

NEWSLETTER

Children in Need



Thank you all for your generosity in helping us support this worthy cause, so far we have raised £267.21.

Year 6 - Synagogue Visit

Year 6 experienced a fun, educational and interactive event at Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue. The children were able to learn about the Jewish faith and how it is practised, as well as try some foods and handle different objects associated with Jewish festivals.



We would like to send a big 'Thank You' to the local Jewish community for inviting us to take part.

NSPCC Art Winners

NSPCC Art exhibition will be taking place at Allum Lane Hall on Sunday 18th November from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Congratulations to all the artists. You have sent us some wonderful models and pictures.

The winners from Cowley Hill are:

The 1st prize went to Sophie G - 3 Hazel
2nd prize went to Milosz O - 6 Mulberry
3rd prize went to Amya S - 6 Mulberry

Prizes will be handed out at 2pm by Oliver Dowden MP for Hertsmere, we will do our best to display all of the artwork.

School Photos

The children came home with a proof of their school photo recently. If you would like to purchase this through the school please return your proof and payment to the school office by Monday 19th November 2018.

Awareness Evening

Awareness evening - knives, gangs and county lines

Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is working with local schools to host an information evening for parents, carers and the wider community on **Wednesday 28 November** at Meryfield Primary School, Theobald Street, Borehamwood WD6 4PA.

Refreshments (sandwiches and cakes) will be served from 5pm and the session will start at 6pm and will be finished by 9pm. A fully supervised crèche will be available on site during the evening for younger children (those below 8 year olds). During the evening you will hear from The St Giles Trust and Alison Cope who will talk about:

Gangs, County lines, Knife Crime, Social Media, Positive Choices

There will be a FREE raffle on the night. Prizes include two tickets to the Arsenal game on 8 December.

Christmas Productions

There will be no tickets allocated for the Christmas productions. Letters will go home next week with the children. Can you please fill in the form to request your required number of seats.

Nursery and Reception will be performing 'A Miracle in Town' on the 11th December at 10am and the 12th December at 1.45pm. Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing 'Woops a Daisy Angel' on the 11th December at 1.30pm and on the 12th December at 6.30pm

Thank you

Christmas Productions

As I am sure you are aware there is a Keystage 2 Carol Concert on Thursday 13th December 2018 for all of the children in years 3 to 6. This takes place at the end of the school day starting at 3.15pm.

This was a fantastic event last year and the hall was packed with children and parents singing. As last year we would like all children to attend if possible. If your child is unable to attend due to a medical appointment or any other reason beyond your control we would ask that you complete and return the tear off strip on the letter that will be sent home next week. If you do not return the slip we assume that your child will be picked up after the concert at approximately 4.15pm.

Assemblies

4 Willow

It was 4 Willow's class assembly today and they took us back in time to Ancient Egypt. We began with farmers explaining the importance of the River Nile to the Egyptians.

They then shared how the Egyptians used hieroglyphics for both English and Maths. We had an insight into the famous Pharaoh, Tutankhamun and his sudden death. Ending with our embalmers explaining how to mummify a body.

The class have really enjoyed learning about this topic across the curriculum.

Well done 4 Willow!

Christmas Fair

Raffle Tickets - You should have received your tickets to be able to enter into the school's Christmas Fayre raffle. Should you wish to purchase them please write your name and contact number on each ticket and return one part to the school office. The tickets are priced at £1.00 per strip. Tickets will also be sold in the school office by Friends of Cowley Hill before and after school on Friday's where extra tickets will also be available to buy.



Non-School Uniform Day - There will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 30th November, in exchange we are asking for donations for this year's Tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre. Items such as drinks, toiletries, chocolates and Christmas products would be appreciated.

Bric & Brac and Book stalls - Could we also please ask if you have any pre-loved books and toys in good condition that you no longer need, we would also be grateful if you could donate them for our stalls.

