

NEWSLETTER

Walk to School Week

Next week we will launch 'Walk to School Week'. This is to encourage children to walk to school on a regular basis and also promote a healthy lifestyle.

There will be a special assembly informing children about our new scheme. We hope you will support us in this. Thank you.

Assembly

1YN have been studying all about toys this half term and performed a wonderful assembly about what they have learnt through their history and science work. The class performed a superb play, acting out the characteristics of toys from the present and past. Well done 1YN for using wonderful, clear voices and beautiful singing voices!

5DP invited us to an episode of 'Strictly Come...Writing!' for their class assembly! They showed off their fantastic writing skills, ably supported by the famous children's author, Jeremy Strong, and judges of the show. Key Stage 2 learnt how powerful vocabulary, fronted adverbials and parenthesis can up-level their writing to dizzy heights, never mind adding humour and creating crazy characters, challenging stereotypes! 5DP even performed a rap they'd created themselves in music lessons. Well done, 5DP!

Parent View

Parent View is an online resource for parents of Cowley Hill that gives you the chance to tell us what you think about our school.

Follow this link to register and make your comments: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Snow Help

The weather keeps threatening to get worse with possible snow over the next few weeks. Wherever possible if there is bad weather we will try to keep the school running as normal as possible. The main issue around keeping the site open and safe would be being able to clear paths around the site before children arrive.

If you would be willing to lend a hand at short notice armed with a snow shovel then please contact the office so we can build up a list of helpers.

Holocaust Memorial Ceremony

After the children's performance on Children in Need singing in the Children's Choir we were asked by the Mayor's office to take part in the Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony. On Tuesday evening we travelled to Bushey Academy to perform in the ceremony. The children sang beautifully in front of the gathered dignitaries and audience. I was really proud of the children's performance and their behaviour throughout the evening. Thank you to the parents who travelled over to Bushey to support the children and well done to all of the children who took part.

Bug Busting Day

National Bug Busting Day is today. If you haven't had a chance to check your child's hair yet it is not too late. If we all check our child's hair at once we can help to eradicate headlice. Bug busting combs are available from the school office for £1.00. More information about bug busting is also available.

Chess Match

After school on Wednesday 28th of January the chess team travelled over to Mount Grace School in Potters Bar to take part in the third and fourth round of the Hertfordshire Chess League. The children played extremely well taking their time thinking strategically about each move. We played against two teams taking a massive $8\frac{1}{2}$ points out of a possible 12. This was our best performance to date. Abhijay played well as the captain encouraging the rest of the team. Thank you to Steven Wainwright who manages the chess team.

School Disco



Friends of Cowley Hill would like to invite all the children to The Disco on Thursday 5th February. 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

Please let us know in advance if your child will be attending so that we know numbers for catering. Thank you

Year 2 Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 2 Coffee Morning today. It was a great success and a lovely opportunity for the Year 2 team to share resources that support their children's learning.



Thank you to Miss Gilbert and Miss Sassoon for providing excellent resource packs. For those of you who couldn't make it today a resource pack for your child will be sent home with them today. Watch this space for the date of the next Coffee Morning.

Parent Consultation Appointments

We shall be trialling a new booking system for our next parent consultation appointments which will be held after half-term. This will be done online using our ParentMail service that we currently use to send you text messages and emails. There is an app that you will be able to download for free on to your mobile phones. More details will follow next week.

If you do not have a mobile or internet access help will be available to book appointments via the school office.

Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics - Champions!

On Tuesday our Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Squad competed in the Sports Partnership Cluster Round. Our athletes competed in a range of track and field events including javelin, long jump and speedbounce as well as 1+1, obstacle relay and 4x1 relay on the track. All of our athletes performed extremely well with some recording new PBs. That passion and determination together with a high skills level being implemented in every event resulted in us winning the tournament and progressing through to the Partnership Finals. Well done Team!

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 1YN with 98.7% attendance and in KS2 5DP with 99.2%... WELL DONE 1YN and 5DP.

Group - Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	98.7
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	95.3
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	95.2
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	93.9
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	92.9
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	89

Group - KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	99.2
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	97.4
Year 4 - June Boother	100	97.3
Year 3 - Lisa Muliuhill	100	97.2
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	96.3
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	95.7
Year 5 - Katie Newell	100	93.8
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	88.8

Bike Swap Shop 31st January 2015

The Safer Neighbourhood Team and Halfords have teamed up to help young people in Borehamwood get cycling.

On Saturday 31st January you can take your old bikes to be fixed and serviced to Halfords or if available swapped with a more suitable donated bike. Please take old unwanted bikes to be donated to help young people in the town.

If you cannot make the event but would like to donate a bike please contact PCSO Samantha O'Grady via the non-emergency number 101 or email Samantha.ogrady@herts.pnn.police.uk

Emergency Closure Plan in the Event of Severe Weather Conditions

Our aim is to stay open However in the event of severe weather conditions we always follow the Hertfordshire County Council guidelines. The decision to close is taken by the Headteacher based on the local conditions, an assessment of the risk, staffing issues, transport issues and County guidance.

If a decision is taken to close the school we will follow the County's notification process and this information will be posted on their website at www.hertsdirect.org. HCC will also inform the following radio station:-

BBC 3 Counties on 103.8 FM

A Parentmail text message will be sent informing parents of the closure. It is vital, therefore, that we have up to date telephone numbers. If you have changed your telephone number, please ensure that this information is given to the school's Admin Team. Information about reopening the school will be communicated in exactly the same way.

Autumn / Spring Dates

2 nd February	Cycle Training
5 th February	Author - Katy Morgan @ Hertswood (Year 6 girls)
5 th February	School Disco - 1.15pm to 2.45pm - FSU - 4pm to 5.30pm Year 1, 2 & 3 - 6pm to 7.30pm Year 4, 5 & 6
6 th February	Year 6AP to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
9 th February	Nursery Admissions open for September 2015 places
13 th February	Year 6YS to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
16 th to 20 th February	Half-Term
24 th February	Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings 12.30pm to 4pm
25 th February	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.10pm to 6pm
26 th February	Parent Consultation Meetings 5pm to 8pm

27 th February	Year 6AP to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
2 nd March	Year 6 parents receive Secondary Place Allocations from Admissions
4 th March	KS1 Base Trip to the Radlett Centre to see Room on the Broom
4 th March	Year 3 to the Chiltern Open Air Museum
6 th March	Year 6YS to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
13 th March	Year 6AP to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
16 th March	Science Week
17 th March	MAD Science in
18 th March	Year 2 to visit Paradise Wildlife Park
18 th March	Year 4 Setpoint 'Lighting it Up workshop'
18 th March	Chess Tournament at Mount Grace
19 th March	Governor Visit Day
19 th March	Science Evening 6-7pm
20 th March	Nursery Admissions for September 2015 close
25 th March	Year 3 Setpoint 'Light & Dark Workshop'
25 th March	Full Governors Meeting
26 th March	Year 4 Science Technology Event at Woodlands
26 th March	Singing Sherlock Performance at The Ark Theatre 7.30pm to 9pm
31 st March	Year 4 trip to Roman Verulamium
2 nd April	School Finishes for Easter Holidays at 2pm

Class Assemblies

	9.15am	9.45am
6 th February	6AP	1KW
27 th February	6YS	Reception - SD
6 th March	5KN	Reception - KG
13 th March	4EF	Nursery
20 th March	4JB	-
27 th March	3LM	-

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