

## NEWSLETTER

## Residential School Journey



The children who took part in the Norfolk trip this week have been great ambassadors for the school. They have had a fantastic week taking part in many activities including a boat trip to see the seals, walking across the marshes, orienteering, splash swimming and a disco. They finished their activities today with a trip to the zoo before their journey home.



### We're putting down our pens and picking up our language!

We're involved in *No Pens Day Wednesday on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014* This is a national speaking and listening event taking place across the whole school. All classes and lessons will be focused on learning through speaking and listening activities. We are doing this because we know speaking and listening skills are extremely important for children's development - both at school and outside. This is a really exciting day that will encourage good quality classroom talk and will build on these essential skills in a fun and engaging way.

## Harvest

We shall be celebrating Harvest next Friday and collecting non-perishable items to be donated to the Borehamwood Foodbank. Please send any donations in with your child(ren) to take into class. Thank you.

## School Council

The children across the school have held elections for school council. Each child had to prepare a short statement for the rest of their class. The children in each class then voted for the candidate they wanted. The child with the most votes became the representative!

We are happy to announce that we have elected our new school councillors for the year. We are hoping to work as a team and a voice for the pupils of Cowley Hill School. Congratulations to:

School Council Representatives	
1KW	Nahla P
1YN	Christina E
2JG	Zoe Z
2TS	Bobby H
3MN	Yoanna N
3CM	Bernice A
4JB	Zofia K
4EF	Maria P
5JS	Harry O
5DP	Zaim H
6YS	Eve C
6AP	Shore O

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is R-KG with 96.3% attendance and in KS2 6AP with 98.8%.... WELL DONE R-KG and 6AP.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	96.3
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	95.6
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	95.5
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	94.6
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	93.3
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	92.5

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	98.8
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	98.2
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	97.3
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	96.8
Year 4 - June Booter/Lougene Lilywhite	100	95.8
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	95.7
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	95.2

## Headlice

Jon Hood  
Headteacher

**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

8 <sup>th</sup> October	No Pens Day
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Governors Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Writing Assessment
14 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer in
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
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