

## NEWSLETTER

**Parents Consultation**

A reminder that Wednesday and Thursday there is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher. All consultation appointment forms have been processed and returned to the children to bring home. If you do not have an appointment please contact the school office and we can make an appointment for you.

**Book Fair**

Next week the Scholastic Book Fair will be available in school from 3pm each day. The book fair will be set up in the main reception area. The book fair will also be available during parent consultation evenings.

**Disco**

Friends of Cowley Hill would like to invite all the children to The Disco on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Food and refreshments will be provided. The cost of the ticket is £3.00 for Nursery and Reception children and £4.00 for children in year 1 to 6.

The timing for the discos are:

- Nursery & Reception – 1.15pm to 2.45pm
- Years 1, 2 and 3 – 4pm to 5.30pm
- Years 4, 5 and 6 – 6pm to 7.30pm

**British Legion – Poppy Appeal**

We are once again supporting the British Legion with their poppy appeal. Poppies are available from the school office for a money donation to the British Legion.



Miss Thomas has asked the children to find out why we wear poppies at this time of year. The children can research this by looking on the British Legion website at [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk), ask an adult, look in the newspaper or watch the TV. Their report can be a picture or a note. The work will be displayed in the main reception area next week.

**Road Works in Winstre Road**

Hertfordshire County Council shall be micro surfacing Winstre Road commencing Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October into half-term week and not next week as advertised.

**Lee Valley Olympic Park Taster Day**

On Tuesday 8 pupils from Year 4 attended a sports taster day at Lee Valley Olympic Park. The children participated in hockey training in the morning at the Hockey Centre and played on the pitch where the Olympic Final was held. In the afternoon they participated in tennis sessions at the tennis centre on the courts used at the Paralympics. The day finished with a tour of the Velodrome – a truly magnificent stadium. The children enjoyed a fantastic experience and were great ambassadors for the school.

**Arrangements for Sports Fixtures**

It is imperative that permission slips for all sporting fixtures or tournaments are returned to school fully completed before the day of the event. They contain vital information regarding the travel arrangements for your child. If your child does not return the permission slip or it is incomplete then they will not be able to attend the fixture.

Please note that for all afterschool sports fixtures it is parent/carer responsibility to transport or to arrange transport for their child to and from the fixture. Thank you to those parents who have offered transport for fixtures – your continued support is much appreciated.

**Class Attendance**

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is R-KG with 96.7% attendance and in KS2 4-JB with 96.9%... WELL DONE R-KG and 4-JB.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	96.7
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	96.7
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	93.4
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	93.3
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	91.6
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	88.4

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 4 - June Booter/Donna Lees	100	96.9
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	96.7
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	95.9
Year 5 - Joe Suckling	100	94.8
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	94.4
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	92.2
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	92.1
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	91.6

## Parent Governors

Are you interested in how your children are educated?  
Would you like to join the school's governing body to make that difference and ensure that every child matters?

As a Governing Body we would love to hear from you.

We meet every half term for a full Governing Body meeting from 7pm to approx 8.30pm. During this time we discuss what is going on within the school and plan the strategic direction to move the school forward. In-between these meetings we have three committees that look at different areas of the school i.e. the Finance committee monitors the approved budget and ensures the money is spent wisely to impact on teaching and learning standards; the Curriculum and Standards committee monitors children's progress and attainment and discusses issues relating to teaching, learning and the curriculum; the Premises committee works closely with Mr Jones (Site Manager) and deals with health and safety issues and all matters relating to the buildings and grounds of the school. You would not be expected to join all committees and we would hope that whatever your interest or professional area is you would be able to make a positive contribution to at least one of these areas. You do not need to be an expert, merely have an interest in making sure the school ensures all children get the best educational provision possible

Please join us we need your help to be a Critical and Supportive Friend to Cowley Hill Primary School.

Governors will be available during the Parent Consultation appointments for you to meet and ask any questions you may have.

### Message from Harperbury Free School – Borehamwood Meeting Postponed

As you know we have held three Open Meetings over the past couple of weeks in Shenley, Radlett and London Colney. We would like to thank all of you who came to these and we were delighted with your enthusiasm for our education plans in particular.

We have received considerable feedback from you and we fully understand your concerns over clarity on the site for the school. We are of course frustrated that, for legal reasons, we have been unable to tell you anything more. However, we are now anticipating that we will be able to make an announcement about the site within the next few weeks which we hope will satisfy those concerns. As a consequence we have decided to **postpone** the final Open Meeting planned for **this Saturday 18 October** at the Fairway Hall, Borehamwood.

We will rearrange this meeting at the same location in Borehamwood as soon as we can make an announcement regarding the site. This meeting will be advertised on our website [www.harperbury.org.uk](http://www.harperbury.org.uk), FaceBook and Twitter as well as in local newspapers. We are grateful for your patience and continuing support.

**The Governors**  
**Harperbury Free School**

## Year 6 – Secondary Transfer

All children in year 6 will need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2015. The online system is now open, the closing date for applications is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Parents should apply online at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions)

For those of you who do not have internet access you are very welcome to use a computer at school. If you would like any help please talk to Mrs Scott.

## Autumn Term Dates

22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent Consultations
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parent Consultations
27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term
6 <sup>th</sup> November	School Disco
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Egyptian Day
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-School Uniform raising money for Children in Need
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Assessment Week
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Governor Visit Day
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Great Fire of London
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Governors Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 visit to the London Transport Museum
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 – Stone Age Workshop
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production Week
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert
19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Finishes for the Christmas Holidays at 2pm

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