

NEWSLETTER

Black History Week

This week at school the children have taken part in Black History month, researching and learning about a variety of famous black figures. They have been thoroughly engaged in this new learning, and have produced some amazing work. Throughout the school the children have impressed us with their understanding of the past, and how it shapes our present and our futures.

Year 6 studied Martin Luther King and these are two incredible examples of their speeches, modelled on the famous I have a dream.....

Dear citizens of our planet,

Lend me your ears and please listen to what I have to say.

I have a dream that today the world will come together as one and put an end to the heart-breaking issue of racism.

I have a dream today. This is our time. This is our time to throw racism out to sea and watch it be washed out, forever.

I have a dream that today's words of hatred will turn into tomorrow words of love and compassion. It astonishes me that children are still judging each other on the colour of their skin! How can anyone utter such mean and malicious ideas to their innocent ear?

I have a dream that in the future, Earth will be declared as a no racist place.

I have a dream that people from all races will come together and laugh and hold hands as family.

Let's stop ignoring the fact that racism still exists and teach the young to judge each other on the content of their character, not the colour of their skin.

*We are all creatures of the Earth with different qualities - which make us unique. Surely, we should celebrate who we are **and** our differences.*

*Now it is time to put an end to racism and make the future a better place. **Viki B***

Dear people of the world

I have a dream.

I have a dream that racism and segregation will be demolished once and for all.

I have a dream that one day this country will link hands and come together as one big family.

I have a dream that everybody will get the job they desire and it will not matter what race you are. It devastates me to learn that a large number of black people will not get the job they want - just because of the colour of their skin. How can we live like this? This is unacceptable.

I have a dream today that people will open their hearts and judge people by the way that they act and not by their skin colour. I have a dream today!

I have a dream that we can extinguish segregation, right now! For we are the future. Where is the cause for anger or discrimination?

*Now is the time for making history. Let's make this dream come true! **Alfie B***

Parent Consultation Appointments - 7th November 2018

Parent consultation appointments, for you to see your child's class teacher on the 7th November, are still available for you to book via Parentmail. Appointments will start at 1.30pm and run through to 8pm. Each appointment is for a ten minute slot and will take place in the school hall. If you are unable to log on please contact the school office and they can book the appointment for you.

Please arrive before your appointment and go to the dining room, where you will be able to look at your child's books and have some refreshments.

FOCH

Friends of Cowley Hill have a Facebook page that parents and carers are welcome to join. This will give you an insight into all the fundraising activities that the team are planning and you can also get in touch with them to offer your help and ideas. The team are also available on Fridays in the canteen serving tea and coffee.

Can I please remind you that this page has been set up to keep people aware of fundraising events that are being organised by FOCH. Any queries that are not PTA related need to be made at the office. In the interest of safeguarding the pupils, posts containing images of children will not be approved.

Parents/Carers wishing to place other items on the page eg. Advertising, selling items etc. will be asked to look for an alternative option.

Parent Governors

I am delighted we have received three nominations for Parent Governors. As we currently had three vacancies that means that we do not need to have an election!

I would like to formally welcome Breda Nee (parent of a child in year 4), Elizabeth Thomlinson (parent of a child in year 6) both have been governors here for the past four years and Mrs Julia Braun (parent of a child in year 1) onto the Governing Body of the school.

Aylmerton Residential School Journey - September 2019 Current Year 5

REMINDER

The Gateway is now open to parents of children currently in year 5 to pay your deposit and 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.

Whole School Home Learning

Your child will bring home a piece of home learning to complete over half-term. We would like the children to create a recipe to make a good friend.

These will be shared in our first assembly back on Monday 5th November 2018. The best example will win a £25.00 book voucher to spend on books for their class reading

Thank you for your support!

Online Safety Evening RESCHEDULED

Our online scheduled e-Safety evening planned for 21st November has been RESCHEDULED with an exciting online safety day and evening for all children and parents.

SAVE THE DATE

This will be on Wednesday 23rd January 2019, more details will follow next half term.

Snacks

Please can we remind you to send in a healthy snack for children from Year 3 to Year 6.

Children from Nursery to Year 2 will be provided with a snack to eat at playtime, such as fruit or vegetables, PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN SNACKS FOR THESE CHILDREN.

We promote ourselves as a healthy school, therefore, sweets, crisps or chocolate are not allowed during morning break. Please note: The school is a "nut free zone".

