

NEWSLETTER

Windows

The Window Walling is almost all complete! The new windows have really smartened up the outside of the school and given it a fresh new look. We had some minor disruption to classes but this was kept to a minimum. I would like to thank you all for your patience during their installation. The final windows will be replaced this weekend.

Assemblies

We were treated this morning to an audience with the emperors of Ancient Rome as 5MM presented their last assembly of the year, and they certainly left the best to last! Showcasing many of their singing, dancing and performing talents, they worked hard all week to come up with their very own version of the hit show 'Britain's Got Talent', including some original commercial breaks. So watch out Britain, 5MM are coming.

This morning reception JT performed a wonderful assembly. They told us about their trip to the bakery and how they have had some naughty fairies in their class who they have been writing letters to. They performed so confidently with big smiles on their faces. We are very proud of them and very much enjoyed their last class assembly in reception.

Year 1 Whipsnade Zoo Trip

On Wednesday Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Whipsnade Zoo where we saw lots of the endangered animals that we have been learning about. We were able to get very close to the sleeping tigers and saw a baby Mara which had just been born, we were very lucky! The Zoo keepers also told us all about the Lemurs, Chimps and Elephants. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day at the zoo and were a credit to Cowley Hill. Well done Year 1!

Water Bottles

As the weather is now 'hotting up', it is important that the children drink water regularly during the day. To make this easier we are going to try allowing the children to have water bottles on their desks.



Your child can bring to school a named sports style water bottle with a one way valve which can be pushed shut, so that the water will not come out if the bottle is knocked over. These bottles will be filled up at the start of the day and your child will be able to have the bottle on their desk and to drink from it as they wish, provided that this is done sensibly.

Bottles will be rinsed each night and sent home on a Friday to be washed ready for the next week.

If your child does not bring in a sports style water bottle they will, of course, still be able to have water to drink at playtime or lunchtime as at present.

Message from the Rotary Club

Apologies Severe Delays Shenley Rd

Saturday 14th June 2014
Celebrating 100 Years of Film & TV
in Elstree

Particular warning for
 Tesco shoppers

From 1.45pm to 2.15pm the Parade will be processing along Shenley Rd

The parade moves along to the station ETA 2.30pm
 Parade route is Theobald St, Aycliffe Rd, Leeming Rd,
 Brook Rd Car Park 3.30pm ETA

**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 and trialled for 12 months. We will as a matter of course provide more information before September.

Children walking to and from school on their own

As we are now into the summer term there are more children walking to school on their own. To ensure we keep all of our children safe we would ask that you send in a note giving permission if your child is to walk home on their own. We may contact you if we wish to discuss the arrangements for your child.

Reminders

Photographs and Videos:- Parents and carers are welcome to take pictures and videos of their children at special events and assemblies, however, we do have children whose photos are not allowed to be posted online. Can I please remind you not to share photos containing other children on social media websites. Thank you for your support.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is R-JT with 99.6% attendance and in KS2 5DP with 98.2%.... WELL DONE R-JT and 5DP.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Reception - Jo Thomson	100	99.6
Reception - Grace Colhoun	100	97.9
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	97.5
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	97.3
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	96.1
Year 1 - Philippa Cooper/Heather Woodward	100	90.3

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	98.2
Year 5 - Moira McCarthy	100	97.8
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	96.8
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	96.2
Year 4 - Lougene Lillywhite	100	96.1
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	95.8
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	95.5
Year 4 - Deborah Harris	100	92.2

Message for Year 5 Parents from SW Herts Consortium Schools

The website and postal facility for parents to register their children to sit tests for any of the SW Herts Consortium schools are now available. The schools are: Parmiter's, Bushey Meads, St Clement Danes, Rickmansworth, Queens', Watford Grammar School for Boys and Watford Grammar School for Girls.

The test registration website address is: www.swhertsschools.org.uk There are links to each school's website, and a frequently asked questions section.

Kwick Cricket Partnership Finals

On Tuesday our Kwik Cricket 'A' squad competed in the Sports Partnership Finals. Up against some distinguished cricketing schools and many county players it was a great chance for us to continue to develop our skills. All of our players applied themselves extremely well demonstrating some excellent fielding skills. In the previous round most of our runs were scored from boundaries so it was very pleasing to see us bat well again this time focusing on scoring more singles to add to the boundaries. Overall there was some excellent cricket played and we are set up to have a positive end to our cricket season. Well done to everyone who played.

Netball Tournament

On Wednesday our Netball team competed in the Sports Consortium Netball Tournament. There appeared to be a real determination amongst our squad who were out to better their semi final loss at the tournament last year. They played some very quick and skilful netball beating Monksmead 4-0, St Teresa's 9-0 and Summerswood 3-0 in the group stage. Their good form continued into the semi finals where they swept Monksmead away again this time with a 3-0 win. The final would be contested against a strong Clore Shalom side. The final was very well contested with Clore Shalom dominating the first half and Cowley Hill coming back strong in the second. Unfortunately we couldn't quite go all the way losing to Clore Shalom 9-3 in the final. Overall it was a fantastic afternoon of netball with all the players putting in performances that make the school very proud. Well done to everyone who played.

Boys Football Tournament

On Thursday the Boys 'A' team competed in the District Tournament. Weather conditions similar to those that will be experienced in Brazil seemed to inspire our team who showed that wearing the same colours as Brazil is not the only thing they have in common. Beating Cranbourne 6-0, Brookmans Park 2-0, drawing 0-0 with Oakmere 'B' and narrowly losing 1-0 to Wroxham was enough to see us progress through to the semi finals where we would meet Oakmere 'A'. Encounters between the two schools are always well contested close affairs and this was to be no different. Both teams appeared to cancel each other out for most of the game with both teams being restricted to long range efforts. Unfortunately with just minutes to go a 'Stoke City' style long throw into the box glanced off an Oakmere head to drop into the net to give them the lead. Cowley Hill rallied but time was not on their side with the game finishing 1-0 to Oakmere who went on to win the tournament. Well done boys- some excellent football played.

Class Assemblies

Date	9am Start	9.30am Start
Friday 20 th June	4DH + 4LL	2JG
Friday 27 th June	3CM	2TS
Wednesday 2nd July	3MN	No Assembly
Wednesday 9 th July	No Assembly	Nursery

Please note a change to 3MN and Nursery assemblies.

Summer Term Dates

18 th June	School Photographer in Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers
19 th June	Year 4 to Hatfield House
20 th June	Non-School Uniform for FoCH Donations
20 th June	PALS Training
20 th June	Year 5/6 Athletics at Hertswood
24 th June	Town Festival – Performing Arts
24 th June	Year 5 Athletics at Hertswood
25 th June	Nursery Trip to Knebworth
25 th June	Year 2 to Paradise Wildlife Park
27 th June	Reception Trip to London Aquarium
27 th June	Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament @ Hertswood
30 th June	Governor Day
2 nd July	FSU Sports Day
4 th July	Sports Day
4 th July	FoCH BBQ/Bouncy Castle
7 th July	No Clubs for the rest of term
8 th July	Finance & Personnel Meeting
8 th July	Full Governing Body Meeting
8 th July	Year 6 Induction Meeting at Hertswood
9 th July	Aylmerton Residential Journey Meeting
10 th July	Moving up day
11 th July	FoCH Summer Fair
14 th July	Year 5 Taster Day at Hertswood
14 th July	Open Evening – Reports to go out
16 th July	Sports Presentation Evening
18 th July	End of Term 2pm Finish

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