

## NEWSLETTER

### Rock Challenge

Save the Date:

In February Cowley Hill will be taking part in the annual Rock Challenge Event. Information regarding tickets will be released after the Christmas break, however we will be holding several events to help us raise money to help make our performance spectacular.

- 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - 'Bring the Biscuit' Cake Sale
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 - 'Burn off the Biscuit' Dance a thon.
- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - 3.30pm Performance for Parents/Carers
- 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - 2pm Performance for KS2 Children
- 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - 2.30pm Performance for KS1 Children.

### Parking - Near Miss

Can I please ask that you take extra care if you are dropping your child(ren) off outside the school. This week we have had a near miss reported to the school whereby a car mounted the curb whilst parking. The car narrowly missed a child who was on the pavement. Please take extra care when dropping off or picking up your child(ren).

### Year 5 - Choral Outreach Project

On Thursday, Year 5 visited St Albans Abbey to perform in the Choral Outreach Concert.

Over the past ten weeks, they have been rehearsing, during Music lessons with special help from the Herts Music Service. The children performed amazingly with the 'Abbey Choir' and were excellent ambassadors for the school. They were also treated to a tour of the Abbey. Well done Year 5!

### Baubles

The Christmas tree will be in the hall soon. We are asking that if you wish to have a personalised bauble on our tree for your child that you bring in an item of non-perishable food which we shall donate to the Borehamwood Food Bank.



### Sports



#### Boys Football Year 5&6 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November

On Monday the boys team played away at Monksmead. They displayed great composure and ability to get a well deserved and very comfortable 3-0 win!

#### Girls Football Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

On Wednesday the girls played a home fixture against Saffron Green, the league champions from the previous season. The match was tightly contested throughout and there was nothing to choose between the teams. With the score deadlocked at 1-1 going into the last few minutes our girls who were pushing so hard for the win got caught on the counter attack and conceded two late goals to lose 3-1 a great performance girls and an unlucky result.

## Year 4 Trip to the Krishna Temple



On Thursday, year four went on a very exciting school trip to the Hindu Mandir (Temple) near Watford.

The children were all very well behaved and a credit to the school. During the day we learnt how to meditate, went on a cart pulled by oxen and ate traditional Hindu food, curry, rice, crispbreads, flatbreads and chips. One of the highlights of the day was dressing up as either Hindu princesses or warriors. We thought it was a great trip and was a very valuable experience for the children who had never visited a Mandir before.

Well done Year 4!

## Christmas Productions

Tickets will not be allocated for the Christmas productions. Instead letters have been sent home 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 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am and the 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm. Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing 'Woops a Daisy Angel' on the 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm and on the 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm

Thank you

## KS2 Carol Concert

As I am sure you are aware there is a Keystage 2 Carol Concert on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 has been sent home. If you do not return the slip we assume that your child will be picked up after the concert at approximately 4.15pm.

## Assemblies

### 5 Sycamore

5 Sycamore shared their learning with parents and friends this morning. Two characters from the storybook Varjak Paw turned up and asked questions about what the children have been learning. As well as a review of the the book, the assembly included: poetry recitals, presentations of information about countries in the Americas, sharing of artwork and home learning and also the performance of a dance. The class thoroughly enjoyed presenting their work to the audience.

Well done 5 Sycamore!

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:foch@cowleyhill.herts.sch.uk)



## St Andrew's Day Dinner

All children are invited to have a special meal on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate St Andrew's Day if you would like your child to have this meal please contact the school office with their choice.



## Christmas Dinner

All children are invited to have a Christmas meal prepared by the kitchen on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December if you would like your child to have this meal please contact the school office with their choice.



## After School Club

In After School Club this week we decided to focus on 'Winter Art' as it has been getting colder and colder.

Our art activity was to create winter trees. The younger children painted a dark shadowy tree and then using their fingertips, added white paint on the tree branches, on the ground and in the air which created a snow effect. When the paint had dried, they also added some glitter in a few selected areas. The older children used a large A3 paper which they divided into four parts. They then painted four different trees with individual backgrounds and added some glitter for effect. The paintings turned out beautifully and the children were very proud of their work.

