

NEWSLETTER

Reception trip to the Bakery

On Wednesday 7th May Reception walked to Milly's bakery. When they arrived they got to have a look around the bakery and see all the machines the bakers use to make the bread and cakes. They also got to knead the dough to help make some loaves of bread which were delivered to school on Friday by the bakers. Reception then got to pick a cake to take home with them and also got a gingerbread man each. Reception really enjoyed their visit to the bakery, especially their cakes.

Year 3 Visit from the Local Museum

Last Friday Year 3 had a visit from the local Borehamwood Museum. They had the opportunity to find out about how Borehamwood has changed since the 19th century. They also were able to handle historical artefacts and discover their purposes and uses. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon which deepened the children's knowledge of their local area.

Year 5 Visit from the Fire Brigade

This week the Fire Brigade came to our school to teach us about the dangers of fire. They taught us that it is not appropriate to make hoax '999' phone calls. If you pretend it may result in a fine or, if needed, the police will get involved. We also learnt that if your clothes catch fire you must 'Stop, Drop and Roll' to save your life. The reason you stop is because if you move about the air will make the fire grow, you must drop down carefully and start to roll on the floor to put the fire out.

We also watched a video about how fast it takes for a fire to spread in your home; it only takes three minutes and forty seven seconds! At the end of the lesson we had a fun quiz; for every correct answer you had to put on a part of the fireman's uniform. Luckily we all answered correctly.

By Marsela,Holly,Josh,Denion, Year 5 MM

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.

Nursery – Spare Clothes

This is a plea for spare clothes to fit Nursery age children. We keep a stock of spare clothes in case any child has an accident but stocks are running low. If you have any spare underwear and/or boys trousers they would be gratefully received.

Year 6 SATs – Breakfast Club

The year 6 SATs are finally here. The teachers and children have been working extremely hard to ensure that they are prepared for next week. To make the week a little more special for the children we are setting up a special breakfast club for the week; as we did last year. The children need to arrive at school for 8.15 and will have a relaxed breakfast together. The children will have a selection of cereals followed by toast.

In preparation for next week the children will need to ensure they get enough sleep this weekend. Please ensure they don't stay up too late as rest is important for them to do their best. I would like to wish them all well next week.

As SATs week progresses encourage your children to do their best and again help them by ensuring they have enough sleep.

Celebrating Diversity

At Cowley Hill School, we would like to make a display of the children and adults in our school community which are from many different backgrounds and cultures. Please could you send in a photo or picture of your child in their special outfits. Examples could be their national costume, their special dance or sport outfits or outfits to attend special religious festivals. We hope to have a wonderful display.

Thank you.
Mrs Patel and Mrs Vimalan.

Home School Agreement

The first draft of the Home School Agreement is now ready and will be coming home on Monday. The agreement has been worked on by pupils, parents and staff setting out expectations for each of the parties.

There will be an opportunity for you to comment on the document and suggest any changes before the final draft is created.

Reminders

PE Kits

There are a number of children each week unable to do PE because they don't have appropriate kit. Please can you ensure that children bring their PE kits into school on a Monday ready for the week: that it is left in school and taken home at the weekend for washing. PE is an essential part of the curriculum and children need to be dressed accordingly. PE kit is plimsoles or trainers, black shorts and a white or yellow *plain* T-shirt (grey or black jogging bottoms if it is colder).

Stones outside Year 1

If you are collecting or dropping off children to year 1, can I ask you to please ensure your children do not play with the stones. I am worried that someone may get hurt if they are kicked or thrown.

Thank you for your support.

Transport to Away Fixtures

Please note that it is the responsibility of Parents/Carers to transport their child or arrange for them to be transported to and from a fixture. Although staff members aim to support this process as much as possible we are not always in a position to do so. I would like to thank and extend the school's appreciation to those parents/carers who consistently offer to transport their child and others to fixtures. It is because of your support that we have been able to participate in our fixtures to date.

Boys Football

On Wednesday our boys' football team played St Teresa's. Cowley Hill started with a very high tempo and moved the ball around the pitch well. This positive start paid off when 5 minutes in Tyler sent the ball flying into the top corner from 25 yards out. Cowley Hill kept up the pressure and looked in control only for St Teresa's to take advantage of a rogue whistle sounding to cause confusion in the Cowley Hill back line. Against the run of play St Teresa's would score again to take a 2-1 lead at half time. Cowley Hill started the second half well and equalised straight away with a superb solo effort from JD. This joy was to be short lived as again St Teresa's would break to score. Cowley Hill kept going and got a deserved equaliser when Denion wouldn't give up in the box and scrambled the ball home. In the closing minutes of the game St Teresa's would eventually put the ball in the net following a corner scramble. However, their joy at scoring was short lived as Cowley Hill went straight up the other end to equalise with Alfie slotting home. The final score was Cowley Hill 4-4 St Teresa's- a very exciting game that produced great football from both sides. Well done to everyone who played.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is R-JT with 99.1% attendance and in KS2 5DP with 97.2%.... WELL DONE R-JT and 5DP.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Reception - Jo Thomson	100	99.1
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	98.3
Year 1 - Philippa Cooper/Heather Woodward	100	97.2
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	96.2
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	95.4
Reception - Grace Colhoun	100	92.7

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	97.2
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	95.5
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	95.2
Year 5 - Moira McCarthy	100	95.1
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	94.6
Year 4 - Deborah Harris	100	94.3
Year 4 - Lougene Lillywhite	100	93.2
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	90.6

Class Assemblies

Date	9am Start	9.30am Start
Friday 16 th May	5DP	1YN
Wednesday 21 st May	5MM	1PC
Friday 23 rd May	No Assembly	REC GC
Friday 13 th June	No Assembly	REC JT
Friday 20 th June	4DH + 4LL	2JG
Friday 27 th June	3CM	2TS
Friday 4 th July	3MN	Nursery

Summer Term Dates

12 th May	SATS Week
14 th May	Year 5 to St Albans Verulamium
14 th May	FSU – Setpoint - Bubbles
14 th May	Year 4 Tennis at Hertswood
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

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