

## NEWSLETTER

### Parent View

We are continually looking to improve the work of our school so that we can make Cowley Hill the very best it can be. I would like to thank the parents of children in Nursery, Reception and year 3 that were able to attend our recent coffee morning. We are opening up different channels of communication to support this process.

Thank you to all of the parents who returned the summer review form which we sent out at the end of last term - results will be coming your way soon.

We like to celebrate the good work of the school and we would ask that you help us too. We would very much appreciate if you would be able to log onto Parent View using the link below. Ofsted are very interested in the views of parents and we would like them to hear about the successes at Cowley Hill.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Computers will be available for you to use during 'Meet the Teacher' events and at the beginning and end of the school day at the office.

### Data Collection Sheets

Next Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:admin@cowleyhill.herts.sch.uk) or via the school office before Wednesday morning. Please look out for the Blue coloured sheets. Thank you

### Meet the Teacher - Week Beginning 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2015

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 2015			
	11.45am	2.30pm	3.10pm
Mon 21st		Year 3	
Tues 22nd		Year 6	Reception
Wed 23rd	Nursery AM	Year 2	Nursery PM
Thurs 24th		Year 5	Year 4
Fri 25th		Year 1	

### Gourmet Hot Dog Dinner

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October the kitchen are putting on a special lunch that all the children can have. Please see the purple sheet that came home with your child yesterday. If you would like your child to have a meal on this day please complete the form and return it to the school office.

## 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		
Class	Most Improved	Neatest
Nursery - Oak	Nava A	Lillie-Grace B
Reception - Elm	Ayse T	Daniel S
Reception - Ash	Esma T	Tyler D
1 Holly	Daniel D	Sienna B
1 Beech	Lexie T	Julian S
2 Maple	Lenny A	Yasmine A
2 Birch	Obiora O	Maya P
KS1 S&L Yew	Edith C	Raed C
3 Hazel	Joshua B	Farheen S
3 Cedar	Viki B	Scarlett W
4 Willow	Sean P	Jessica W
4 Cherry	Danny S	Thomas W
5 Sycamore	Roseline K	Grace S
5 Chestnut	Holly	Grace
6 Mulberry	Zaim H	Loane P
6 Hawthorn	Harry W	Louisa O
KS2 S&L Pine	Tanya M	Ben W

### Message for Parents in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

All children currently in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. Can parents please log on to [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals) to register your child(ren) for this meal. If you do not have internet access a form came home with your child this week for you to complete and return to the office. Or you can use a laptop which will be available at the school office at the beginning and end of the school day. Any questions do not hesitate to talk to a member of the office team.

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2-Birch with 98% attendance and in KS2 3-Cedar with 99.3%.... WELL DONE 2-Birch and 3-Cedar.

Group - Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
2 Birch	100	98
2 Maple	100	97.7
1 Beech	100	97
Reception Ash	100	94.7
Reception Elm	100	94.7
1 Holly	100	94.3

Group - KS2	% Possible	% Attend
3 Cedar	100	99.3
4 Cherry	100	98
3 Hazel	100	97.6
6 Mulberry	100	97.6
6 Hawthorn	100	97
4 Willow	100	93.1
5 Sycamore	100	90.9
5 Chestnut	100	86.4

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> October. Parents should apply online at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://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.

## FSM

*Are you entitled to any of the following benefits?*

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after employment finishes or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week

*If so you may qualify for Free School Meals. This means that the school will receive additional funding for your child. This year we will receive **£1,320 for each** pupil in additional funding for each pupil who qualifies for free school meals. If you are able to register and qualify for free school meals before the end of September 2015 your child will receive a £10 book voucher. In addition each child will also be entered into a prize draw to receive free school uniform from Stevensons. More information available from the office.*

*If you are in reception, year 1 or year 2 your child may be getting Universal Free School Meals but will still need to apply.*

*Anyone who has already applied for and is already in receipt of free school meals for September 2015 will also qualify.*

### Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning - 25<sup>th</sup> September



On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Last year the September coffee morning donations across the country provided enough funding for 474 Macmillan nurses!

Please join us to support this worthy cause at Cowley Hill School on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September between 9.30am - 10.30am. Enter via the school office please.

If you wish to send in any cakes or biscuits to help us please send these in with your child by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September or drop them in to the office.

We look forward to seeing you all then.

### Autumn Term Dates

21 <sup>st</sup> September	Meet the teacher week See table above
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Hertswood Open Evening 5.30pm to 8pm
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning
28 <sup>th</sup> September to 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 5 & 6 Residential School Journey
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 trip
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 1 trip
26 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half-Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School Photographer in
6 <sup>th</sup> November	School Closed
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch

Please note change to School Photographer

### Class Assemblies

Date	9.15am Start	9.45am Start
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	3 - Cedar	1 - Holly
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	4 - Cherry	2 - Birch
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	5 - Chestnut	Rec - Ash
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	6 - Mulberry	N - Oak (AM)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	3 - Hazel	1 - Beech
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	4 - Willow	2 - Maple
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	5 - Sycamore	R - Elm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6 - Hawthorn	

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm N Oak (PM)

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