

NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year

Welcome back from the festive season. I hope you all managed to have a lovely holiday and the children are all refreshed ready for the new term. We have a short and busy term ahead with lots already planned.

Parent Consultation dates for the Spring Term will be Wednesday 27th February 1.30-8.00pm (Nursery to Year 6).

Parking

Parking can often be difficult when dropping off and collecting your child(ren). I would like to thank the vast majority of parents who park considerately at school drop off and pick up times however we still have a number of parents parking inconsiderately often causing obstructions.

We have members of staff outside in the morning and afternoon to help keep children safe. Whilst we can appreciate this can be a stressful time picking up or dropping off your child(ren) our staff are there to support the safety of all children. As a school we will not tolerate behaviour which is abusive or threatening to members of staff or in front of children.

Please be aware threatening or abusive behaviour will be reported to the police.

Help us to keep your children safe.

Thank you
Mr Hood

Online Safety

At Cowley Hill we aim to foster safe online use for all of our children whether they are young and using an IPAD or old enough to have a mobile phone or XBOX Live. Online safety at home and

the use of technology, however it looks, now plays prominent in all of our lives - and we need to train and support our children in how to use it safely.

On Wednesday 23rd January 5.30 - 6.30pm, we would like to invite all parents and carers to join us for an ONLINE SAFETY Evening.

Children are invited back into class to join the CLASS DEVICE PARTY. This is open to all year groups from Nursery to Year 6.

Fun Day Lunch

We shall be holding a Children's Fun Day lunch on Thursday 17th January 2019. If you wish for your child to have this meal then please return the form to the school office as soon as possible.

New Year Disco

There is still time to purchase a ticket for the School Disco, see times below. Nursery children are welcome to come back to school for their afternoon Disco.

- Nursery & Reception - 1.15pm to 2.45pm
- Years 1, 2 and 3 - 4pm to 5.30pm
- Years 4, 5 and 6 - 6pm to 7.30pm

Clubs

Clubs start again on Monday 14th January 2018, if your child has been allocated a club they would have brought home a confirmation letter today. Any forms that were handed in late will be processed next week and places allocated if available.

Please note that there will be no clubs on Tuesday 15th January 2019 due to the School Disco.

Dance a Thon

A sponsor form was sent home with your child this week in aid of our upcoming Rock Challenge Event. Please encourage your family and friends to donate as much as they can to help make our performance as spectacular as possible.

Thank you!

After School Club

The children have returned from the Christmas break happy and rested. In After School Club we have had many conversations about all the exciting adventures the children have enjoyed. It has been nice to see the children meeting their friends again and they have enjoyed exploring all of our games and activities.

This week and next week, our focus will be on Winter Craft. We are making snowmen puppets, penguin shape pictures, owl pictures and snowflakes. So we will be very busy with lots of great art activities.



For our cooking this week, we made our own Oat Slices. The children worked together in groups and mixed rolled oats, flour, brown sugar, butter, golden syrup and bicarbonate soda. We then sprinkled the mixture into a baking tin and cooked it in the oven. A very tasty treat for everyone to take home.

Swimming

Swimming has started again this term for our Year 5 children. This is a curriculum based activity and it is expected that all children attend lessons each week, if your child cannot attend for any reason please see Mr Hood or Miss Thomas.

Thank you!

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.

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 is open 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**. Applications close on Friday 15th March 2019.

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

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

100% Attendance for the Autumn Term

I am delighted that we have such a large number of children who have managed to achieve 100% attendance during the Autumn Term 2018.

