

NEWSLETTER

Fruit Workshop

The children in Year 3&4 had an enjoyable time learning about fruit and healthy eating. After identifying some familiar and some new fruits, the children were then able to try some exotic fruits such as star fruit and dragon fruit. The children also used a bicycle-blender to mix up some scrumptious smoothies, which were delicious.



All the children had a great time learning about how to be healthy, and really enjoyed mixing the smoothies by bike.

Sports

Cross Country

We took a team of seven pupils to Radlet Prep to compete in a Cross Country event, Isabella from Year 6 came second overall and was awarded a well-deserved medal.

Well done to everyone who took part!

Childcare in Hertfordshire

HCC would like your feedback on the childcare options available to you and your family. If you're a parent or carer of a child between the ages of 0-14 years then we would like to hear from you.

Please may we ask you to complete the following survey by **Friday 30th November 2018**:

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/JHFVI/>

Your responses will be incorporated into this year's childcare sufficiency report that the council is required to produce on an annual basis.

The report helps us to:

- establish the sufficiency of places across Hertfordshire
- support the sustainability of places
- support the development of places where needed.

School Council

This week, each class has been busy voting for their school councillors. Manifestos were read and children went to their polling stations to vote.

We do now have our School Council representatives for this year. Congratulations to the following children. We know that they will do a fantastic job.

Class	Councillor	Councillor
Nursery	Finbarr K/T	Evelyn W
R-Ash	William E	Talia B
R-Elm	Charlotte W	Grayson A
1-Holly	Nyah F	Danny H/J
1-Beech	Ezra F	Harry W
2-Maple	Nava A	Elsa D
2-Birch	Lila M	Dan F
3-Cedar	Sophie N	Dragos P
3-Hazel	Sophie G	William R
4-Cherry	Ashby L	Christopher W
4-Willow	Abbie D	Daniel K
5-Sycamore	Ryan O	Cheyenne M
5-Chestnut	Yasmin A	Maurya P
6-Hawthorn	Gabi A	Adin B
6-Mulberry	Amya S	Josh B

Aylmerton Residential School Journey - September 2019 Current Year 5 and 4

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting on Wednesday about the residential school journey to Norfolk September 2019. The journey is now open to parents of children

currently in year 5 to reserve a place. Your child will have brought home a letter about the trip; please follow the instructions on the letter to book your child a place.

On Monday 5th of November any remaining places will be open to children currently in year 4. A letter will come home with your child on that day.

New Dinner Menu

After half-term the school dinner menu is changing. If you wish your child to have a school meal, from 5th November 2018, please complete the menu with your child and return to the school office.

If you no longer wish your child to have a school meal please let the office know. Thank you.

Reception Class Entrance/Exit

Thank you for your co-operation with our new drop of and collection arrangements. It has been working very well and we have had lots of positive feedback.

Home School Agreement Reminder

Reminder: of our Home School Agreement that was signed when your child started school with us, it outlines a few key areas that we ask you to familiarise yourself with.

The Pupil:

I will try to:

- Attend school regularly, be on time and bring all I need
- Be polite, kind and helpful to others
- Ask before borrowing
- Take care of the school equipment and surroundings
- Do all the class work and homework as well as I can
- Wear my school uniform and be tidy in appearance
- Tell someone if I have a problem
- Behave in a safe way at all times
- Listen to others

The Family:

We will:

- Ensure that my child attends school every day and avoid making appointments and holidays during school hours
- Inform the school if my/our child is absent by 9.00am on the first day of absence
- Make sure my child arrives at school and support the school policies and guidelines
- Respect everyone in the school community
- Share with the school information or concerns that might affect my/our child's behaviour/learning and/or well-being
- Attend parents' meetings and consultations
- Ensure that my child wears the school uniform and regulation footwear, has P.E. kit in school
- Support my child with homework and other opportunities for home learning
- Support the schools approach to on-line safety and not deliberately upload or add any text, image, sound or videos that could upset or offend any member of the school community

The School

We will:

- Care for your child's safety and happiness as a valued member of the school community.
- Meet the individual needs of your child by providing a balanced and differentiated curriculum to enable him/her to work to the best of his/her ability.
- Encourage your child to take care:- of themselves, others and the surroundings around him/her.
- Inform you about what we aim to teach the children each term and the homework set in support of class work.
- Achieve high standards of work and behaviour through building good relationships, self-esteem and developing a sense of responsibility.
- Listen and respond to your concerns and work with you to address issues that affect any aspect of your child's education.
- Keep you informed about school activities and special events.

