

NEWSLETTER

Meet the Teacher – Week Beginning 22nd Sept 2014

Next week will be an opportunity for you to meet your new class teacher. Come along and find out about the routines and expectations of class. Find out how you can work with school to support your child's learning at home. The meetings will all take place in the hall, so please come into reception at the allotted times below. If it is a 3.10pm slot then you do not need to collect your children until after the meet the teacher session. If you are unable to attend for any reason any information given out will be sent home with your child.

Please find below the times for each year group.

| Meet the Teacher 2014 | | | |
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| | 11.45am | 2.30pm | 3.10pm |
| Mon 22 nd | | Year 3 | |
| Tues 23 rd | | Year 6 | Reception SD/KG |
| Wed 24 th | Nursery AM | Year 2 | Nursery PM |
| Thurs 25 th | | Year 5 | Year 4 |
| Fri 26 th | | Year 1 | |

Handwriting Awards

Handwriting Week has been a great success with the children producing some fantastic handwriting. The children have worked hard all week practicing their handwriting. Well done to all of the children.

| Handwriting Awards | | |
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| Class | Most Improved | Neatest |
| Nursery | Marcus & Finlay | Daniel & Harriet |
| Reception - KG | Kai | Luca |
| Reception – SD | Daniel | Kelly |
| Year 1 YN | William | Tashema |
| Year 1 KW | Max | Nola |
| Year 2 TS | Scarlett | David |
| Year 2 JG | Mara | Herbert |
| KS1 S&L Base | Edith | Jayden |
| Year 3 CM | Kiera | Bernice |
| Year 3 MN | Ashton | Benigna |
| Year 4 EF | Tong | Maria |
| Year 4 JB | Godfred | Zofia |
| Year 5 DP | Leonor | Loane |
| Year 5 JS | Tommy | Makaleai |
| Year 6 YS | Kerry | Emily |
| Year 6 AP | Marsela | Ephraim |
| KS2 S&L Base | Rhyley | Kaitlyn |

European Day of Languages Friday 26th September

In preparation for European Day of Languages coming up on Friday 26th September, the children in Key Stage 2 have been thinking about all the countries represented at Cowley Hill School and telling us about all their different languages spoken at home! We have such a wonderfully diverse range here, we needed two assemblies to give all the children chance to share!

Next Friday, we would like to celebrate by asking the children to come to school dressed to represent either their own family's European country or any country of their choice in Europe – for example, in the National costume, in the colours of the country's flag or perhaps something more creative like fancy dress (a famous building, a national food, emblem or animal etc associated with that country). As European Day of Languages coincides with MacMillan's Cancer Support Day, each class will be collecting donations towards this extremely worthy cause.

We are enormously grateful for all of your support and look forward to a colourful day next Friday- thank you!

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 31st October. Parents should apply online at 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.

Data Collection Sheets

Next Wednesday 24th September the office will be sending home the data collection sheet with your child's information on for you to check, amend if necessary and return. If you wish for this sheet **not** to go home with your child but for you to collect it from the office please let Mrs Scott know either by email admin@cowleyhill.herts.sch.uk or via the school office before Wednesday morning. Please look out for the Peach coloured sheets. Thank you

Sport for Schools Day – Visit from a Professional Athlete

On Thursday 25th September Sports for Schools are visiting us. Sport for Schools is a fantastic fundraising foundation set up to provide school children the opportunity to become active in sport and to support young athletes in gaining and maintaining professional status within their sport. British Triple Jumper Nathan Fox will be visiting



us for the day. During his visit pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to participate in circuit training sessions with the day ending with Kola leading an assembly. The circuit training is a sponsored event and children will have bought home their sponsorship forms. The money raised will enable all the children in the school to benefit from new sports equipment. Prizes will be awarded for raising certain amounts with a trophy being awarded to the class who raises the most. Please ensure your child has full PE kit and trainers on the day!

Reminders

Modelling good behaviour

It is really important that as adults we provide good models of behaviour. Children learn how to behave socially by copying the models we provide. In school we teach the children to respect each other at all times. Can I remind parents and carers that any inappropriate language will not be tolerated in school. Children copy the language they hear around them and repeat it.

Please help us to teach the children effective models of language.

