

NEWSLETTER

Christmas Post



Christmas is fast approaching and we have lots of exciting things planned. As from Monday 3rd of December the Christmas post-box will be

outside the office for all of the children to post their Christmas Cards. **Remember to write the name of the child and the class you want the card delivered to.**

Year 2 Active Lives PE Survey

Please remember that all year 2 children will be coming into, and leaving school, via the dining room door on Wednesday 5th December. Please do come in when you drop off or collect your child and complete our questionnaire. We can claim additional funding for every one that we complete. Refreshments will be available. We will open the door earlier than usual - 8.15am and 2.45pm. We look forward to seeing our Year 2 parents then.

Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will be raising money for Save The Children by supporting their annual Christmas Jumper Day idea. At Cowley Hill we will hold a 'Dress for Christmas' Day on **Wednesday 12th December 2018.**

This is the same day that we are having Christmas dinner at school and a nice way to celebrate, whilst raising money for a great cause. Children can wear any Christmas item for a donation of £1. Items could include Christmas socks, hats, t-shirts and jumpers.

The choice is yours ☺

Cold Weather

Outside Play - The cold weather is well and truly upon us now and to enable all of the children to get some fresh air at break and lunch please remember to send a coat in with your child every day.

PE - Where possible we like to make use of the dry weather and have some of our PE Lessons outside. So that the children can enjoy this time outside, please send in long bottoms and trainers with their usual PE Kits.

Baubles



The Christmas tree will be up on Monday in the hall. If you wish for your child to have a personalised bauble on our tree please return the slip that was sent home with an item of non-perishable food, which we shall donate to the Borehamwood Food Bank.

Christmas Productions REMINDER

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 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

KS2 Carol Concert REMINDER

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 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.

Christmas Dinner

All children are invited to have a Christmas meal prepared by the kitchen on Wednesday 12th December if you would like your child to have this meal please contact the school office with their choice. No later than Wednesday 5th December 2018.



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.

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

Assemblies

6 Hawthorn

This morning, 6 Hawthorn presented their class assembly. The children shared some of their learning from English which included some fantastic examples of how to create suspense and tension within a narrative. The children also shared their efforts in using tone to set the scene. Using the same image, the children were able to present this in a positive and negative tone, demonstrating how an author can lead a story in any direction they desire.

Focussing upon their work regarding Black history month and Martin Luther King, the children shared how they interpreted some of his more famous quotes and what these meant to them. We also heard a brilliant speech which placed focus on discrimination and how it should become non-existent. To end, the children expressed their beliefs over equality and acknowledged how we are all different in many ways but similar in so many more.

Well done 6 Hawthorn!

Christmas Fair

Raffle Tickets - You should have received your tickets to be able to enter into the school's Christmas Fair 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.



Santa's Grotto - Tickets are now available to purchase on your school gateway account to visit Santa in his grotto. Tickets are £2.50 each.

Cake and bakes - We would love to sell your tasty cakes and bakes to enjoy with a hot drink during the Fair. Please bring in your baking creations on the morning of 7th December.

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 be grateful if you could donate them for our stalls.

Volunteers for the Christmas Fair If you are able to volunteer some of your time on the day of the Christmas Fair 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

Clubs

Reminder - Clubs will finish for the Autumn Term on Thursday 6th December. The paid breakfast and afterschool club will continue.

After School Club

This week in After School Club we continued our Winter Theme both for our art activity and for our cooking.

Our art activity was to make our own snow globe. The children painted a winter inspired picture within a snow globe template. We had beautiful snowmen complete with buttons, hats and scarves and cosy houses surrounded with glittery snow. The sides of the snow globe were then added using strips of card and then topped with clear cellophane. To complete their picture, the children added balls of fluffy cotton wool and glitter all around their snow globe. They looked lovely and wintery.

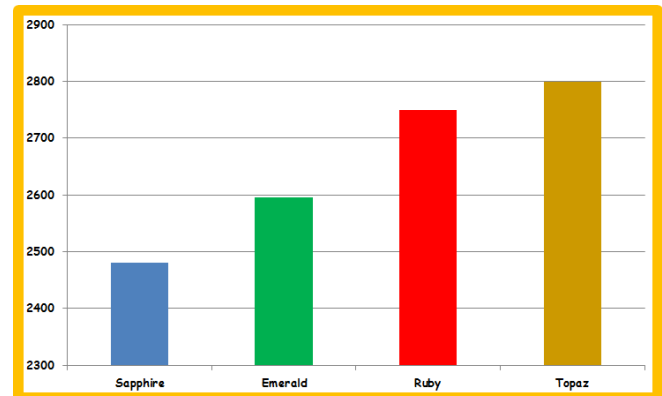


As the weather is getting colder and colder we decided to make a Winter Warming Soup for cooking. The children worked hard and chopped up potatoes, carrots, parsnips and leek. As the vegetables cooked we added some tasty flavours

like ginger, Italian spices, pepper and paprika. At home time the children proudly showed off their cooking to their parents and carers and took a cup home to enjoy for their tea.

House Tokens

The current house point results.



Sapphire	2480
Emerald	2596
Ruby	2750
Topaz	2800

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 100% and in KS2 is 6 Mulberry with 99.3%

Group Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
2 Maple	100	100
2 Birch	100	96.3
Reception Ash	100	91.4
1 Holly	100	90.3
1 Beech	100	90.3
Reception Elm	100	89.3

Group KS2	Possible	% Attend
6 Mulberry	100	99.3
5 Sycamore	100	97.9
4 Willow	100	96.4
5 Chestnut	100	95.2
6 Hawthorn	100	93.4
3 Cedar	100	93.1
4 Cherry	100	92.8
3 Hazel	100	92.1

Autumn Term Dates 2018

Thurs 29 th Nov	Reception to Year 5 Flu Vaccines - CANCELLED, RESCHEDULED 18/12/18
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
Tues 18 th Dec	Reception to Year 5 Flu Vaccines
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
Fri 11 th Jan	Rock Challenge - Bring the Biscuit - Cake Sale TBC
Mon 14 th Jan	Clubs Start
Tues 15 th Jan	New Year Disco 3pm to 7.30pm (class times TBC)
Tues 22 nd Jan	Rock Challenge - Burn off the Biscuit - Dance a Thon
Weds 30 th Jan	Young Voices
Fri 8 th Feb	Rock Challenge 2019
Tues 12 th Feb	3.30pm - Rock Challenge Performance for Parents
Thurs 14 th Feb	2pm - Rock Challenge Performance for KS2
Thurs 14 th Feb	2.30pm - Rock Challenge Performance for KS1
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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