

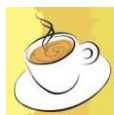
NEWSLETTER

Celebration Assembly

This week all of the children at Cowley Hill have been using a story called The Papaya That Spoke in our English lessons. During our celebration assembly each year group shared how they used this story to support and develop their learning in English. It was very exciting to hear about all of great ways that the children have changed the story. Well done everyone.

Coffee Morning

Next week Wednesday morning sees the start of our Cowley Hill Coffee Mornings. We will be inviting the parents and carers of different year groups to these over the school year. Each coffee morning will be an opportunity to come and share any ideas, thoughts or feelings that you have about school and have an informal chat with us, and other parents, over a drink and sometimes some really nice biscuits! Please look out for your invitation letter, which you child will bring home when their year group are invited.



The first coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 12th November from 8.45am** and is open to **parents and carers of children in our Nursery and Reception classes**. As well as an opportunity for an informal chat we will be talking about universal free school meals and how you can support us in claiming for Pupil Premium if you are eligible. If you are attending please come through the main reception.

Free School Meals

Are you eligible for free school meals? How do you know? Along with this newsletter is a letter with information about free school meals. 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.

If you wish to apply you can return the completed letter and we can apply on your behalf. If you need any support with this then please come into the office where a member of staff will support you. Thank you.

Disco

Yesterday saw the first school disco of the year. It was well attended by lots of the children. Lots of dancing and games took place. The behaviour of all of the children attending was fantastic – well done. A fun time was had by all. A massive thank you to all of the adults who helped to support the disco.



Message for all Nursery Parents

Primary admissions will open on Monday 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 1YN with 97.6% attendance and in KS2 4JB with 99.2%.... WELL DONE 1YN and 4JB.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	97.6
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	96.8
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	94.3
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	93.3
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	93.2
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	90

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 4 - June Boothe/Donna Lees	100	99.2
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	97.4
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	97.4
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	97.3
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	96.1
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	94.6
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	94.4
Year 5 - Joe Suckling	100	93.7

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching and will take place on the 5th December. If you would like to have an advertising board up outside your property please let the office know. All boards will give the school some additional funding. We shall be having a meeting at 2.30pm on Wednesday to discuss the stalls etc. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to help on the lead up or on the day please let us know.



Autumn Term Dates

10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
10 th November	Year 4 Egyptian Day
12 th November	Coffee Morning for Reception & Nursery Parents and Carers
12 th November	Friends of Cowley Hill Meeting at 2.30pm to discuss the Christmas Fair.
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	Time
6AP & 6YS	Fri 14 th Nov at 9am
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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