<u>1 Beech</u>	<u>1 Holly</u>
Lexie Dakarai Siana	Olivia Abigail Milena Toby
<u>2 Birch</u>	<u>2 Maple</u>
Mercedes Brooke Maria Daniel Amelia Andrew Lacey Benas Daniel Daniela Krzysztof	Jochebed Nava Galena Pandora Emi Madaline Marcel Sonny Patrick Esme Reggie
<u>3 Cedar</u>	<u>3 Hazel</u>
Aurelijus George Matei Miko Adam Lacey Oliver	Alfie Tiago Sophie Archie Nathaniel Mayra-Ecaterina Mathys
<u>4 Cherry</u>	<u>4 Willow</u>
Lois Justin Kelly Natalia Mikey Susan Alexis Cristiana Max Max Marilena Elliot	Joel Elliot Oliver Irvin, Tyler Daniel Jessica
<u>5 Chestnut</u>	<u>5 Sycamore</u>
Luca Ellie-Mai Ryan Maximilian Maurya Nahla	Megi Christina Jack Layla Shane William

Megan	Ryan Maya Emma Maiya
<u>6 Hawthorn</u>	<u>6 Mulberry</u>
Gabriella Adin Viki Yu Heng Grace Bobby Nathan Kylie David Thomas Callum-James Tommy	David Joshua Darius Robert Zakari Krystal Taylor-Blake Levi Priamo Elizabeth
<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Reception</u>
Stefania Lacey Anastasia	William Anthony Ilona Troy Byran Rosie Francesco Frankie

Class Attendance

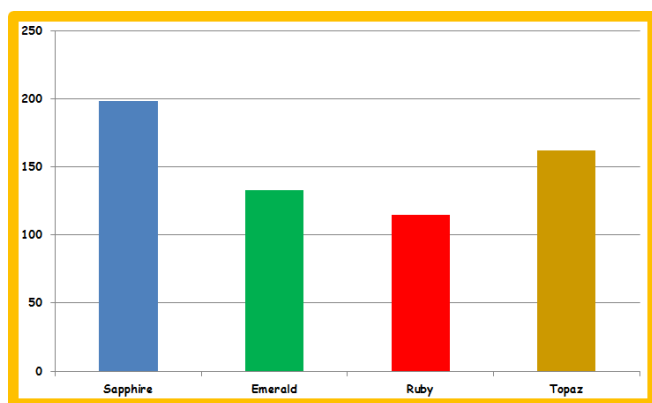
The classes with the best attendance from this week in Reception/KS1 is 2-Maple with 98.2% and in KS2 is 6-Mulberry with 98.2%.

Group Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
2 Maple	100	98.2
Reception Ash	100	94.8
2 Birch	100	94.2
1 Holly	100	92.9
Reception Elm	100	92.7
1 Beech	100	92.7

Group KS2	Possible	% Attend
6 Mulberry	100	98.2
5 Sycamore	100	97.9
4 Cherry	100	97
5 Chestnut	100	96.8
3 Hazel	100	96.5
6 Hawthorn	100	95.7
3 Cedar	100	95.1
4 Willow	100	95.1

House Tokens

The current house point results.



Sapphire	198
Emerald	133
Ruby	115
Topaz	162

Spring Term Dates 2019

Mon 14 th Jan	Clubs Start
Tues 15 th Jan	New Year Disco 3pm to 7.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery & Reception - 1.15pm to 2.45pm • Years 1, 2 and 3 - 4pm to 5.30pm • Years 4, 5 and 6 - 6pm to 7.30pm
Tues 15 th Jan	Reception Applications Close
Thurs 17 th Jan	Fun Day Lunch
Fri 18 th Jan	6-Hawthorn Habs Science Visit
Tues 22 nd Jan	Rock Challenge - Burn off the Biscuit - Dance a Thon
Weds 23 rd Jan	Online Safety Evening
Thurs 24 th Jan	Year 3 Setpoint
Weds 30 th Jan	Young Voices at the O2
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)

Tues 19 th Mar	Nursery Applications Close at 5pm
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

Tues 16 th Apr	Reception Allocation Day
Tues 23 rd Apr	Nursery Allocation Day
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 2019/20

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

AUTUMN TERM 2019

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

SPRING TERM 2020

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

SUMMER TERM 2020

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

Jon Hood
Headteacher