

## NEWSLETTER

### Goodbye

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December we will be saying goodbye to Miss Fitzsimmons. She has worked for Cowley Hill for over ten years and is relocating to Cornwall. I would like to thank her for her hard work in support of the pupils over the years and I am sure you would like to join me in wishing her well for the future.

### Seasonal Card Competition

Congratulations to Inaaya on winning a Gold Award for her design for Hertsmere's annual Seasonal Card Competition, to read the full article please click on the link below.



<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Documents/11-Your-Council/Official-Publications--Guides--Policies/Hertsmere-News/Hertsmere-Winter-2018-FINAL.pdf>

### 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. No later than Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018.



### Christmas Fair

Please visit our Christmas Fair this afternoon 3-5.30pm. There are lots of stalls including raffle, tombola and many games. Father Christmas will also be dropping by - taking time from his very busy schedule at this time of year!



### Christmas Post



Christmas is fast approaching and we have lots of exciting things planned. As from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

### Mobile Phones - Year 6

If your child is walking to school independently then they are allowed to bring a mobile phone into school. This is to allow them to text or call you to let you know they have arrived at school safely. All phones will need to be brought up to the office for safe keeping and collected at the end of the day/or after club. The children are aware that their phone maybe confiscated if they are using it for any other purpose whilst at school. Phones will then need to be collected from the office by an adult. We would like to thank you for your support with this.



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 😊

## Baubles

The Christmas tree is now up in the hall and looking very festive with our Cowley Hill baubles. 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 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 REMINDER

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 will assume that your child will be picked up after the concert at approximately 4.15pm.**

## Year 2 Active Lives PE Survey

Thank you to all of Year 2 parents who attended our coffee morning and completed the online PE Survey. If you didn't manage to join us this time please click the following link <https://ipsos.uk/JZNDJ> to complete at home.

Thank you!

## After School Club

This week in After School Club we have been playing catch up and trying to complete some of the art work, specially our Snow Globes, which some children did not have a chance to finish last week.

We have also been very busy baking for the Christmas Fair. We made our own Stained Glass Window Biscuits which we will be selling at the Fair. The children mixed butter, muscovado sugar, eggs, flour and some very aromatic mixed spice into a dough. We then used rolling pins to roll out the dough and learnt that we had to add a little flour to the table as otherwise it got very sticky!

The children used biscuit cutters to cut our large shapes and then we used smaller festive cutters to cut out the centre of each biscuit. We placed crushed up boiled coloured sweets into the hole and baked the biscuits in the oven until they were golden brown. Once the biscuits had cooled, the melted sweets hardened and we could see the stained glass window effect, they looked really good.



Please look out for us at the Christmas Fair!

### 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.

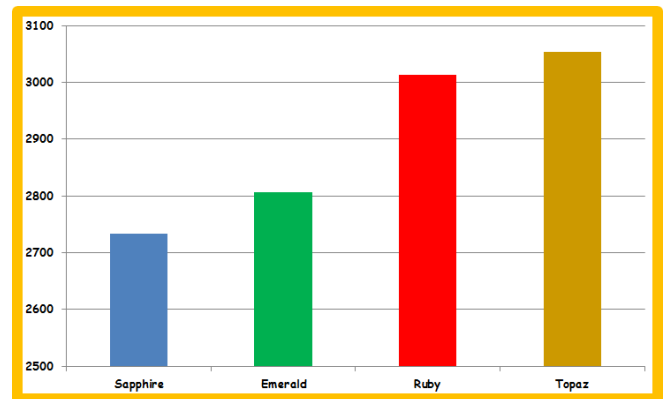
Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 need to register for a Primary School place for next September. Apply online before the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions).

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.**

### House Tokens

The current house point results.



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| Sapphire | 2733 |
| Emerald  | 2807 |
| Ruby     | 3014 |
| Topaz    | 3054 |

### Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from this week in Reception/KS1 is 1-Holly with 98.6% and in KS2 is 5-Sycamore with 99.2%.

| Group Reception/KS1 | Possible | % Attend |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| 1 Holly             | 100      | 98.6     |
| 2 Birch             | 100      | 98.6     |
| 2 Maple             | 100      | 97.9     |
| 1 Beech             | 100      | 96.3     |
| Reception Elm       | 100      | 95       |
| Reception Ash       | 100      | 90       |

| Group KS2  | Possible | % Attend |
|------------|----------|----------|
| 5 Sycamore | 100      | 99.2     |
| 6 Hawthorn | 100      | 99       |
| 3 Hazel    | 100      | 97.6     |
| 4 Cherry   | 100      | 95.2     |
| 3 Cedar    | 100      | 93.6     |
| 4 Willow   | 100      | 92.3     |
| 5 Chestnut | 100      | 92.1     |
| 6 Mulberry | 100      | 91.4     |

## Autumn Term Dates 2018

|                           |                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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               |
| Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Reception to Year 5 Flu Vaccines     |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec  | Children finish at 1.15pm            |

## Spring Term Dates 2019

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| 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 Parents      |
| Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb                          | 2pm - Rock Challenge Performance for KS2             |
| Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb                          | 2.30pm - Rock Challenge Performance for KS1          |
| Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb | Half-Term  |
| 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

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| 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<br>Nursery - 6pm<br>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                               |

## 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

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