

NEWSLETTER

I can't believe how quickly the year has gone!

I am so proud of the children in the school and how well they have achieved this year.

This year we have continued to improve our work in school with particular focus on developing writing skills. The children in year 6 this year have achieved some amazing results in their SATs significantly exceeding national expectations for progress.

I would like to thank the dedicated team of teachers and support staff who have worked extremely hard this year helping to move Cowley Hill even further forward this year.

Thank you to all of you – the parents and carers – for all of your continued support.

Have a fantastic summer break and we will see you all back in school on Tuesday 2nd of September.

Jon Hood

Class of 2014



Attendance

I would like to thank parents for their support with raising attendance across the school over the past 18 months. Overall attendance has improved, which is fantastic however there are still a number of children whose attendance is erratic; missing odd days each week. This has a massive impact on their education (one day a week equates to 1 year off school out of 5). We have put in place a whole host of positive measures to support attendance, however, these are not always successful. As a measure to tackle this the governors have agreed to adopt Fixed Penalty Notices where attendance falls below certain levels. FPNs will be adopted from September 2014. We will as a matter of course provide more information before September.

Key Stage 2 French Day

On Friday 11th July, after the start of the Tour de France in England this year, all the children and staff in Key Stage 2 dressed up in red, white and blue to celebrate our French Day.



From September, along with every other Primary School in England, all KS2 classes will be having weekly French lessons, so our 'Journée Française' gave the children a taste of the kind of games and activities they will experience learning French vocabulary and finding out about aspects of French culture. The children heard about the Tour de France in assembly and sampled French snacks at breaktime. During the day, they played Lotto, sang French songs, played Pétanque (Boules) and used laptops and ipads to challenge themselves at different activities on a range of French educational websites. A 'bon jour' was had by all – 'merci' to all who took part!

Any first language French speaking parents at Cowley Hill who would like to help in any events or activities next year, please see Mrs Day (Year 5) for a chat. Thank you.

100% Attendance for the school year 2013/ 2014

I am delighted that we have such a large number of children who have managed to achieve 100% attendance this year.

1YN Kylie M	2JG Rose Eldo
2TS Raymond A Bernice A	3MN Kelly D Andrew F Roseline O
3CM Grace E Godfred S	4DH Sophie B
4LL Prisha A Catalina M Loane P Zak P Kye W	5MM Rebecca A Nabrissa B Laura M
5DP Emmanuela A Kerry B Arnan V	6AP Michael G
6YS Jamie-Ray C	

100% Attendance for the Summer Term

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<u>R-GC</u> Aiden J Wiktoria L Maya P Gracjan P	<u>R-JT</u> Edith C Alexa D Ryan D Amelia J Shane L Isobella M Lily-Jade S Layla U
<u>IPC</u> David A Navaeh C Darius C Osireamhe M Harry M Katie N Amya S Evie S Elizabeth T Mara U	<u>IYN</u> Shepherd A Nathan K Kylie M Lewis R Taylor C-J
<u>2TS</u> Raymond A Bernice A Deandra B Isis B-W Kaitlyn D Lola F Isabelle H Samuel L Aloaye M Chloe M Caitlin O'R Yanis O Sean P-H Joseph S	<u>2JG</u> Ben A Quinda B Ewa C Rose E Allana L
<u>3CM</u> Grace E Gul G Kodi G Dylan H Alex J Michael M Godfred S Raya S Abigail S Holly T	<u>3MN</u> Kelly D Sophie D Andrew F Mattia G Yutong G Emily H Ian K Roseline O Riya R Grace S Jacob S
<u>4LL</u> Prisha A Emily D Nadine D Ana G Syed H Dylan K Catalina M Loane P Zak P Abhijay S Kye W	<u>4DH</u> Sophie B Iasmina C Erin F Hayden H
<u>5DP</u> Emmanuela A Debora B Crystal H Emily N Nathan R Mert U Arnan V	<u>5MM</u> Rebecca A Nabriisa B Josh E Airan H Holly H Laura M Jedidiah M Nkechi O Jibril S

<u>6YS</u> Kaia B Samuel C Jamie-Ray C Greta G Stacey I Emmanuel K Aiden L Kerri-Anne M	<u>6AP</u> Fahad C Michael G Casey O'N Ami S
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Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2JG with 97.1% attendance and in KS2 5MM with 100%.... WELL DONE 2JG and 5MM.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	97.1
Year 1 - Philippa Cooper	100	96.8
Reception - Grace Colhoun	100	96.6
Reception - Jo Thomson	100	95.4
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	94.8
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	93

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 5 - Moira McCarthy	100	100
Year 4 - Lougene Lillywhite	100	98.3
Year 4 - Deborah Harris	100	95.2
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	90
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	89.5
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	89.5
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	87.5
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	85.5

Year 5 Athletics

On Tuesday our Year 5 Athletics Squad competed in the Sports partnership Athletics Finals having won the Borehamwood Schools tournament. They competed in a range of track and field events including discus, javelin, hurdles and the 4x100m relay. Our team competed with a real desire and determination with all members of our team excelling in their events. Overall we finished in second place which is a fantastic achievement and a great way to end our athletics season. Well done team!