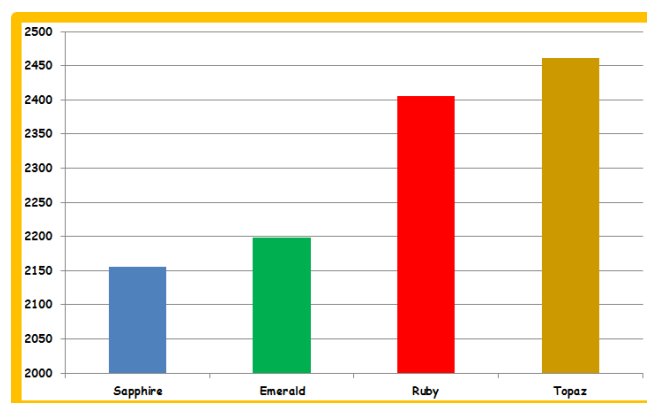
For cooking we made our own Apple and Pear Pie with cinnamon. First we used rolling pins to roll out and flatten the pie pastry. We then filled the bottom of a large baking tray. The children chopped up apples and pears which we added to the tray and sprinkled with some brown sugar and cinnamon. Finally we covered all the fruits with another layer of pie pastry.



As the pie cooked in the oven we could all smell the lovely aroma of the cinnamon.

## House Tokens

The current house point results.



Sapphire	2156
Emerald	2199
Ruby	2406
Topaz	2462

## Message for All Nursery Parents

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

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

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from this week in Reception/KS1 is 2 Maple with 98.6% and in KS2 is 6 Hawthorn with 100%

Group - Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
2 Maple	100	98.6
2 Birch	100	95.3
1 Beech	100	94.8
1 Holly	100	93.8
Reception Elm	100	93.4
Reception Ash	100	92.5

Group - KS2	% Possible	% Attend
6 Hawthorn	100	100
6 Mulberry	100	98.6
5 Chestnut	100	98.1
5 Sycamore	100	97.5
3 Hazel	100	97.1
4 Cherry	100	95.2
4 Willow	100	95
3 Cedar	100	94.5

## 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 30 <sup>th</sup> November	6 - Hawthorn

## Autumn Term Dates 2018

Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Reception to Year 5 Flu Vaccines
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Non School Uniform donations for the Christmas Fair
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St Andrew's Day Dinner
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Club
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Base Theatre Trip
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am - Nursery/Reception Performance
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm - KS1 Performance
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.45pm Nursery/Reception Performance
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm - KS1 Performance
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.15pm - Carol Concert
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Children finish at 1.15pm

## Spring Term Dates 2019

Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children back
Fridays from 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 5 Swimming
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Rock Challenge - Bring the Biscuit - Cake Sale TBC
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Clubs Start
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	New Year Disco 3pm to 7.30pm (class times TBC)
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Rock Challenge - Burn off the Biscuit - Dance a Thon
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Young Voices
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Rock Challenge 2019
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.30pm - Rock Challenge Performance for KS2
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2pm - Rock Challenge Performance for KS2
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.30pm - Rock Challenge Performance for KS2
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Half-Term

## Term Dates for 2018/19

### AUTUMN TERM 2018

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

### SPRING TERM 2019

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

### SUMMER TERM 2019

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

Jon Hood  
**Headteacher**

W/C 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Fair
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Consultation Appointments 1.30pm to 8pm
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	St David's Day Dinner
W/C 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science week
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science Evening
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	St Patrick's Day Dinner
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 trip to Roald Dahl Museum
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Last Club
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Cowley's Got Talent
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Children finish at 1.15pm

## Summer Term Dates 2019

Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Children back
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	St George's Day Dinner
Fridays from 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 6 Swimming
W/C 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
W/C 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 SATs
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half-Term
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photographer
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> June	New Parents Meeting Nursery - 6pm Reception - 7pm
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Week (Year 1&2)
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> June	RSE Weeks
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	FSU Sports Day (am)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 1 to 6 sports Day (all day)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	No Swimming for Year 6
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Non School Uniform donations for the Summer Fair
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Residential School Journey parent Meeting
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 3 Legoland Trip
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Club
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm Year 6 Performance - Dress Rehearsal
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm Year 6 Performance
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving Up Day
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening 6-7pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Presentation evening 5-7pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Children finish at 1.15pm