

NEWSLETTER

Aylmerton - Residential

The journey is fast approaching with only the weekend to go. Hopefully you have almost finished your packing and are ready to go. Children need to arrive at school by 8.30 - Parents you are welcome to wait with the children before waving us off. The weather forecast is looking really good for the week so we might be in luck! Remember to bring your packed lunch for the outward journey and we might even need that sun cream. We will update parents with text messages throughout the week to let you know how we are getting on.

Harvest

Next week we will be celebrating Harvest Festival. We will be collecting non-perishable foods which we will deliver to The Borehamwood Food Bank. Please send in any items by Thursday 1st October with your child and we will display these in the school hall.

PE Kits

Please may any school PE kits that may have gone home be returned to school as soon as possible.

Also, please ensure that if your child's ears are pierced, they are able to remove or cover their earrings on PE days. Staff are unable to remove your child's earrings for them.

Meet the Teacher

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all of the parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher sessions. We had a record turnout across the school this year. Children spend more time at home than they do at school and the more we can work together then the better they will achieve. If you were unable to attend the sessions please contact your class teacher directly to find out what you missed.

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning - 25th September



Thank you to everyone for your support this morning we raised £90.47.

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.

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.

Gourmet Hot Dog Dinner

On Thursday 1st 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.

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 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 99% attendance and in KS2 4-Cherry with 100%.... WELL DONE 2-Birch and 4-Cherry.

Group - Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
2 Birch	100	99
2 Maple	100	97.3
1 Beech	100	93.9
Reception Elm	100	93
1 Holly	100	93
Reception Ash	100	91.3

Group - KS2	% Possible	% Attend
4 Cherry	100	100
6 Hawthorn	100	98.3
3 Cedar	100	97.3
3 Hazel	100	94.8
4 Willow	100	94.3
5 Sycamore	100	94.1
6 Mulberry	100	91.9
5 Chestnut	100	90.5

Data Collection Sheets

Your child will have come home with their data collection sheet on Wednesday, this was printed on blue coloured paper. If you have not done so already can you please check the details, amend if necessary and return the form to the school office.

Thank you

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.

Autumn Term Dates

28 th September to 2 nd October	Year 5 & 6 Residential School Journey
13 th October	Year 3 trip
21 st October	Year 1 trip
26 th - 30 th October	Half-Term
2 nd November	School Photographer in
6 th November	School Closed
17 th December	Christmas Lunch

Please note change to School Photographer

Class Assemblies

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

Friday 11th December at 2.30pm N Oak (PM)

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