Sports Presentation Evening

On Thursday evening we held our annual Sports Presentation Evening. This was a spectacular evening where we were truly able to appreciate how committed, talented and fantastic all of our sportswomen and sportsmen are. Well done and congratulations to you all. Special congratulations to those who received individual team awards. Well done to our Sportswoman of the Year- Mia Rowlands and our Sportsman of the Year- Tyler Bates.

Thank you from the Sports Team

A tremendous amount of sport has taken place this year with the school being able to offer a range of extra-curricular clubs and enter a vast amount of competitions and leagues. This would not be possible without the hard work and support of very dedicated staff who give up their time to run clubs attend tournaments and offer transport. We are also very fortunate to have very supportive parents/carers who have always positively cheered on our teams and are always happy to offer transport to and from events. We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for your continued support. – Mr Peters and Mr Zielinski

Music Lessons

Please let the office know if your child would like to learn to play the Trumpet or Guitar as we have spaces. These lessons are available for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The current cost per term is £66.00.

School Uniform

I would like to thank the vast majority of parents for ensuring that their children are always in school with the correct uniform. Children must have the appropriate coloured school uniform – bottle green jumper/gingham dress/white polo-shirt with black or grey trousers/skirt. Children are only allowed to wear black school shoes or black trainers. Multicoloured socks, tights, footwear, jumpers etc. are not school uniform. We trust you will support us with making the whole school look smart in school colours.

Just to remind you that our logoed school uniform can be purchased from Stevensons; they have a shop in St Albans that you can visit, try clothes on and purchase at the same time, or follow the link on our website, or ring them on 01727 853262 / 814350 where they are happy to post items out to you (this will incur a postage charge). They accept cash and credit/debit cards in payment, they do not accept cheques.

Dinner Patterns

The meal charges from September for all children are changing see our table below. For the children who will be joining Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the Government is offering a Universal Free Meal.

The dinner options menu has not changed since Easter so if your child currently has the school dinner you do not need to do anything more. If however you would like them to take up the option forms can be downloaded from our website and either sent to the school or emailed to admin@cowleyhill.herts.sch.uk.

You will need to complete the form before your child's meal will be ordered.

Class Photos

If you ordered your child's class photo your child will bring them home with them today. If your child is not in school today and you would like to come into school to collect their photo please contact Mrs Scott next week.

PE Kits

School PE kit next year will continue to consist of: A white t-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls (indoor) and trainers (outdoor). Please ensure they have full PE kit for the start of the Autumn Term. If your child is in year 6 and leaving us or your child has grown out of kit and you wish to donate it to the school as spare kit this would be very much appreciated

School Team Kits

There are still some sports team kits that have not been returned. Please look at home for any unreturned kit and return to school ASAP. Kit records are kept and therefore you will be invoiced for any unreturned or lost kit.

Vacancies

MSA (5hrs/wk)

Due to the government's universal free school meal initiative we need to recruit additional lunchtime staff. The role entails supporting children in the dining room and also outside with their play.

If you can spare an hour at lunchtime please come and speak to the office.

School Meal Charges for the Autumn Term

The meal charges for the Autumn Term are:

Cost per day for Nursery Children	£2.05
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Cost per day	£2.15
Per Week	£10.75
First Half of the Autumn Term (39 days)	£83.85
Second Half of the Autumn Term (35 days)	£75.25
Whole of the Summer Term (74 days)	£159.10
Fun-day Friday for the Whole Term	£32.25

Please use your wisePAY account to pay for dinner money. If you have lost your user name and password please speak to the school office. Thank you.

Term Dates for the Children September 2014 to July 2015

AUTUMN TERM 2014

Tuesday 2nd September to Friday 19th December
Half-Term Week – Monday 27th to Friday 31st October

SPRING TERM 2015

Tuesday 6th January to Thursday 2nd April
Half-Term Week – Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

SUMMER TERM 2015

Tuesday 21st April to Friday 17th July
Half-Term Week – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
May Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

Jon Hood
Headteacher