

## NEWSLETTER

**Christmas Production Week**

There will be no tickets allocated for the Christmas productions. Letters went home this week with the children. Can you please fill in the form to request your required number of seats. Thank you

**KS2 Carol Concert 18<sup>th</sup> December**

As I am sure you are aware there is a Keystage 2 Carol Concert for all of the children in years 3 to 6. This takes place at the end of the school day starting at 3.15pm. This was a fantastic event last year and the hall was packed with children and parents singing. As last year we would like **all** children to attend if possible. If your child is unable to attend due to a medical appointment or any other reason beyond your control we would ask that you complete and return the tear off strip on the letter sent home this week. If you do not return the slip we assume that your child will be picked up after the concert at approximately 3.45pm.

**Assembly**

The 4EF class assembly, this morning, was all about their topic this term, Ancient Egypt. The children did a wonderful job of showcasing their work that they had produced in DT, incorporating skills and ability learned in art and textiles. All of the children planned, designed and created canopic jars and money containers, all with an authentic Ancient Egyptian style.

The children enjoyed teaching the school about the process of mummification. They used actions to show the features of instructions which the class have been looking at in English. The class did a fantastic job demonstrating their level of understanding, but not without some humour thrown in. To close the assembly, the children presented their 'Mummy Rap', a song which they edited and improved by changing the words to suit them.

Well done 4EF.

**Speech and Language Bases Tea**

On Wednesday the Speech and Language Bases enjoyed a Base tea. The children preformed a short piece of work to the parents and teachers. The KS2 children shared what they had learnt about 'the sound collector' poem and the KS1 children read from their diaries of naughty things they have been up to.

We would like to thank everyone who attended, it was lovely to see so many faces.

The KS1 and KS2 Base team

**Year 2 - Setpoint**

We had a fantastic time during our Setpoint session, investigating different forces, balancing paper clowns, shooting rockets using blowers and making our own spinning tops.

**Year 3 / 4 Indoor Athletics Partnership Finals**

On Tuesday our Year 3/ 4 Indoor Athletics Squad competed in the Sports Partnership Finals having won the Borehamwood Cluster Schools Tournament the week before. Our pupils competed in a range of track and field events including long jump, javelin, 1+1 sprints and the 4X1 relay. The pupils demonstrated great togetherness and teamwork with some members changing events at the last minute due to team members being away through illness. The quality of our skill level in all events was extremely high and this was matched with a real determination and drive to perform well. Our pupils implemented all of these qualities which resulted in us finishing in first place and winning the tournament. We are Partnership Champions- a Partnership containing over 30 schools! Well done to everyone who took part!

**Boys Football**

On Wednesday our Boys Football Team competed in an ESFA County Mini League Qualifier. They played three matches against Manor Lodge B, Monksmead and Manor Lodge A. They beat Manor Lodge B 1-0 and Monksmead 3-0 but unfortunately conceded a last minute goal to go down 1-2 against Manor Lodge. Throughout the tournament the boys played some excellent football and the goals scored were end products of fantastic all round play. Well done boys – an excellent afternoon of football.

## Tag Rugby

Over the last four weeks our Tag Rugby Club has been led by Tabbards Rugby Club. The pupils have had great fun and have had the opportunity to continue to improve their skills. Tabbards would love to see lots of children from Cowley Hill continuing to play rugby by joining their club. Leaflets are in reception. Tabbards will be returning in January. – To all Cowley Hill rugby players: GET INVOLVED!

## PE Kits

It is imperative that your child has full PE Kit in school for every lesson. Failure to have full PE kit may result in them being unable to participate in the lesson. Please note that trainers need to be worn for outdoor lessons- school shoes/boots/ballet shoes are not appropriate or acceptable. Girls who wear tights to school need to bring a spare pair of socks to change into for PE. Long hair also needs to be tied back. Hooped earrings need to be removed and studs covered with a plaster.

### Indoor PE

Black shorts, white t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls.

### Outdoor PE

Black shorts, white t-shirt and trainers. During the winter months pupils are able to wear a plan tracksuit over the top. (Tracksuit trousers, jumper/hoodie)

### **Unable to participate in PE due to illness or Injury**

If your child is unable to participate in a PE lesson as they have suffered an injury preventing physical activity or have been unwell then please ensure a letter explaining the reason is sent into school prior to the lesson or on the day. Children will still need to have full PE Kit in school.

## School Team Kits

Our Pupils are extremely fortunate to have a different kit for each sport they represent the school in. Unfortunately some kits have not been returned. Please check with your child at home for any unreturned kit. A kit record is kept and any lost or unreturned kit will be invoiced for.

## Friends of Cowley Hill Christmas Fair

Please join us this afternoon for our Christmas Fair from 3-5pm.

There will be lots of stalls, santa, dominos, crafting area, hot chocolate and marshmallows delicious cakes and much more.

Raffle tickets are available on the day. First prize is a iPad Mini, Second Prize a planted holly bush, Third Prize a £50 Argos Voucher plus many more prizes. Thank you to our sponsors John O'Connor Gardeners, Haart Estate Agents, Tescos, Morrisons and DJB Window Cleaners for their donations.

All money raised will be added to the Library book fund. We have purchased books for the classrooms to have a library corner and will continue to raise funds to improve our school library.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 need to register for a Primary School place for next September. Apply online before the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://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 or a member of the office team. **The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 1YN with 96.6% attendance and in KS2 3CM with 98.4%.... WELL DONE 1YN and 3CM.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	96.6
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	94.2
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	92.7
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	92
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	89.4
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	88.1

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	98.4
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	96
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	93.9
Year 5 - Joe Suckling	100	92.1
Year 4 - June Boothe / Donna Lees	100	91.9
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	89.2
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	89.2
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	79.1

## Autumn Term Dates

10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 – Stone Age Workshop
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery & Reception Production at 10am
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Performance at 1.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery & Reception Production at 2pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Performance at 6.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert at 3.15pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Finishes for the Christmas Holidays at 2pm

## Class Assemblies

Class Assemblies	Time
3CM	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 9.15am