Volunteers for the Christmas Fayre If you are able to volunteer some of your time on the day of the Christmas Fayre with either setting up or help to run a stall, please leave your name and contact details with the school office or email foch@cowleyhill.herts.sch.uk

After School Club

This week in After School Club we have focused on Diwali celebrations both with our art activity and in our cooking. We made our own Diwali lamps using clay. The children moulded the clay and shaped it into their desired shape. We then used clay utensils and carefully added a design on the outside and the inside of the lamps. Once dry, we painted them in all bright and eye catching colours.



For cooking we made carrot and parsnip Bhajis. We started by everyone experiencing grating the carrots and the parsnip using a hand held grater.

This the children found to be tricky work and a very slow process. We then tried grating the vegetables using a food processor and the children were amazed to see how much faster the work got done. We even had a big cheer and hurray for the food processor!



The Bhajis turned out beautifully and were enjoyed by everyone.

Anti Bullying

This week we have been participating in the Anti-bullying week. The week started off with an assembly, where the children watched a documentary about how a bully became a friend.

The children have also been complimenting their friends for good behaviours. Some classes wrote friendship poems, made a rainbow friendship circle and posters about how to treat a heart.



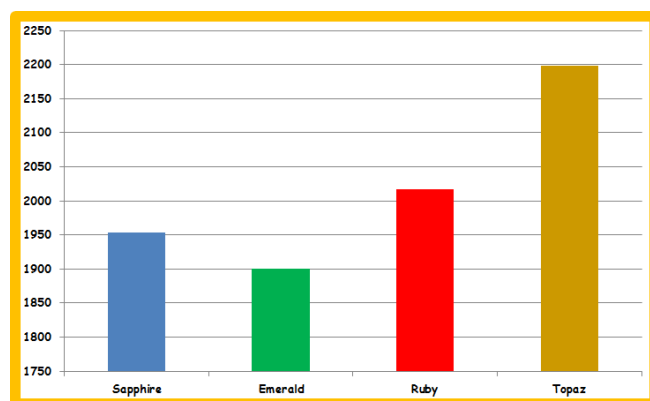
Well done everyone for your good work.

Headlice

Headlice:- We have had several cases of headlice reported in school this term. Can I please remind you that it is vitally important to check your child's hair regularly. If your child has headlice then it is important to; not only treat their hair, but also everyone else in the immediate family. The best method of controlling and eradicating headlice is to apply conditioner to your child's hair and comb with a special headlice comb. These are available cheaply from local chemists or the school office for a £1.

House Tokens

The current house point results.



Sapphire	1953
Emerald	1901
Ruby	2017
Topaz	2199

Playground Safety

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 school site.

Message for All Nursery Parents

Primary admissions opened on the 5th November for you to apply for your child to go into reception in September 2019.

Children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 need to register for a Primary School place for next September. Apply online before the 15th January 2019 at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions.

If you would like to look around the school please contact the school office to make an appointment. If you need any help with your application please talk to a member of the office team.

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2019.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from this week in Reception/KS1 is 2 Maple with 99.3% and in KS2 is 5 Chestnut with 99.4%

Group - Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
2 Maple	100	99.3
Reception Elm	100	95.2
2 Birch	100	94.8
1 Holly	100	93.8
1 Beech	100	91.6
Reception Ash	100	83.6

Group - KS2	% Possible	% Attend
5 Chestnut	100	99.4
6 Hawthorn	100	99
4 Cherry	100	98.4
4 Willow	100	98.2
6 Mulberry	100	97.8
3 Hazel	100	97.5
5 Sycamore	100	97.1
3 Cedar	100	92.4

Class Assemblies

Please use the dining hall entrance when arriving to watch your child's class assembly. Tea and coffee will be available from 9am.

Date	9.15am Start
Friday 23 rd November	5 - Sycamore
Friday 30 th November	6 - Hawthorn

Autumn Term Dates 2018

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

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
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

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

Jon Hood
Headteacher

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