

NEWSLETTER

Aylmerton - Residential Journey

We are planning to take the current year 5 pupils to Aylmerton Field Study Centre in Norfolk again at the end of September 2015. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn not only about Norfolk and the surrounding area but also to learn to work as a team and co-operate with each other. This will be the school's third visit; the previous two trips have been a huge success. Each year we have a change of programme to ensure that the children have new experiences.

The trip is currently open to year 5 but will open on Friday 13th February to year 4. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis. If you wish to find out more or reserve a place please speak to the office. In case of financial hardship please contact the school; we will do what we can to support you as it is such an excellent opportunity for the children.



Current Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a Site Manager (full-time) and a Learning Support Assistant (part-time).

If you are interested in either post please either contact the school office or visit www.teachinherts.com

Walk to School Week



As you can see in our photos, we are pleased to say that our first day for 'Walk to school' was a success. Lots of children walked, used a scooter or came to school by bike. We hope the form of travel will increase by the end of the year. Thank you and well done to everybody who took part.

Children who have walked to school at least once a week during the month will get a badge at the end of each month.



Assembly

6AP took the audience back in time to 1939 with their World War 2 based assembly. They captured the emotions and feelings of an evacuee through a drama packed adventure and shared diary extracts from their Big Writing which they had written in class. Well done 6AP.

Written by Nabrisa

1KW performed their class assembly in which they shared the learning that they have been doing in their Toys topic. They also demonstrated their dancing skills when showing us how they used directional language in Maths. They performed 'Let's Go Fly a Kite' beautifully and shared the kites that they had created in their lessons.

Cycle Training

This week pupils in year 5 have had the opportunity to complete the County 'Bike Ability' Course. On Monday the pupils all passed the level 1 playground assessment meaning they could undertake the 4 day roadside course. The pupils showed great determination to complete the course battling cold weather throughout the week. Today is the final assessment- Good luck to all riders!

School Disco

Thank you to the Friends of Cowley Hill for organising the school disco the children had a wonderful time.



2JG Have a New School Councillor

We are happy to announce that 2JG has elected Tahir as their new school councillor. Congratulations Tahir.



Parent Consultation Appointments

Please see the letter coming out today you will need to register online for this service. Invitations for booking your parent consultation appointment will be available on Tuesday. If you need any help using this app please contact Mrs Scott or Miss Davey in the school office.

We shall be trialling a new booking system for our next parent consultation appointments which will be held after half-term. This will be done online using our ParentMail service that we currently use to send you text messages and emails. There is an app that you will be able to download for free on to your mobile phones.

If you do not have a mobile or internet access help will be available to book appointments via the school office.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2JG with 97.4% attendance and in KS2 4EF with 97.5%... WELL DONE 2JG and 4EF.

Group - Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	97.4
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	96
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	92
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	91.8
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	91.5
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	89.5

Group - KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	97.5
Year 4 - June Booher	100	94.2
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	93.3
Year 3 - Lisa Mulivhill	100	93.1
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	92.7
Year 5 - Katie Newell	100	90.4
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	88.7
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	86.8

Emergency Closure Plan in the Event of Severe Weather Conditions

Our aim is to stay open However in the event of severe weather conditions we always follow the Hertfordshire County Council guidelines. The decision to close is taken by the Headteacher based on the local conditions, an assessment of the risk, staffing issues, transport issues and County guidance.

If a decision is taken to close the school we will follow the County's notification process and this information will be posted on their website at www.hertsdirect.org. HCC will also inform the following radio station:-

BBC 3 Counties on 103.8 FM

A Parentmail text message will be sent informing parents of the closure. It is vital, therefore, that we have up to date telephone numbers. If you have changed your telephone number, please ensure that this information is given to the school's Admin Team. Information about reopening the school will be communicated in exactly the same way.

Autumn / Spring Dates

9 th February	Nursery Admissions open for September 2015 places
13 th February	Year 6YS to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
16 th to 20 th February	Half-Term
24 th February	Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings 12.30pm to 4pm
25 th February	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.10pm to 6pm
26 th February	Parent Consultation Meetings 5pm to 8pm
27 th February	Year 6AP to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
2 nd March	Year 6 parents receive Secondary Place Allocations from Admissions
4 th March	KS1 Base Trip to the Radlett Centre to see Room on the Broom
4 th March	Year 3 to the Chiltern Open Air Museum

6 th March	Year 6YS to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
13 th March	Year 6AP to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
16 th March	Science Week
17 th March	MAD Science in
18 th March	Year 2 to visit Paradise Wildlife Park
18 th March	Year 4 Setpoint 'Lighting it Up workshop'
18 th March	Chess Tournament at Mount Grace
19 th March	Governor Visit Day
19 th March	Science Evening 6-7pm
20 th March	Nursery Admissions for September 2015 close
25 th March	Year 3 Setpoint 'Light & Dark Workshop'
25 th March	Full Governors Meeting
26 th March	Year 4 Science Technology Event at Woodlands
26 th March	Singing Sherlock Performance at The Ark Theatre 7.30pm to 9pm
31 st March	Year 4 trip to Roman Verulamium
2 nd April	School Finishes for Easter Holidays at 2pm

Class Assemblies

	9.15am	9.45am
27 th February	6YS	Reception - SD
6 th March	5KN	Reception - KG
13 th March	4EF	Nursery
20 th March	4JB	-
27 th March	3LM	-

Jon Hood
Headteacher