Friends of Cowley Hill

Friends of Cowley Hill will be holding a Halloween treat sale on Friday 19th October. A letter has been sent home today with all of the details.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer

All children in year 6 will need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2019. 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.

Assemblies

4 Cherry

Today, the children from 4 Cherry impressed us by sharing their new learning from the year so far. They knowledgeably shared facts about teeth and digestion and demonstrated this with wonderful props.

They talked about their learning from the Ancient Egyptian Civilisation, gave us a mini drama about Ra and challenged our hieroglyphic reading skills.

Well done 4 Cherry!

2 Birch

In an action packed assembly, 2 Birch shared some of their learning in English, Maths and Topic so far this term. We heard a new take on 'Jack in the Beanstalk', with exclusive extracts from the Giant's diary.

Things are starting to 'take shape' in Maths, as the children shared their knowledge of 3D shapes and in Topic they shared some of their fact finding about London.

Well done 2 Birch!

After School Club

This week in After School Club we have continued our focus on Autumn and Harvest. We have decided to include a family of hedgehogs on our Autumn display and the spikes on the hedgehogs will be made of handprints. We are really looking forward to getting all of our art work together for our display.

For cooking this week we made potato dauphinoise. We had fun attempting to pronounce the name of the dish and some of us decided that a Potato bake which is the same thing, was much easier!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents/carers who joined us to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

It was a great success and we raised an amazing £284.19. Thank you once again for your support!

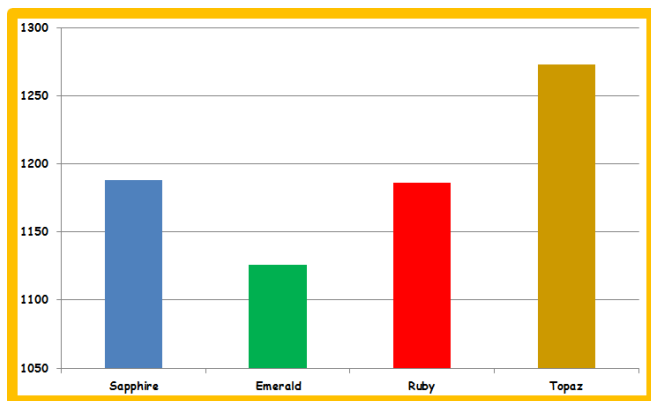
School Photographer



The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 24th October. They shall be taking individual and sibling pictures. If you would like a sibling picture taken with children who do not come to our school please come to the school hall at 8.15am.

House Tokens

The current house point results.



Sapphire	1188
Emerald	1126
Ruby	1186
Topaz	1273

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from in Reception/KS1 is Reception Elm with 97.6% and in KS2 is 6 Hawthorn with 99%.... WELL DONE.

Group - Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Reception Elm	100	97.6
2 Maple	100	96.4
2 Birch	100	95.9
1 Holly	100	95.2
Reception Ash	100	94.5
1 Beech	100	91

Group - KS2	% Possible	% Attend
6 Hawthorn	100	99
3 Hazel	100	97.9
6 Mulberry	100	97.5
4 Cherry	100	96.8
3 Cedar	100	96.6
5 Sycamore	100	96.6

4 Willow	100	95.7
5 Chestnut	100	95.5

Class Assemblies

Date	9.15am Start	9.45am Start
Friday 19 th October	5 - Chestnut	Rec - Ash & Rec - Elm
Friday 26 th October	6 - Mulberry	2-Maple
Friday 9 th November	3 - Hazel	1 - Holly
Friday 16 th November	4 - Willow	
Friday 23 rd November	5 - Sycamore	
Friday 30 th November	6 - Hawthorn	

