

Finally the children shared their music learning this term by playing and singing 'London's Burning' using the Ukuleles.

Well done 5 Sycamore!

#### 2 Birch

2 Birch updated us on their learning so far this term, in an engaging assembly. In English, we heard from the perceived bad characters of traditional tales such as Mr Wolf and The Giant. Through diary entries and letter writing we discovered that the wolf had a cold and didn't mean to blow down the houses.

In science, the children demonstrated their investigation in to suitable materials for an umbrella, showing us how to test whether materials are or are not waterproof.

They finished their assembly with an amazing Djembe drum performance, from their learning in music lessons.

Well done 2 Birch!

## Sports



### Boys Wix Cup Football Tournament

On Thursday, the boys travelled to Manor Lodge Prep School to participate in the Boys Wix Cup. The boys played superbly, keen to implement sporting values such as passion, determination and team work. The boys topped their group after two wins and three draws, not conceding a single goal. The boys battled well, putting in a valiant effort, eventually going down 3-0 to Haberdashers Prep.

Well done boys on being excellent role models for the school.

### Girls Football Tournament at Radlett Prep

The girls started off really well in our first game showing confidence on and off the ball and a real competitive edge. The first game was tight and we conceded in the last kick of the game 1-0. The second match started in a very similar pattern, very even and tight and not many goal scoring opportunities. The game looked like fizzling out into a 0-0 draw when we conceded in the last minute from a deflected effort.

The girls were incredibly determined to get a win and it showed in the 3rd group match with them winning the game comfortably 2-0. After this the confidence grew and they won the following two matches both 1-0. The team showed excellent confidence coming back to win three matches in a row and finished in 4th place!

Well done girls!

### Monksmead 0-13 Cowley Hill - Boys Year 5/6

The boys started off incredibly fast, scoring three very early goals. Once the game settled down the opposition settled and tried to get back into the game. Our attacking play was ruthless every time we went forward we made the keeper work. The boys turned it around excellently and were in complete control of the game. The game

followed a similar pattern in the second half. Goal after goal, the team showed excellent teamwork.

The score line tells the story of the game. We were dominant and confident in every aspect of our play. Still demonstrating all of the schools sporting values most importantly respect to the opposition.

Excellent win, well played everybody!

## School Photographer



The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**. They shall be taking individual and sibling pictures. If you would like a sibling picture taken with children who do not come to our school please come to the school hall at **8.15am**.

## Aylmerton Residential School Journey - September 2019 Current Year 5 and 4

Your child recently brought home a letter about the trip, please follow the instructions on the letter to book your child a place.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 any remaining places will be open to children currently in year 4.

## After School Club

This week in After School Club we have started to prepare for the Diwali celebrations.

The children made their own Diwali lamps using clay. Once these were dried we painted them in bright and vibrant colours.

Our cooking was also based on Diwali and we made Vegetable Samosas with a flavoursome filling made out of potatoes, carrots, peas, garlic and onions.



## 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.

## NSPCC Art Exhibition

### Calling all budding artists!

The annual NSPCC Art exhibition will be taking place on Sunday 17th November 2019 at Allum Hall, from **10.30am to 3.30pm**. The themes this year are 'Games I like to play' and/or 'My Favourite Story'.

Please return all entries to the office, no later than **Wednesday 7th November 2019**.

## New Dinner Menu

After half-term the school dinner menu is changing. If you wish your child to have a school meal, from **4<sup>th</sup>**

**November 2019**, please complete the menu with your child and return to the school office.

If you no longer wish your child to have a school meal please let the office know. Thank you.



## 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 2019**. 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.

## Class Assemblies

Date	9.15am Start	9.45am Start
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.

## Class Attendance

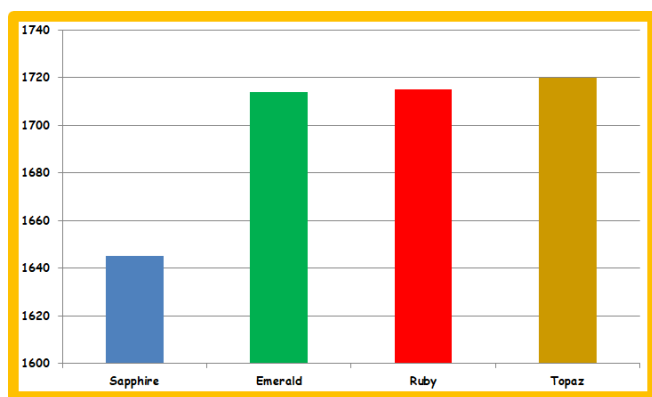
The classes with the best attendance from this week in Reception/KS1 is 1 Beech with 96.8% attendance and in KS2 is 5 Sycamore 100%. **WELL DONE.**

Group Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
1 Beech	100	96.8
2 Maple	100	95
1 Holly	100	94
Reception Ash	100	92.3
Reception Elm	100	90
2 Birch	100	89

Group KS2	Possible	% Attend
5 Sycamore	100	100
6 Mulberry	100	97.4
4 Cherry	100	96.8
5 Chestnut	100	96.5
6 Hawthorn	100	95.9
4 Willow	100	95.3
3 Hazel	100	94.5
3 Cedar	100	91

## House Tokens

The current house point results.



Sapphire	1645
Emerald	1714
Ruby	1715
Topaz	1720

## Autumn Term Dates 2019

Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Year 4 Diwali Party
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	School Photographer In
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 3 Fruit Workshop
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Deadline for Secondary School Applications
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 1.30pm to 8pm
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Reception to Year 6 Nasal Flu Vaccine
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Craft Fair 5-7pm
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
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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