

## NEWSLETTER

I would like to thank everyone for their patience this week whilst the heating system has been repaired. Unfortunately a power cut had damaged an underground cable which resulted in an abnormally large power surge which damaged the boilers. They have now been fixed and the school is back to its normal temperature.

I would like to thank the staff for working extremely hard in a really cold school whilst the children were off.

We have a special E- Safety Evening planned for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. This is an opportunity to find out how you can help your child stay safe on the internet. I would strongly encourage you to attend as there are simple things you can do to help your child use the internet safely. A letter will be coming home to all children today.

If you haven't already signed up to the Parking Promise please contact the school office to find out more information. Unfortunately we have received a complaint about parents parking across neighbours' driveways. Can I please appeal to those parents and ask them to be respectful of our neighbours.

### Red Nose Week

The children and staff invite you to help us raise as much money as possible for Red Nose Day 2015. We will be holding a series of events after school during the lead up to the big day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Entry to all of the events are open to any child who attends our school as long as they are accompanied by an adult. We are not charging an entrance fee but will have buckets out to accept any donations that you wish to make. You may come to all or even just one of the events - the choice is yours. See the attached flyer for more information.

### Year 3 Trip



Year 3 had a fantastic day on Wednesday on their trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum. They experienced a replica Iron Age roundhouse and learnt what life was like in the Iron Age. The children enjoyed making clay pots, weaving wattle to build fences and making Iron Age bread and butter from scratch! They became archaeologists when digging for and studying artefacts, they even analysed poo samples! They also built their own prehistoric shelters using trees and sticks. Thank you to all our adult helpers who helped the day run smoothly. The children had a wonderful day!

### Walk Once a Week Report for February 2015

😊 Well done to all of the children who have travelled actively to school in February. We have managed an impressive 2886 active journeys to school.

- We have awarded 305 badges this month!
- 1YN have won the class of the month.
- 977 journeys to school were non-active. Let's see if that can go down this month.

## Words in the Wood



### Where The Poppies Now Grow

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	11.30am - 5.00pm
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	9.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.00am - 4.00pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.00am - 3.00pm

**Come and see the fantastic work that all of the children at Cowley Hill have produced!**

At

96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB  
**Free entry, with an opportunity to win a Samsung Tablet!**



Words in the Wood is the close collaboration of 13 local schools within Borehamwood, Shenley and Elstree, aiming to foster a climate of inspiration, creativity and aspiration. This year's project takes *Where The Poppies Now Grow*, written by Hilary Robinson and illustrated by Martin Impey, as a stimulus for a shared literacy focus across our schools.

## Science Week

Science week commences on the 16th March. All children have been given a letter asking for a £2 donation towards animals visiting and our Mad Science day. On Thursday 19th March we will be hosting a science evening from 6-7pm. This gives parents and children the opportunity to come and try out some fun science experiments and learn about what we have been doing in science week. There will also be a Great Science Bake Off. We are asking children and parents to make some cakes and bring them in on Thursday 19th in the morning to your class teacher. The cakes will then be on sale in the dining room during Science evening. All profits will go towards buying science resources for the school.

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is R-SD 99.1% attendance and in KS2 3MN & 5DP with 98.9%.... WELL DONE R-SD, 3MN and 5DP.

Group - Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	99.1
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	98.4
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	98.3
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	98.3
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	93.1
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	89.3

Group - KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	98.9
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	98.9
Year 3 - Toyin Opidipe	100	97.9
Year 5 - Laura Douglas	100	97.9
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	95.9
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	95.8
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	93.5
Year 4 - June Boother/Donna Lees	100	93.3

## Aylmerton - Residential Journey

We are planning to take the current year 5 and year 4 pupils to Aylmerton Field Study Centre in Norfolk again at the end of September 2015. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn not only about Norfolk and the surrounding area but also to learn to work as a team and co-operate with each other. This will be the school's third visit; the previous two trips have been a huge success. Each year we have a change of programme to ensure that the children have new experiences.

Places are limited and are now open to current year 4 pupils.

If you wish to find out more or reserve a place please speak to the office. In case of financial hardship please contact the school; we will do what we can to support you as it is such an excellent opportunity for the children.

## Nursery Admissions for September 2015

Admissions will open for you to apply for your child to go into Nursery on Monday.

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 can register for a Nursery School place for next September. The deadline for applications is 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015. If you would like to look around the school please contact the school office to make an appointment.

For further information log on to [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 in the school. If you would like any help please ask any member of the school office. **The closing date for applications is 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

## Spring Dates

11 <sup>th</sup> March	e-Safety
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6AP to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
17 <sup>th</sup> March	MAD Science in
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 to visit Paradise Wildlife Park
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Setpoint 'Lighting it Up workshop'
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Chess Tournament at Mount Grace
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Governor Visit Day
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Evening 6-7pm
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery Admissions for September 2015 close
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Setpoint 'Light & Dark Workshop'
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governors Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Science Technology Event at Woodlands
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Singing Sherlock Performance at The Ark Theatre 7.30pm to 9pm
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 trip to Roman Verulamium
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	School Finishes for Easter Holidays at 2pm

## Class Assemblies

	9.15am	9.45am
13 <sup>th</sup> March	4EF	Nursery
20 <sup>th</sup> March	4JB	-
27 <sup>th</sup> March	3LM	5LD

\*Please note change to assembly for 5LD.

Jon Hood  
**Headteacher**