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.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer REMINDER

All children in year 6 will need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2019. The closing date for applications is fast approaching and all applications must be submitted by the 31st October 2018.

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.

Assemblies

2 Maple

This morning 2 Maple took us on an exciting journey to share all of the learning that they have been doing within their topic of London. They shared interesting facts about key landmarks and even taught the audience how to travel around London using their understanding of the London underground system.

The children enjoyed sharing their explanation texts, computing work and their understanding of directional language which has been developed through their maths work.

The children spoke clearly and really enjoyed sharing their learning!

Well done 2 Maple!

6 Mulberry

6 Mulberry performed a fantastic assembly inspired by Martin Luther King's dream. They put forward their own visions of the world powerfully and with passion.

Their hard work and efforts were on show in Computing, Science, Maths, History and French.

Well done 6 Mulberry!

After School Club

This week in After School Club we have enjoyed art and cooking all linked to Halloween. As Halloween is next week when we are away for half-term, we really did not want to miss out.

For cooking we made green and orange Halloween Cupcakes. The children worked together to mix butter, sugar, eggs, flour and a little vanilla essence. We then added green food dye to some of the bowls and orange to some. The children carefully scooped out one spoonful of each colour and placed them in a cupcake casing. While the cakes were in the oven, we designed the top of the cakes. On a circle of rolled out icing, the children painted a Halloween design using thin brushes and food colouring. We then placed these designs on top of their cupcakes. They all looked individual and very spooky!

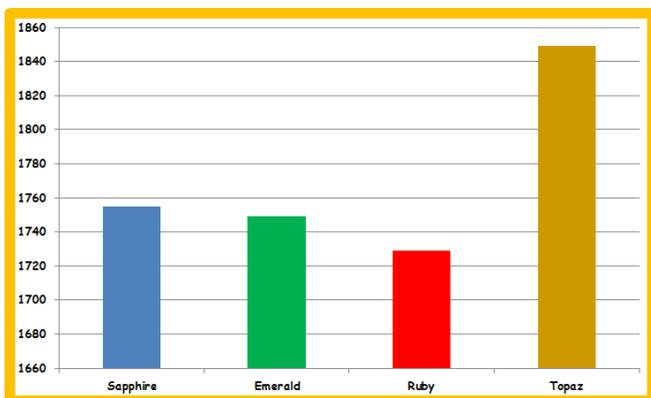


Our Art activity was to paint a Halloween inspired picture. Some children decided to do a painting of their choice and some followed a pumpkin outline for their art piece. They all turned out really colourful and we ended up with lots of different designs of witches, cats, bats and of course, lots of pumpkins.



House Tokens

The current house point results.



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| Sapphire | 1755 |
| Emerald | 1749 |
| Ruby | 1729 |
| Topaz | 1849 |

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from in Reception/KS1 is Reception Elm with 97.9% and in KS2 is 3 Cedar with 99.6%

| Group - Reception/KS1 | % Possible | % Attend |
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| Reception Elm | 100 | 97.9 |
| 2 Maple | 100 | 97.1 |
| 2 Birch | 100 | 96.6 |
| 1 Holly | 100 | 95.2 |
| Reception Ash | 100 | 95 |
| 1 Beech | 100 | 93.2 |

| Group - KS2 | % Possible | % Attend |
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| 3 Cedar | 100 | 99.6 |
| 5 Sycamore | 100 | 97.6 |
| 6 Hawthorn | 100 | 97.6 |
| 4 Cherry | 100 | 97.2 |
| 6 Mulberry | 100 | 97.1 |
| 4 Willow | 100 | 96.8 |
| 3 Hazel | 100 | 94.8 |
| 5 Chestnut | 100 | 94.2 |

Class Assemblies

| Date | 9.15am Start | 9.45am Start |
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| Friday 9 th November | 3 - Hazel | 1 - Holly |

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| Friday 16 th November | 4 - Willow | |
| Friday 23 rd November | 5 - Sycamore | |
| Friday 30 th November | 6 - Hawthorn | |

Autumn Term Dates 2018

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| 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 CANCELLED |
| 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

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| 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) |
| Weds 30 th Jan | Young Voices |
| 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 |

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| 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 |

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

Jon Hood
Headteacher

Summer Term Dates 2019

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| 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