Jewellery

We have had an increasing variety of jewellery coming into school this new school year. Due to the danger of earrings becoming caught whilst children play we only allow children to wear small plain studs. Children need to be able to take out their own earrings for PE and swimming. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced please make sure this coincides with the 6 week holidays as children are not allowed to take them out for the first few weeks. If your child is unable to remove their earrings then ideally please remove them on PE days, if not then please provide your child with tape to cover them.

PE Kits

School PE kit next year will continue to consist of: A white t-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls (indoor) and trainers (outdoor). Please ensure they have full PE kit.

Supervision before and after school

Please can you ensure your children stay safe before and after school by not climbing on walls or using playground equipment.

Thank you for your support

Dropping children in Year 1 or 2 and then going to Reception or Nursery

From Monday, at the beginning and end of the day, the Reception playground gate will be open. If you have children in year 1 and 2 or you use the Caishowe Road entrance you will be able to drop these children at year 1 or 2 and walk down through the KS1 playground and out of the main gate in the Reception playground to the door for Nursery and/or Reception. We hope that this will make it easier for you to drop your children at the relevant doors.

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. Combs are available from the school office for £1.00.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 1YN with 99% attendance and in KS2 3MN and 4JB with 100%.... WELL DONE 1YN, 3MN and 4JB.

| Group – Reception/KS1 | % Possible | % Attend |
|------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Year 1 - Yasmin Naher | 100 | 99 |
| Reception - Kimberley Gurrey | 100 | 98.7 |
| Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert | 100 | 93.8 |
| Year 1 - Katie Witham | 100 | 93 |
| Reception - Soniya Dass | 100 | 92.3 |
| Nursery - Katrina Matthews | 100 | 90.4 |

| Group – KS2 | % Possible | % Attend |
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| Year 3 - Melissa Newberry | 100 | 100 |
| Year 4 - June Booter/Lougene Lilywhite | 100 | 100 |
| Year 4 - Ed Farrell | 100 | 97.3 |
| Year 3 - Chris Marland | 100 | 97.1 |
| Year 6 - Yesim Soyel | 100 | 96.5 |
| Year 6 - Andrew Penn | 100 | 94.8 |
| Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker | 100 | 93.3 |

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.

School Meal Charges for the Autumn Term

The meal charges for the Autumn Term are:

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| Cost per day for Nursery Children | £2.05 |
| Costing for Junior Children | |
| Cost per day | £2.15 |
| Per Week | £10.75 |
| First Half of the Autumn Term (39 days) | £83.85 |
| Second Half of the Autumn Term (35 days) | £75.25 |
| Whole of the Summer Term (74 days) | £159.10 |
| Fun-day Friday for the Whole Term | £32.25 |

Please use your wisepay account to pay for dinner money. If you have lost your user name and password please speak to the school office. Thank you.

Wisepay Accounts

Just to remind you that all payments to school can be made using your child's Wisepay account. If you have misplaced your user name/password please speak to the school office.

Vacancies

MSA (5hrs/wk)

Due to the government's universal free school meal initiative we need to recruit additional lunchtime staff. The role entails supporting children in the dining room and also outside with their play.

If you can spare an hour at lunchtime please come and speak to the office.

Message from the BECC



**Sure Start
Children's Centres**

**Would you like to...
Find a play group?
Volunteer?
Attend an ESOL course?**

Pop into **Borehamwood & Elstree's Children's Centre
(The BECC)**

or view our programme online at
www.hertsmere-children.co.uk

to find out about the free activities and courses we have this term.

Term Dates for the Children September 2014 to July 2015

AUTUMN TERM 2014

Tuesday 2nd September to Friday 19th December
Half-Term Week – Monday 27th to Friday 31st October

SPRING TERM 2015

Tuesday 6th January to Thursday 2nd April
Half-Term Week – Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

SUMMER TERM 2015

Tuesday 21st April to Friday 17th July
Half-Term Week – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
May Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

Autumn Term Dates

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| 22 nd September | Meet the Teacher week |
| 25 th September | Governors Meeting |
| 26 th September | European Day of Languages – non School Uniform |
| 29 th September to 3 rd October | Residential School Journey |
| 30 th September | Governors Training |
| 8 th October | No Pens Day |
| 8 th October | Governors Meeting |
| 13 th October | Writing Assessment |
| 14 th October | School Photographer in |
| 22 nd October | Parent Consultations |
| 23 rd October | Parent Consultations |
| 27 th -31 st October | Half Term |
| 6 th November | School Disco |
| 10 th November | Anti-Bullying Week |
| 17 th November | Assessment Week |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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