

## NEWSLETTER

**Happy New Year**

Welcome back from the festive season. I hope you all managed to have a lovely holiday and the children are all refreshed ready for the new term. We have a short and busy term ahead with lots already planned.

Clubs will start the week of the 20<sup>th</sup> January running through until the week before we break for Easter. Clubs letters were sent out on Friday so please return promptly. This term we are asking children to put down their first three choices. As a school we run a lot of after school clubs and want as many children as possible to benefit.

Again this year children from year 6 will be visiting Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School for science lessons in their Science laboratories.

We are taking part in the Gala Performance at the Royal Albert Hall later this term. We will be taking a group of 20 children to take part in the performance. This will be an exciting opportunity for the children to perform in such a prestigious venue. More information will follow, explaining how parents can purchase tickets to watch the performance.

Children from year 5 and 6 will be attending Gifted and Talented maths sessions at Hertswood School this week.

Parent Consultation dates for the Spring Term will be Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February (Nursery only), Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 3.10-6.00pm (Nursery to Year 6) and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 5.00-8.00pm (Nursery to Year 6).

**Friends of Cowley Hill**

Please join us on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 9am for a chat about forthcoming fundraising events that we shall be putting on. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Help Wanted....****School Library**

Our English Subject Leader, Mrs Harris, is organising some work to our School Library. The first part of this task is to check and sort our non-fiction and poetry books. We will then be able to make these available for children to borrow.

We are looking for parents, carers or grandparents who have some spare time to help check and organise library books. This could be done during the school day or on Tuesdays after school from 3-4pm. No previous experience is needed!

If you are interested, please speak to the School Office.

**Home School Agreement**

The home school agreement sets out what the school, parents and children agree to do to make the most of the children's time in school working as a partnership. I would like to organise a small group of parents to put together the parent section of the home school agreement.

If you are interested in supporting this piece of work please contact the school office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

**Clubs for Children in Year 1 to 6**

Your child will have come home with a letter outlining the clubs on offer this term. Please complete the form and return it to the school office ASAP. Clubs will be allocated next week and your child will come home with a letter letting you know which club they have been allocated. Please remember to put your child's name on the form, thank you.

**Message for all Nursery Parents**

If you have not already applied for your child to go to Reception in September you need to make an application by 15<sup>th</sup> January. If you require any help please speak to the school office.

**The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 1PC and 1YN with 98.3% attendance and in KS2 3CM with 99.6%.... WELL DONE 1PC, 1YN and 3CM.

Group – Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
Year 1 - Philippa Cooper	100	98.3
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	98.3
Reception - Jo Thomson	100	97.1
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	97.1
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	97.1
Reception - Grace Colhoun	100	95.3

Group – KS2	Possible	% Attend
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	99.6
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	98.9
Year 4 - Deborah Harris	100	96.2
Year 4 - Lougene Lillywhite	100	96
Year 5 - Moira McCarthy	100	95.7
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	94
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	88.9
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	88.1

## School Meal Charges for the Spring Term

The meal charges for the Spring Term are:

Cost per day for Nursery Children	£1.95
<b>Costing for Infants &amp; Junior Children</b>	
Cost per day	£2.05
Per Week	£10.25
First Half of the Spring Term (29 days)	£59.45
Whole of the Spring Term (59 days)	£120.95
Fun-day Friday for the Whole Term	£24.60

If your child has a school dinner please pay for their meals in advance. Either on the first day of the week, monthly, half-termly or termly. Please use your wisepay account to pay for dinner money. If you have lost your user name and password please speak to the school office. Thank you.

## Class Assemblies

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am	2TS
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am	Reception - JT
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am	1PC
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am	2JG
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am	Reception - GC
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March at 9.15am	1YN
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am	Nursery

## Spring Term Dates

Curriculum & Standards Governors Meeting	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2014
Admissions Close for Nursery Parents to apply for a Reception place -Sept 2014	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January
Friends of Cowley Hill Meeting at 9am – all welcome	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January
4DH to visit the Library	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January
4DH Autumn Term Parent Consultation Catch-up Meeting	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January
4LL to visit the Library	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January
Finance & Personnel Committee & Full Governing Body Meeting	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January
Chess Match @ Samuel Ryder	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 2 – Great Fire of London	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Bug Buster Day	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January
School Disco	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 3 to the British Museum	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Nursery Admissions Open for September 2014	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Nursery to Year 6 Parent Consultation Meetings 3.10-6pm	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Nursery to Year 6 Parent Consultation Meetings 5-8pm	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Half-Term	17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Assessment Week	w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Secondary Places Offered for Year 6 Children	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Year 1 Trip to the Roald Dahl Museum	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Swimming Gala	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Non-School Uniform for Red Nose Day	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Gala Concert at the Royal Albert Hall	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
Science Week	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Chess Match @ Samuel Ryder	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Governor Day	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Science Evening	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Nursery Admissions Close	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Year 4 - Egyptian Day	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Full Governing Body Meeting	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Girls Football Tournament	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Finish at 2pm for the Easter Holidays	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April

Jon Hood  
**Headteacher**