

NEWSLETTER

Assembly

The year 6 sharing assembly today was written entirely by the children themselves. They decided to put together an informative assembly sharing all the learning in and out of class this term. There was a focus on the trip to Aylmerton while the ones who didn't go explained their - out of the ordinary - week. The photos further gave a glimpse to the audience of the rich learning experience year 6 have had so far with their Victorian unit, hands on maths and the visit to the cinema. The wonderful show ended with a heart-warming rendition of 'I'll Stand By You' which will be performed live on the BBC tonight.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of the parents and carers of children from our Nursery and Reception classes who were able to attend our first Coffee Morning. It was really nice to have a coffee and be able to spend time having an informal chat. We all looked at the new Universal Free School Meals and were able to look in detail at the menu that Hertfordshire Catering offer to our children.

It was a lovely opportunity for us to gain feedback from the parents and carers about how they feel about Cowley Hill and how we can improve our school.

Look out for the date of the next Coffee Morning.

BBC Children in Need Choir

I am really proud to announce that a group of 25 children from year 5 and 6 have had the opportunity to take part in Children in Need tonight. Over the past few weeks the children have been rehearsing hard for the event. The children will be performing in a mass choir with students from both Kenilworth Primary School and Hertswood Academy. We will be singing live on television tonight at approximately 8.30pm (the schedule may vary on the evening). This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to showcase their talents! A very special well done to all of the children who sing brilliantly but especially to Denion in year 6 who has been chosen to sing a solo at the beginning. Tune in tonight to spot our children....

**Arts Mark Award – Arts Council England**

I am delighted to announce that the school has been awarded the Artsmark in recognition of its work supporting the development of the arts in school. This is awarded by the Arts Council England to schools who meet a very strict set of criteria. It recognises work across the school in all areas of arts including performing arts. Cowley Hill is currently the only Primary School in Borehamwood with this accreditation. Well done to all of the staff and children!

Friends of Cowley Hill Meeting

We shall be meeting on Wednesday 19th November at 2pm for a catch up on the preparation for the Christmas Fair. There will be a crafting session making some items to sell at the fair please join us ... we shall still be crafting after school if you are unable to attend at 2pm.

Friends of Cowley Hill Request for items for the Christmas Fair

As the festive season is near and we are preparing for another Cowley Hill School Christmas Fair, we would be really grateful if you could send your children into school next week with a decorated jam jar-full of sweets, lollies, small soft toys, stationery, etc. We would kindly like you to donate some unused smellies, bath toiletries, bottles or soft toys that are of no use to you. Just bring them to the school office. Thank you

**Free School Meals**

Are you eligible for free school meals? How do you know? If you aren't sure please contact the school office for some advice. For every child who is registered for free school meals Cowley Hill can claim a Pupil Premium Grant of £1300! Even if your child has a home packed lunch you can still apply. Pupil Premium grants are a very valuable source of funding for us. We can use the money for a variety of things to benefit your children. For details of how we used the Pupil Premium Grant for 2013/14 please see our website.

Message for all Nursery Parents

Primary admissions are now open for you to apply for your child to go into reception in September 2015.

Children born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 need to register for a Primary School place for next September. Apply online before the 15th January 2015 at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions.

If you would like to look around the school please contact the school office to make an appointment.

If you need any help with your application please talk to Mrs Scott. **The closing date for applications is 15th January 2015.**

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2TS with 98% attendance and in KS2 6AP with 98.3%.... WELL DONE 2TS and 6AP.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	98
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	97.1
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	96.6
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	94.3
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	93.2
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	93.2

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	98.3
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	96.5
Year 4 - June Boother/Donna Lees	100	95.4
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	94.8
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	94.8
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	93.3
5JS - Joe Suckling	100	92.5
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	89.6

Autumn Term Dates

14 th November	Non-School Uniform raising money for Children in Need
17 th November	Assessment Week
19 th November	Friends of Cowley Hill Meeting at 2.00pm to discuss the Christmas Fair.
24 th November	Governor Visit Day
26 th November	Year 2 Great Fire of London
26 th November	Governors Meeting
28 th November	Year 6 visit to the London Transport Museum
5 th December	Christmas Fair
10 th December	Year 3 – Stone Age Workshop
15 th December	Christmas Production Week
17 th December	Christmas Dinner
18 th December	KS2 Carol Concert
19 th December	School Finishes for the Christmas Holidays at 2pm

Class Assemblies

Class Assemblies	Time
5JS	Fri 21 st Nov at 9.15am
4JB	Fri 28 th Nov at 9.15am
4EF	Fri 5 th Dec at 9.15am
3CM	Fri 12 th Dec at 9.15am

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