

## NEWSLETTER

I would like to thank the children and staff for making our year 5 and 6 trip to Norfolk so special. The children were not only extremely polite but they were also extremely kind and caring to one another. It was a pleasure to spend time with the children getting to know them better. Hopefully the children slept well last weekend and were able to begin to tell you some of the things they had taken part in and achieved in the week.



A big THANK YOU to Mr Penn, Mrs Day, Mr Peters and Miss Fitzsimons for their non-stop help during the week.

### Harvest Festival

The children performed individual poems they had written in class and recited class poems in assembly. It was great to see Reception joining in for their first whole school assembly - they all looked fantastic in their Autumn Crowns.

Thank you to all the parents and families who have donated food for the school Harvest Festival. We have had an excellent response and the donations will be given to the Borehamwood Food Bank.

### Stranger Danger

This a reminder to keep your children safe at all times. The nights are drawing in and once the clocks go back it will be darker even earlier. If ever you see anything that is suspicious please inform the school office and we will pass on the information to the local police.

### Parents Consultation Appointments

If you have not done so already; please send your parent consultation appointment form to the school office. We shall then send you your appointment day/time. These forms will be returned to you next week.

### Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday. They shall be taking individual and sibling pictures. If you would like a sibling picture taken with children who do not come to our school please come to the school hall at 8.15am.



### School Dinner Menus

After half-term the school dinner menu is changing. Your child will have come home with the new menu this week, this is printed on purple paper. If you wish your child to have a school provided meal from November, please complete the menu with your child and return to the school office so that the new pattern is with the kitchen beforehand. If you would like your child to no longer have a school meal please let the office know. Thank you.

### Girls Football Wix Cup

On Tuesday our Girls Football team had their first action of the season competing in the Wix Cup- a National competition. They competed very well and hit the ground running comfortably winning games in their group. Overall the girls finished second and came away with silver medals, having only conceded two goals and losing just 1 game all afternoon. This certainly is exciting times for the new look team that included 4 girls making their debuts! Well done girls a great start to the season.

### Boys Football Wix Cup

On Wednesday our Boys Football team competed in the Wix Cup- a National Competition. The boys continued to implement the schools philosophy of playing attractive and attacking football with some excellent football being played. The boys were in a very strong group and applied themselves superbly fully deserving the wins they recorded and perhaps deserved more out of the other games. Overall it was a positive start to the season- well done boys.

### PE Kits

Please ensure your child has full PE kit in school for every lesson. Failure to have correct PE kit may result in your child not being able to participate in the lesson. For outdoor PE lessons children will need trainers/Astroturf's.

### Friends of Cowley Hill Meeting

The next Friends of Cowley Hill meeting will be held in the school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. All parents / grandparents / carers welcome. Please join us for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit to discuss the School Disco, Christmas Fair and forthcoming events.

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2JG with 95.9% attendance and in KS2 4EF with 99.1%.... WELL DONE 2JG and 4EF.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	95.9
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	94.2
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	92
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	92
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	91.3
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	85.8

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	99.1
Year 4 - June Booter/Lougene Lillywhite	100	98.5
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	97.3
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	94.6
5JS - Joe Suckling	100	94.3
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	93.9
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	93

## 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

We shall be handing out forms today for you to apply to be a parent governor . . . 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.

## Headlice

**Headlice:-** We have had several cases of headlice reported in school already this term. Can I please remind you that it is vitally important to check your child's hair regularly. If your child has headlice then it is important to; not only treat their hair, but also everyone else in the immediate family. The best method of controlling and eradicating headlice is to apply conditioner to your child's hair and comb with a special headlice comb. These are available cheaply from local chemists or the school office for a £1.

## 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.

The Moving-On booklet sent out in the summer term will inform you of the dates for open evenings at the secondary schools and how to apply. If you would like another copy please talk to Mrs Scott.

## Morrisons Lets Grow Vouchers

If you or anyone in your family shop at Morrisons please accept the Let's Grow Vouchers that they are offering shoppers. Please hand any vouchers that you are given to the school office. We are going to use these vouchers to get some gardening equipment.

## Autumn Term Dates

13 <sup>th</sup> October	Writing Assessment
14 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer in
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends of Cowley Hill Meeting at 9am
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
	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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