

NEWSLETTER

The children had a fantastic time at their school disco yesterday. The hall was blacked out and decked in lights and balloons. The DJ provided not only the music but an amazing light show, with smoke and snow (bubbles). Well done to Friends of Cowley Hill School for organising the event.

The children in Years 3, 4 and 5 have had some exciting science workshops with SETPOINT (an educational charity who inspire young people in science, technology, engineering and maths). Year 3 had a great time exploring materials whilst years 4 and 5 had a workshop using plastazote to make masks.



Assembly

This morning reception JT treated us to a wonderful assembly on measuring. The children shared some paintings of their feet and told us how they had measured them. They shared a story with us about a Shoe Maker and some Elves and then told us how to make porridge. They finished with a song and dance which put a smile on everyone's faces. The children all spoke very confidently and really enjoyed dancing for the audience.

**Aylmerton Trip
29th September to 3rd October 2014**

Current year 5 children have been invited to attend the residential trip to Aylmerton in the Autumn Term. If we have any spaces available on Monday we shall be opening the trip up to children in our year 4 classes.

NO Clubs

Due to Parent Consultation Appointments next week there will be **no clubs**.

Book Fair

Scholastic book fair will be with us next week. The book cases will be open at the end of the day outside the school office from 3pm and during the Consultation Evenings. There will be a wide range of books available to purchase.

Parent Consultation Appointments

If you have not done so already; please send your parent consultation appointment form to the school office. Additional forms are available from the carousel outside the school office. We shall then send you your appointment day/time.

**Message from Community Action
Hertsmere Activities for Half-Term**

Date/Time	Activity	Cost	Contact
Monday 17 th February 5.30pm until 6.30pm	Youth Club Drop In	FREE	Emma 07565 533 874 Keely 07565 537 552
Tuesday 18 th February 11 am until 1 pm	Play rangers (farriers)	FREE	Emma 07565 533 874 Keely 07565 537 552
Tuesday 18 th February 2pm until 4pm	Play rangers (Ripon Park)	FREE	Emma 07565 533 874 Keely 07565 537 552
Wednesday 19 th February 10am until 4 pm	Invention Course *BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL*	£5 Per Family	TO BOOK Sue or Maureen 01442 234 600
Thursday 20 th February 10 am until 4 pm	Paper Arts and Crafts *BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL*	£5 Per Family	TO BOOK Sue or Maureen 01442 234 600
Thursday 20 th February 5 pm until 6pm	Mad Science Workshop *BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL*	£1 per child	TO BOOK Emma 07565 533 874 Keely 07565 537 552
Friday 21 st February 9am until 3pm	Science Museum Trip *MUST BRING A PACKED LUNCH* *BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL*	£5 per adult Children FREE	TO BOOK Emma 07565 533 874 Keely 07565 537 552 *LIMITED SPACES*

For any queries regarding any of the above or any queries regarding events at Farriers Way Community Centre Please Contact
Emma 07565 533 874 or Keely 07565 537 552

Gymnastics Tournament

On Tuesday our KS1 and KS2 Gymnastics Teams competed in the Sports Partnership Gymnastics tournament. Both teams had to perform floor and vault routines. Our KS1 team performed brilliantly displaying fantastic focus and concentration during their routine. They finished fourth overall in the KS1 Section. Well done Team! Our KS2 team were excellent and performed a well timed and sharp routine. They finished second in the KS2 section and have progressed through to the Partnership Finals. Well done team!

Nursery Admissions for September 2014

Admissions will open for you to apply for your child to go into Nursery on Monday.

Children born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 can register for a Nursery School place for next September. The deadline for applications is 21st March 2014. If you would like to look around the school please contact the school office to make an appointment.

For further information log on to www.hertsdirect.org/admissions

For those of you who do not have internet access you are very welcome to use a computer in the school. If you would like any help please ask any member of the school office. **The closing date for applications is 21st March 2014.**

We want Books!

Do you or any of your friends or family have any children's books at home which you no longer use?

We are trying to expand our fiction and non-fiction libraries and would be very pleased to receive donations of good quality books. We are in particular looking for fiction (story) books for our older children – those suitable for children aged 9+ - and information books suitable for children aged 5 to 11. All books must be in very good condition please.

If you are able to donate any books, please bring them into the office making clear that they are donations for the library, for the attention of Mrs. Harris.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is R-JT with 98.7% attendance and in KS2 3MN with 100%.... WELL DONE R-JT and 3MN.

Group – Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
Reception - Jo Thomson	100	98.7
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	96.5
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	96.3
Reception - Grace Colhoun	100	94.1
Year 1 - Philippa Cooper	100	92.7
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	92

Group – KS2	Possible	% Attend
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	100
Year 4 - Deborah Harris	100	97.4
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	97.3
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	96.5
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	92.9
Year 4 - Lougene Lillywhite	100	92.5
Year 5 - Moira McCarthy	100	91.7
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	89

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

If you shop at Sainsburys please accept the Active Kids Vouchers they are handing out and bring them into school.

Class Assemblies

Friday 14 th February at 9.15am	1PC
Friday 28 th February at 9.15am	2JG
Friday 14 th March at 9.15am	Reception - GC
Friday 21 st March at 9.15am	1YN
Friday 28 th March at 9.15am	Nursery

Spring Term Dates

Nursery Admissions Open for September 2014	Monday 10 th February
Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings	Tuesday 11 th February
Nursery to Year 6 Parent Consultation Meetings 3.10-6pm	Wednesday 12 th February
Nursery to Year 6 Parent Consultation Meetings 5-8pm	Thursday 13 th February
Half-Term	17 th to 21 st February
Assessment Week	w/c 3 rd March
Secondary Places Offered for Year 6 Children	Monday 3 rd March
Year 1 Trip to the Roald Dahl Museum	Wednesday 5 th March
Swimming Gala	Friday 7 th March
Non-School Uniform for Red Nose Day	Friday 14 th March
Gala Concert at the Royal Albert Hall	Sunday 16 th March
Science Week	Monday 17 th March
Chess Match @ Samuel Ryder	Wednesday 19 th March
Governor Day	Thursday 20 th March
Science Evening	Thursday 20 th March
Nursery Admissions Close	Friday 21 st March
Year 4 - Egyptian Day	Monday 24 th March
Full Governing Body Meeting	Tuesday 25 th March
Girls Football Tournament	Thursday 27 th March
Finish at 2pm for the Easter Holidays	Friday 4 th April

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