

NEWSLETTER

Class Assembly

5DP treated us to drama, poetry and music this morning in their Viking Class Assembly. They began by telling us how and why the Vikings invaded and settled in Britain, then acted out the gruesome myth of the Viking superhero, Beowulf, who battled and overcame two of his monster enemies, Grendel and the Sea-Hag. There was bare-fist fighting, blood spilt and arms and heads ripped off – Mr Hood declared it should have been given a PG certificate! 5DP then recited a poem about the story and finished with a Viking song they'd learnt in music lessons, accompanied by instruments. Well done, 5DP!

Ps No-one was hurt during the proceedings!

Parents Consultation

Parent consultations were extremely well attended earlier this week. Thank you for all of the parents who attended. If you were unable to attend please can you make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher, as you will need to receive information about your child's targets, the Home School Contract and also changes to our homework policy.

Disco

Friends of Cowley Hill would like to invite all the children to The Disco on Thursday 6th November 2014. Food and refreshments will be provided. The cost of the ticket is £3.00 for Nursery and Reception children and £4.00 for children in year 1 to 6.



The timing for the discos are:

- Nursery & Reception – 1.15pm to 2.45pm
- Years 1, 2 and 3 – 4pm to 5.30pm
- Years 4, 5 and 6 - 6pm to 7.30pm

British Legion – Poppy Appeal

We are once again supporting the British Legion with their poppy appeal. Poppies are available from the school office for a money donation to the British Legion.

Miss Thomas has asked the children to find out why we wear poppies at this time of year. The children can research this by looking on the British Legion website at www.britishlegion.org.uk, ask an adult, look in the newspaper or watch the TV. Their report can be a picture or a note. The work will be displayed in the main reception area next week.



School Dinner Pattern

The school meal dinner pattern is changing from the 3rd November 2014. We have tried to contact parents whose children currently have a meal but have not filled out the new menu. Children in year 3-6 have been asked to complete their own pattern. If you would like your child to have a school meal and have not completed the new pattern please collect the form from the school office. Thank you.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is R-KG with 96.7% attendance and in KS2 3MN with 98%.... WELL DONE R-KG and 3MN.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	96.7
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	95.2
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	94.8
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	93.2
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	92.7
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	92.3

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	98
Year 4 - June Boothe/Donna Lees	100	96
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	95.2
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	95
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	93.6
Year 5 - Joe Suckling	100	93.5
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	93.4
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	90.2

Basketball Tournament

On Tuesday eight members of our Basketball Squad competed in the Sports partnership Basketball Tournament. This was a great opportunity for them to implement the skills they have been learning both in PE and Basketball Club. The basketball we played was fast, expansive and very attacking. Out of the five games we won two, lost two and drew one. This was a very valuable experience and preparation for when they do more basketball at secondary school. Well done team!

Boys Football

On Wednesday the Boys Football team played Monksmead in what was a very competitive match. Both teams' battled well and tried to play attractive football. Cowley Hill took the lead through a superb Jedi goal and had many chances to add to their lead but were unable to get the ball over the line due to some excellent defending from Monksmead. Cowley Hill's attacking philosophy would prove to be their downfall with Monksmead breaking away to equalise in the last minute. The final score was Cowley Hill 1-1 Monksmead. Well done boys!

Parent Governors

I am delighted we have received two nominations for Parent Governors. As we currently have two vacancies that means that we do not need to have an election! I would like to formally welcome Breda Nee (parent of a child in reception) and Elizabeth Thomlinson (parent of a child in year 2) onto the Governing Body of the school.

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

Autumn Term Dates

27 th -31 st October	Half Term
4 th November	Year 6 to Real Cinema
6 th November	School Disco
10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
10 th November	Year 4 Egyptian Day
14 th November	Non-School Uniform raising money for Children in Need
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
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	9.15am
6AP & 6YS	Fri 10 th Nov
5JS	Fri 17 th Nov
4JB	Fri 24 th Nov
4EF	Fri 1 st Dec
3CM	Fri 8 th Dec