Autumn Term Dates 2018

Fri 19 th Oct	FoCH Halloween Treat Sale
Weds 24 th October	School Photographer
Mon 29 th Oct - Fri 2 nd Nov	Half-Term
W/C Mon 5 th Nov	Book Fair
Wed 7 th Nov	Parent Consultation Appointments 1.30pm to 8pm
Wed 21 st Nov	e-Safety evening
Thurs 22 nd Nov	Year 4 Bhaktivedanta Manor Trip
Thurs 29 th Nov	Reception to Year 5 Flu Vaccines
Fri 30 th Nov	Non School Uniform donations for the Christmas Fair
Fri 30 th Nov	St Andrew's Day Dinner
Thur 6 th Dec	Last Club
Thur 6 th Dec	Base Theatre Trip
Fri 7 th Dec	Christmas Fair
Tues 11 th Dec	10am - Nursery/Reception Performance
Tues 11 th Dec	1.30pm - KS1 Performance
Wed 12 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Wed 12 th Dec	1.45pm Nursery/Reception Performance
Wed 12 th Dec	6.30pm - KS1 Performance
Thur 13 th Dec	3.15pm - Carol Concert
Fri 21 st Dec	Children finish at 1.15pm

Spring Term Dates 2019

Tues 8 th Jan	Children back
Fridays from 11 th Jan	Year 5 Swimming
Mon 14 th Jan	Clubs Start
Tues 15 th Jan	New Year Disco 3pm to 7.30pm (class times TBC)
Fri 8 th Feb	Rock Challenge 2019
Mon 18 th Feb - Fri 22 nd Feb	Half-Term
W/C 25 th Feb	Book Fair
Wed 27 th Feb	Parent Consultation Appointments 1.30pm to 8pm
Fri 1 st Mar	St David's Day Dinner
W/C 11 th Mar	Science week
Wed 13 th Mar	Science Evening
Thurs 14 th Mar	St Patrick's Day Dinner
Fri 15 th Mar	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
Thurs 28 th March	Year 2 trip to Roald Dahl Museum
Fri 29 th Mar	Last Club
Wed 3 rd Apr	Cowley's Got Talent
Fri 5 th Apr	Children finish at 1.15pm

Summer Term Dates 2019

Tue 23 rd Apr	Children back
Tues 23 rd Apr	St George's Day Dinner
Fridays from 26 th Apr	Year 6 Swimming
W/C 13 th May	Year 6 SATs
W/C 20 th May	Year 2 SATs
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	Half-Term
Wed 5 th June	School Photographer
Wed 5 th June	New Parents Meeting Nursery - 6pm Reception - 7pm
W/C 10 th June	Phonics Screening Week (Year 1&2)
W/C 10 th & 17 th June	RSE Weeks
Wed 19 th June	FSU Sports Day (am)
Fri 21 st June	Year 1 to 6 sports Day (all day)
Fri 21 st June	No Swimming for Year 6
Mon 24 th June	INSET DAY
Fri 28 th June	Non School Uniform donations for the Summer Fair
Tues 2 nd July	Residential School Journey parent Meeting
Tues 2 nd July	Year 3 Legoland Trip
Thur 4 th July	Last Club

Fri 5 th July	Summer Fair
Tues 9 th July	1.30pm Year 6 Performance - Dress Rehearsal
Wed 10 th July	7pm Year 6 Performance
Thurs 11 th July	Moving Up Day
Mon 15 th July	Open Evening 6-7pm
Wed 17 th July	Sports Presentation evening 5-7pm
Fri 19 th July	Children finish at 1.15pm

Term Dates for 2018/19

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Tuesday 4th September to Friday 21st December
Half-Term Week - Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November

SPRING TERM 2019

Tuesday 8th January to Friday 5th April
Half-Term Week - Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 19th July
Half-Term Week - Monday 27th to Friday 31st May
No School - 24th June

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