

NEWSLETTER

Welcome back! All the children have returned eager and excited to join their new classes. They have settled well into the routines of school - smart in their new uniforms.

I hope you all managed to have a good summer despite the weather.

I am sure you would like to join me in welcoming our new staff to the school:- Gillian Amponsah in Reception Elm, Louise Pitcher in 5 Sycamore and Jonathan Mears in 6 Hawthorn.

We will be introducing a new House System across the school over the next few weeks. This will support some changes to the way children are rewarded for good behaviour. This will further improve the already excellent behaviour in school. More information will be coming home soon.

We already have lots planned for the new academic year. Information about the work that the children are covering this half-term will come home shortly. Look out for information about Meet the Teacher Week starting week beginning 21st September. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out about class routines and how you can help support your child.

Handwriting Week will be week beginning 14th September. During this week the children will practice their handwriting daily and there will be prizes for the 'Most Improved' and the 'Best' handwriting for each class.

Clubs will start week beginning 14th September; look out for the clubs letter coming home Tuesday!

Breakfast Club

The Cowley Hill Breakfast Club is open!

On Monday 7th September our Breakfast Club will open its doors for the pupils of Cowley Hill School. If you wish your child to attend you need to book a place for them in advance. Please talk to the school office regarding availability.

Reminders - Safety

Please can you help us to keep the children safe before and after school.

Unfortunately the playground equipment is to be only used during the school day and not to be used before or after school when it is not supervised. A child had a serious break of their arm last year and we would not like any child to hurt themselves.

Coming to school by scooter or bike is an excellent way to travel. Despite the playground being a great place to ride and scoot around this can cause a hazard for other children particularly younger siblings. Please can you remind your children not to ride their bikes and scooters on the playground before and after school.

Medicines

This is a reminder that we cannot administer any medication in school. If your child has been prescribed medication which needs to be taken at intervals during the day then please talk to your doctor about ensuring that these fit around the school day. If this is not possible then you will need to arrange for someone to come into school to administer the medication.

If your child has a long term medical condition that requires medication then please contact the school office to discuss this.

All medications need to be handed in at the school office and a medical form completed.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Nuts

Nuts:- We have several children in school who have *severe* allergic reactions to nuts. Please can I remind you that we **do not allow nuts of any sort in packed lunches** including peanut butter spread. With your support we will keep all of our children safe.

Message to Year 5 Parents

Secondary transfer is now open to all children currently in year 6. As year 5 parents this is an opportunity for you to also go around to their open evenings to have a look at what they have on offer. Further information can be found on our carousel or on individual secondary school websites.

Year 6 - Secondary Transfer

All children in year 6 will need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2016. The online system is now open, the closing date for applications is the 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 the office staff.

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 the office.

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.



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Autumn Term Dates

14 th September	Handwriting Week Clubs start
21 st September	Meet the teacher week (date/time tbc)
13 th October	School Photographer in
27 th - 31 st October	Half-Term
6 th November	School Closed
17 th December	Christmas Lunch

Term Dates for the Children September 2015 to July 2016

AUTUMN TERM 2015

Thursday 3rd September to Friday 18th December
Half-Term Week - Monday 26th to Friday 30th
October
School closed 6th November

SPRING TERM 2016

Tuesday 5th January to Friday 1st April
Half-Term Week - Monday 15th to Friday 19th
February
Bank Holiday - Friday 25th March
Bank Holiday - Monday 28th March

SUMMER TERM 2016

Tuesday 19th April to Friday 22nd July
Half-Term Week - Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd
June
Bank Holiday - 2nd May
School Closed 27th June

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