

## NEWSLETTER

### Parent Consultations

Thank you to all of the parents who attended parents' Consultations this week. It was lovely to see so many parents attending - I think it was possibly our biggest turnout. I would like to congratulate the children on all their hard work throughout the term. Well done!

It is vitally important that we work together to support the children's attainment and progress in school and parent consultations are a vital part of this process.

### Year 6 Synagogue Visit

Year 6 experienced a fun, educational and interactive event at Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue, on Tuesday afternoon. The children were able to learn about the Jewish faith and how it is practised, as well as trying some foods and handling different objects associated with Jewish festivals and calendar. We had a tour of the synagogue and got to see the religious texts which were extremely impressive!

It was an educational experience which allowed the children to bring their learning in RE to life and we would like to send a big 'Thank You' to the local Jewish community for inviting our year 6 children to take part in the event!

### Message for All Nursery Parents

Primary admissions opened on the **4<sup>th</sup> November 2019** for you to apply for September 2020.

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 need to register for a Primary School place for next September. Apply online before the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions).

If you would like to look around the school please contact the school office to make an appointment

or if you need any help with your application please talk to a member of the office team.

**The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

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

The residential school journey still has a few places for September 2020 if you would like your child to take part please complete the consent

form, hand this into the office and make a payment for the deposit via the school gateway.

### Assemblies

#### Nursery

What a fantastic way to finish the week today by watching Nursery class assembly. It was the children's first time presenting their work and learning to such a large audience. The children were confident and spoke beautifully to the children and parents.

It was wonderful to see the children's work and it was clear they have been very busy since beginning in September. They presented some of their wonderful rainbow paintings, self-portraits and firework pictures, which support their learning of Diwali and Bonfire Night.

The children also displayed their mark making where they presented drawings of their families, impressive mark making Nursery, well done! The children finished their assembly with showing us their dance moves in their brilliant waka and shake. Not forgetting the slideshow, which demonstrated their excellent learning so far in Nursery.

A huge well done to Nursery on their first class assembly!

## Election of Parent Governors

There are three vacancies for parent governors on Cowley Hill's governing body. If you would like to stand for election please complete and return the form to the school office by 9am on the 19th November 2019.

You will need to ask another parent of a pupil at the school to sign the form.

Please be aware that regulations require everyone elected or appointed to a governing body to undergo a pre-appointment check which will include a criminal background check. This is to ensure the safety of the pupils.

If you are elected and you subsequently decline to undergo such a check, you will disqualify yourself.

## FoCH



Friends of Cowley Hill will be holding a Christmas Market on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019** from 5-7pm.

There will be a 50p entrance fee which includes a hot drink and a raffle ticket.

## St Andrew's Day and Thanksgiving Dinner

We shall be holding a special lunch on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**, to celebrate St Andrew's Day and Thanksgiving. If you wish for your child to have this meal then please return the form to the school office as soon as possible.



## Poppy Day



Each year in Cowley Hill we support the Poppy Appeal. Once again we are selling poppies for a donation and poppy merchandise from 50p.

## After School Club

We have been very busy in After School Club this week.

We finished our pumpkin pictures which we had started before half-term. We used pasta coloured in orange and black. We glued the pasta onto a card in the shape of a pumpkin with eyes and scary teeth.



We also made Fire Works pictures with oil pastels in many colours and finished them off with sparkly glitter.



For Remembrance Sunday we painted our own Poppies and the children took great care in the details of their very individual designs.

## Uniform

Can you please check the name labels in your child(ren)'s uniform, we have several missing items including coats, jumpers and whole pe kits. If you do come across any items of these items please return them to the school office.

Thank you.

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from this week in Reception/KS1 is R-Elm with 98% attendance and in KS2 is 4 Willow with 98%. WELL DONE.

Group Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
Reception Elm	100	98
1 Holly	100	96
1 Beech	100	95.6
2 Maple	100	94.7
Reception Ash	100	88.7
2 Birch	100	84.7

Group KS2	Possible	% Attend
4 Willow	100	98
5 Chestnut	100	97.4
4 Cherry	100	96.1
6 Mulberry	100	96.1
6 Hawthorn	100	95.9
3 Cedar	100	95.3
5 Sycamore	100	93.9
3 Hazel	100	93.3

## Class Assemblies

Date	9.15am Start	9.45am Start
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 (Tea and Coffee will be available from 2.15pm)**

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

## Library Update

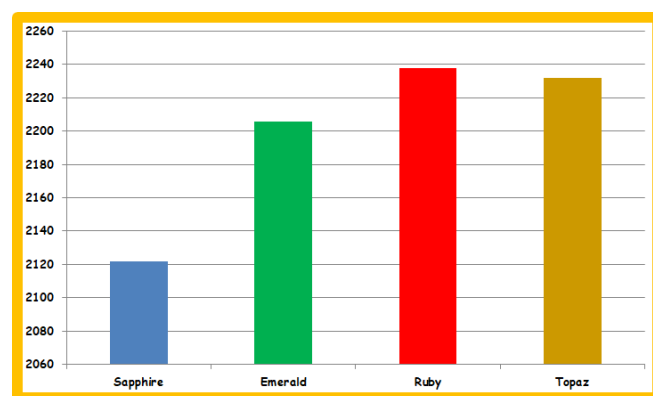
**REMINDER:** Please can we make sure that library books are kept in book bags. Please do not put water bottles in book bags.

### Does your child need a library book bag?

In order for the children to take library books home they **MUST** have a Cowley Hill Library Bag, these are available to buy on your school gateway account at a cost of £2.00 each.

## House Tokens

The current house point results.



Sapphire	2122
Emerald	2206
Ruby	2238
Topaz	2232

## Autumn Term Dates 2019

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

### Spring Term Dates 2020

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School Starts
Fridays from 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 5 Swimming
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Clubs Start
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	FOCH New Year Disco 3 to 7.30pm
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	e-Safety Evening
Half-Term	17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb
W/C 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Fair
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Consultation Appointments 1.30pm to 8pm
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week & Sports Week
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Evening
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports Relief Non-School Uniform
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Club
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Cowley's Got Talent
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children finish at 1.15pm.
6 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter School

### Summer Term Dates 2020

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School Starts
Fridays from 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 3 Swimming Starts
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 SATs
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Cuffley Camp Residential Trip
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Occasional Day
Half-Term	25 <sup>th</sup> May to 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Photographer In
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	New parents meeting 6pm Nursery 7pm Reception
w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Week (Y1/2)
15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	RSE Weeks
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June	FSU Sports Day (morning)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1to6 Sports Day (all day)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June	No Swimming for year 6
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inset Day

Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-School Uniform Donations for the Summer Fair
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last Club
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm Year 6 Performance dress rehearsal
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Performance - 7pm
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving Up Day
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Circus Evening Performance
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening 6-7pm
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Presentation Evening 5pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Children finish 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

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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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