

NEWSLETTER

Windows

New windows have finally made a start.....

The replacement windows are beginning to go in and will make the school look really smart. Class 2 JG have spent a couple of days working in the Music Room and are due to return to their class Friday. The windows are all double glazed with tinting on the south facing areas of the school. They will help to keep the school cool in the summer and warm in the winter giving us more money to spend on the children.

I will keep you updated as the project moves along.

Easter School

Year 6 enjoyed being busy beavers during the Easter break! Children did themselves proud by attending the school to consolidate their learning in preparation for SATs. They proved they were enthusiastic learners, taking responsibility for themselves as attendance was not compulsory. As staff and Head, this gave us great confidence in their ability to transit smoothly into secondary. Well done Year 6 for your hard work, you are amazing!

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 shortly. 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. Look out for this coming home soon.

Science Evening Competition Winner's Report

My day out at the Royal Observatory by Isabel Parnell Year Five.

I was in for a treat on Saturday 26th April. I went to the amazing Royal Observatory (Planetarium) in Greenwich, London. Let me tell you all about it.

Firstly me and my family took the train from Borehamwood to London. When we arrived at Greenwich we had to walk up a big hill. The Observatory was breathtaking. We went to a show where the seats went back and we could look up, it looked just like the sky at night. We were told lots of myths about how the stars got their names. Did you know, there is a myth about a crow, water snake and King that tells us how the constellation of Hydra got its name? Afterwards we walked along the Thames. We did so much walking that, when we got to the station, my big sister did not want to walk any more but we had to thank her for winning the competition.

It was a super day out!

Reminders**School Uniform**

The children have returned from the Easter holidays looking extremely smart.

This is a quick reminder that children are allowed to wear grey or black school trousers or skirts. We have had a few children wearing leggings, and a range of black trousers which are not school uniform. Please can you check that your children are wearing the correct uniform.

Absence/Collection of child notification

If your child is going to be absent from school please ring the office and select option 1; leave your child's name and reason for absence.

If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child please let the office know by telephone and not via email.

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.

Girls Football

On Tuesday our Girls Football team played Haberdashers in the District League. Cowley Hill started the game well and went straight on the attack. Most of the first half took the same pattern with Cowley Hill creating chance after chance only to see them thwarted by a superb display from the Habs keeper. In the second half Habs came into the game and began to create chances of their own, however, Nabrisa was determined not to concede and pulled off some excellent saves of her own. Against the run of play Cowley Hill broke on the counter attack with Paige slotting home to finish a breathtaking move. Cowley Hill seized on this momentum and minutes later Georgia made it 2-0 driving home from close range. The final score was Haberdashers 0-2 Cowley Hill. A great performance from all of our girls who are now unbeaten in their last four games keeping four clean sheets in the process.

Boys Football

On Wednesday our Boys Football team played Shenley. 'Crazy' can be the only word used to describe this game. End to end from the first whistle to the last; it was full of goals, excellent play and unfortunate mistakes. Shenley scored first to take an early lead only for Cowley Hill to hit straight back with a well placed shot from Lucus. Cowley Hill would then pile on the pressure only for Shenley to score on the counter attack twice in quick succession. Cowley Hill pulled one back early in the second half when JD tapped home from close range. However, this only spurred Shenley on to score again. Just as Shenley thought they had done enough Cowley Hill would raise themselves one last time with Billy heading home from a corner. Cowley Hill went in search of an equaliser and in doing so were caught on the break for a 5th time. The final score was Shenley 5-3 Cowley Hill. Well done to everyone who played.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 1YN with 98% attendance and in KS2 4LL with 97.2%.... WELL DONE 1YN and 4LL.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	98
Reception - Jo Thomson	100	96.6
Year 1 - Philippa Cooper/Heather Woodward	100	95.8
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	95.8
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	95.3
Reception - Grace Colhoun	100	91

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 4 - Lougene Lillywhite	100	97.2
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	97.1
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	97
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	97
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	96
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	95.5
Year 5 - Moira McCarthy	100	93.5
Year 4 - Deborah Harris	100	90.4

Class Assemblies

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

Summer Term Dates

5 th May	Bank Holiday
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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