

NEWSLETTER

The summer has finally arrived. It is lovely to see the sunshine which means the children can play on the field. Can you please ensure that your child has a hat and sun cream to protect them from the sun. Please either apply long lasting sun block before school or if your child is able to apply sun block themselves please send your child into school with it.

We have had several cases of sickness in school this week. Can I remind parents that if a child has been sick they must be off school for 48 hours to stop bugs spreading.

Assembly

This term 1YN have been studying the topic 'Under the Sea'. This morning the children performed a wonderful assembly taking us through the ocean to discover interesting facts about what you might find in the sea, and created a class poem to read out. They displayed their colourful Under the Sea Aquariums that were made in Art and finished off the assembly with a wonderful song about things under the sea. We are all so proud of how well Year 1 spoke so clearly and confidently. Well done 1YN!



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.

Year 6 SATs

I would like to say well done to all of the children in year 6 who have sat their end of Keystage 2 SATs this week. This has been a hard week for them sitting tests Monday to Thursday. I was proud of the way the children approached the week and would like to say a particular thank you to all of the staff who ran the breakfast club this week.

Loom Band

'I made the Cowley Hill badge with loom bands. It took me about 2 minutes to put it together, I made it because I thought it would be easy to make and it would look nice. Firstly I made the C and then the H.'

By Iasmina (4DH)



Catering Supplies

You may be aware that some children have not had the hot meal you ordered for them at lunchtimes this week. We have been experiencing difficulties with deliveries from the supplier and therefore have not always been in a position to prepare and cook the meals according to the published menu.

Please be assured that we are working closely with the catering company to resolve the issues as quickly as possible, and in the meantime ensuring that the children are provided with a suitable alternative to their choice of meal. We are aware of dietary requirements and allergies are to be checked carefully before the alternative dishes are offered to the children.

Reception & Nursery Bubbles Workshop



On Wednesday Reception and Nursery had a wonderful day learning all about bubbles! The children did experiments to see if different bubble wands would produce different shaped bubbles. They learnt that you can make bubbles with various household objects and then did some bubble painting. They had a great time playing with bubbles!

Tickets for the Hertfordshire County Show

The Hertfordshire County Show is on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May.

We have been given complimentary tickets for children, although not enough to go around the whole school. If you are planning on attending the show and would like a free ticket for a child please speak to the school office.

For more information visit www.hertsshow.com

Year 5 Trip to Roman Verulamium St Albans

On Wednesday 14th May, 5DP and 5MM travelled back in time nearly 2,000 years, to visit the ancient Roman city of Verulamium. To add to the occasion, we all dressed in Roman costume (staff included) – boys in togas and girls in stolas!



After a coach ride to St Albans, we arrived at Verulamium Museum for a Roman Artifacts Handling Session and a fascinating trip exploring the museum. We got to hold and investigate real Roman objects used in the city of Verulamium in Roman times and excavated in St Albans by Mortimer Wheeler in the 1930s.

After a picnic lunch in the park, we spent the afternoon on a guided tour of the Roman Amphitheatre, which was used for plays, bear baiting, public executions and religious ceremonies.

The sun shone all day and Year 5s had a great trip learning such a lot about life in Roman times to support this term's topic.



5DP, 5MM & 4LL Assembly Date Change

Please be aware that the date for 4LL's assembly has changed to the 20th of June. The children from both year 4 classes will be performing a joint assembly. 5DP assembly will be next Wednesday 21st and 5MM assembly date will be 13th June.

Boys Football

Last Friday our Boys football team took on Saffron Green. Cowley Hill got off to a flyer when JD used his strength to power through their defence and smash home into the bottom corner. Cowley Hill then went close again with JD hitting the post and Billy making their keeper earn his money. In the second half the tempo from both teams dropped with Saffron Green having most of the play but not creating anything clear cut and Cowley Hill appearing to sit and see out the game. The final score was Saffron Green 0-1 Cowley Hill. Well done to everyone who played.

Girls Football

Last Friday also saw our girls in action against Saffron Green. The girls' excellent form this season looked like continuing when Casey scored to give Cowley Hill an early lead that would spur the girls on to dominate the first half. Cowley Hill started the second half brightly creating chances and it looked like there was only going to be one result. However, a Saffron Green equaliser against the run of play would turn the game on its head. This seemed to deflate our girls whilst spurring on Saffron Green and they went on to score two more in the closing stages. The final score was Saffron Green 3-1 Cowley Hill. A Valiant effort girls- well done.

Short Tennis Tournament

On Wednesday our Year 4 Tennis Squad participated in the Sports Partnership Short Tennis Tournament. The squad were organised into two teams. Pupils competed in individual matches that counted towards the teams overall score. As the tournament progressed it was clear to see a stronger court confidence resulting in a very high quality of tennis being implemented and exciting 20+ stroke rallies. Our B team finished second in their group- a great effort. Our A team progressed to the knockout stages beating Kenilworth in the semi final and only narrowly losing to St Nicholas in the final. An overall second place finish means we are deservedly through to the Partnership Finals. Well done to everyone who played.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2JG with 98.6% attendance and in KS2 6AP with 99.1%.... WELL DONE 2JG and 6AP.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	98.6
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	97.9
Year 1 - Philippa Cooper	100	97.1
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	96.7
Reception - Jo Thomson	100	94.8
Reception - Grace Colhoun	100	84.1

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	99.1
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	99
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	98.6
Year 4 - Lougene Lillywhite	100	98.3
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	95.7
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	95
Year 4 - Deborah Harris	100	93.3
Year 5 - Moira McCarthy	100	92.6

Class Assemblies

Date	9am Start	9.30am Start
Friday 16 th May	No Assembly	1YN
Wednesday 21 st May	5DP	1PC
Friday 23 rd May	No Assembly	REC GC
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

19 th May	School Nurse to see year 6 re: Height & Weight Assessment
19 th May	Clubs to Start
20 th May	Finance & Personnel Governors Meeting
21 st May	Year 1 Setpoint – Splash
22 nd May	Nursery & Reception Closed – Polling
26 th to 30 th May	Half-Term
3 rd June	Full Governing Body Meeting
4 th June	Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament at Hertswood
6 th June	Window Project Completed
6 th June	Year 5 PALS Training
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
15 th July	Open Evening – Reports to go out
16 th July	Sports Presentation Evening
18 th July	End of Term 2pm Finish

Jon Hood
Headteacher