

## NEWSLETTER

This has been a really busy and exciting term and the children and staff have worked extremely hard through the term.

I would like to extend a personal thank you for your generosity at the Christmas productions and Carol Concert where we raised a substantial amount of money for the Peace Hospice.

A big thank you to Friends of Cowley Hill and the team that helped make the Christmas Fair a fantastic event. They raised just over £1,400. All funds will be put towards the New Library renovations.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will see you all again in the New Year when school reopens on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### Staff Leavers

Unfortunately at the end of term we have to say our good byes to staff who are leaving.

Mrs Moss will be retiring at the end of the term. She has worked at the school for four and a half years supporting the school in various roles from Specialist English Support Teacher to English as an Additional Language Teacher to SENDCo. I would like to thank Mrs Moss for her hard work and dedication supporting the children at the school.

Mr Mears is leaving Cowley Hill to start a new life in Cornwall. During his time at Cowley Hill Mr Mears has contributed to the leadership of Maths and the development of Reasoning as a focus. I am sure you would like to join me in wishing Mr Mears the very best in his new home and school.

I would like to thank the members of staff who are leaving for their hard work and dedication and wish them well in their new ventures.

### Save the Date

We have some exciting events organised for the New Year.

- 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - 'Bring the Biscuit' Cake Sale.
- 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - New Year Disco
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 - 'Burn off the Biscuit' Dance a thon.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 - Online Safety Evening.
- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - 3.30pm Performance for Parents/Carers.

### Year 6 Science Visit

As part of our Year 6 science provision, The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School has offered us the use of their laboratories and specialist science teachers for two lessons.

The first visit will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for 6-Mulberry and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for 6-Hawthorn.

### After School Club

We have been hard at work in After School Club the last few weeks with many different art and cooking activities. Here are some photos of our

Christmas stockings, Christmas trees and our very tasty mince pies.



With such a busy term, we are now all looking forward to the Christmas holidays.



From all of us in After School Club, we would like to wish all the children and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Message for All Nursery Parents

Primary admissions is open for you to apply for your child to go into reception in September 2019.

Parents of 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](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 15th January 2019.**

### Message for Parents with pre-school age children due to start Nursery in September 2019

Nursery admissions will open on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for you to apply for your child to go into Nursery in September 2019.

Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 can apply for nursery places **from the school office**. Your application will be for a nursery place for 2019/20.

Forms are available on our website. Please click on the flowing link for further information.

<http://www.cowleyhill.herts.sch.uk/about-us/admissions>

### Free Workshop for Parents of children up to 11 years old

A 10 week course designed for parents & carers of children up to 11 years old. The course will focus on:

- Practical positive parenting strategies
- Developing Family Rules and Boundaries
- Understanding children's feelings, behaviour & emotions
- Developing better communication and how to respond to our children
- Building self-esteem for children and parents

The BECC Family Centre, Furzehill Rd., Borehamwood WD6 2FD Wednesdays 9.45am to 11.45am, 23/1/19 to 3/4/19 (excl. half term)

**Call 01707 655512 ext 268 or 0300 123 7572 to book a place Crèche places available – booking essential**

### Clothing Donations for EYFS

As I am sure you are all aware in Early Years the children love to explore the outside area.

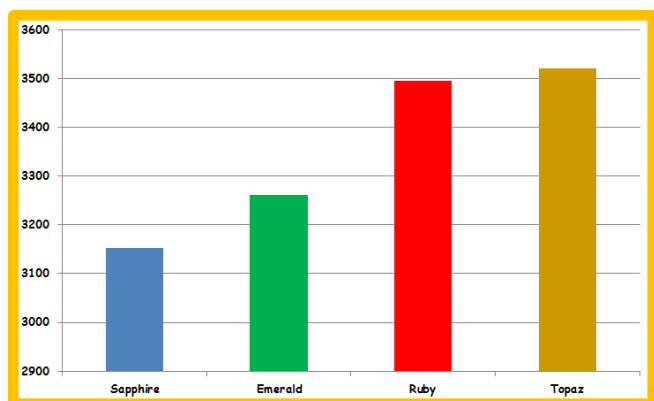
As we come to the colder and wetter months the children need to change their clothes more often as they get wet or muddy and at the moment we have a very limited amount of spare clothes. We would be extremely grateful for any donations of spare uniforms that your child may have grown out of in the ages 3 to 7 years e.g. polo shirts, trousers, socks, tights and underwear. Your donations would be much appreciated and well used.

If you would like to donate please hand them to a member of the Early Years team or at the office.

Thank you in advance.

## House Tokens

The current house point results. The winners this term are Topaz with 3529 tokens



Sapphire	3153
Emerald	3262
Ruby	3495
Topaz	3529

## Unclaimed Raffle Prize

We have an unclaimed raffle prize from the Christmas Fair. For J Baranov

Please contact the school office to arrange collection of your prize, if it is not claimed by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 it will be put forward for the Summer Fair.

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from this week in Reception/KS1 is 2-Maple with 96.6% and in KS2 is 5-Chestnut with 97.6%.

Group Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
2 Maple	100	96.6
2 Birch	100	93.3
Reception Elm	100	88.4
Reception Ash	100	86.2
1 Holly	100	86.2
1 Beech	100	85.5

Group KS2	Possible	% Attend
5 Chestnut	100	97.6
5 Sycamore	100	97.4

6 Mulberry	100	96
6 Hawthorn	100	95.7
4 Cherry	100	95
3 Hazel	100	94.6
4 Willow	100	94.6
3 Cedar	100	92.2

## 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
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6-Mulberry Habs Science Visit
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Clubs Start
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	New Year Disco 3pm to 7.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery &amp; Reception - 1.15pm to 2.45pm</li> <li>• Years 1, 2 and 3 - 4pm to 5.30pm</li> <li>• Years 4, 5 and 6 - 6pm to 7.30pm</li> </ul>
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fun Day Lunch
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6-Hawthorn Habs Science Visit
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Rock Challenge - Burn off the Biscuit - Dance a Thon
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Online Safety Evening
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Young Voices at the O2
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

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

## Term Dates for 2018/19 & 2019/20

### 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

### AUTUMN TERM 2019

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Half-Term Week - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

### SPRING TERM 2020

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Half-Term Week - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

### SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Half-Term Week - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
No School - 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
No School - 22<sup>nd</sup> June

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