

NEWSLETTER

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.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 were able to pay a visit to the new local library on Shenley Road as part of their topic (Our Local Area). They had a chance to find out what they can do at the library, studied old maps of the town, and even went on a discovery trail in the local museum, which is on the top floor. The children had a great time and are all interested in going back there soon to check out a book or two!

**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.

Year 4 Musical Experience

On Tuesday 3rd June, Year 4 had a wonderful musical experience at The Ark Theatre. We joined children from Summerswood Primary, Hertswood Lower School Choir and Opus 1 backing band in a musical ensemble performing the chart-topping song 'Happy'. Pupils and staff enjoyed singing, dancing and playing the cornets. Even Mr Hood joined in and showed us his moves!

Many thanks to Mr Hobbs, the Head of Performing Arts at Hertswood, our trumpet and music teachers, Mr Fisher and Mrs Brown for a fantastic opportunity.

Well done Year 4 for a marvellous performance and for being such good ambassadors for Cowley Hill!

**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.

PE Kits Appropriate Club Attire

It is imperative that your child has correct PE kit for every PE lesson. Failure to have correct kit will result in your child being unable to participate in the lesson and missing out on their learning. If your child is unable to participate in a lesson due to injury or illness then a covering letter must be provided. Correct PE kit for the summer term is: Black shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers. Please note that school shoes, sandals or boots are not appropriate footwear for PE.

Year 6 Kwik Cricket Tournament

On Wednesday we took all of Year 6 to compete in the Sports Partnership Kwik Cricket Tournament. As well as being tasked with demonstrating their cricket skills there was a strong impetus on team work; the pupils were organised into three squads and independently had to make decisions regarding who was to play in each match, batting partners and ensuring they followed their fixture list. The day proved to be a huge success with year 6 rising to the challenge and implementing fantastic bowling and batting skills with many boundaries being scored. Out of our 3 squads the blues finished 4th in the Plate Section, our red and green teams both qualified through from the group stage and met in the semi finals with the greens victorious. The green team then beat Woodlands in the final to win the tournament and progress through to the Partnership Finals. Well done Year 6 on a fantastic morning of cricket and for being excellent ambassadors for the school.

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.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2JG with 97.5% attendance and in KS2 6YS with 97.6%.... WELL DONE 2JG and 6YS.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	97.5
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	97.2
Year 1 - Philippa Cooper	100	93.9
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	93.3
Reception - Grace Colhoun	100	92.8
Reception - Jo Thomson	100	86.9

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	97.6
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	97.5
Year 5 - Moira McCarthy	100	97.4
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	95
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	93.6
Year 4 - Deborah Harris	100	93.1
Year 4 - Lougene Lillywhite	100	92.2
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	90.5

Class Assemblies

Date	9am Start	9.30am Start
Friday 13 th June	5MM	REC JT
Friday 20 th June	4DH + 4LL	2JG
Friday 27 th June	3CM	2TS
Friday 4 th July	3MN	Nursery

Summer Term Dates

9 th June	Assessment Week
9 th June	KS1 SATs
11 th June	Year 1 to Whipsnade Zoo
11 th June	Year 5/6 Netball Tournament at Hertswood
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
3 rd July	New Nursery Parents Meeting
3 rd July	New Reception Parents Meeting
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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