

## NEWSLETTER

### Rock Challenge Cake Sale

On Friday we held our Rock Challenge cake sale which was a huge success. In total, we managed to raise £190.00 towards this year's entry into the Rock Challenge competition.

We would like to thank everyone who provided wonderful cakes for the sale and we would also like to thank everyone who supported this event.

### Online Safety Evening Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 5.30-6.30pm

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

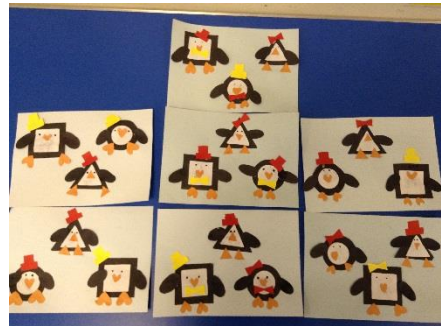
### New Year Disco

Our school discos were a great success with lots of children showcasing their latest dance moves! It was lovely to see so many children there from across the school. A big thank you to FoCH and to all of the staff and volunteers who supported this event.



### After School Club

This week in After School Club we have continued our Winter Craft theme. We made our penguin art pictures using circle, triangle and square card and then added smaller details such as the feet, flippers, eyes and nose.



The children finished their penguins with a hat, bow tie or hair bow. We all agreed that the penguins turned out really well and that they were very cute.

We also started to make our own snowflakes using card, glitter, cotton buds, silver stars, and shiny and glittery sequins. What coincidence that we actually had our first flurry of snow this week!

As it is getting colder and colder we decided to make a winter warming Chunky Minestrone Soup



this week. We had a lot of cutting to do as we chopped up carrots, potatoes, onions, celery and garlic. All the vegetables were then cooked in a vegetable stock and tinned tomatoes. We also added butter beans and short pieces of spaghetti. The soup did smell and look so delicious!

## Cold/Wet 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 waterproof 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.

## Presentation Awards

As part of our drive to encourage children to present their work as neatly as they can at all times we have given out special presentation awards to the following children:-

Presentation Assembly 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	
Class	Name
Nursery	Anastasia
Rec Ash	Lloyd
Rec Elm	Grayson
1 Beech	Jonah
1 Holly	Abigail
2 Birch	Hanifah
2 Maple	Sara
KS1 Base	Aleem
3 Cedar	Audley
3 Hazel	Daniel
4 Cherry	Justin
4 Willow	Jessica
5 Chestnut	Samuel
5 Sycamore	Layla
6 Hawthorn	Alfie
6 Mulberry	Ali
KS2 Base	Raed

## 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<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 can apply for nursery places **from the school office**. Applications close on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

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

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

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from this week in Reception/KS1 is 2-Birch with 97.3% and in KS2 is 6-Mulberry with 99.3%.

Group Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
2 Birch	100	97.3
2 Maple	100	96.8
Reception Elm	100	95.9
1 Holly	100	95.7
1 Beech	100	92.3
Reception Ash	100	89.6

Group KS2	Possible	% Attend
6 Mulberry	100	99.3
5 Sycamore	100	99
6 Hawthorn	100	97.9
4 Willow	100	97.4
3 Hazel	100	97.2
4 Cherry	100	96.8
5 Chestnut	100	96.5
3 Cedar	100	91.8

## Dance a Thon Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

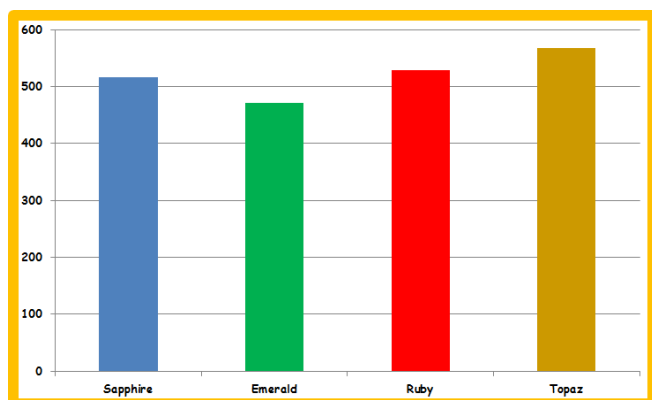
We are holding our sponsored Dance a Thon on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, please make sure that your child(ren) have their PE Kits in school for this event.

A sponsor form was sent home with your child recently 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!

### House Tokens

The current house point results.



Sapphire	516
Emerald	471
Ruby	529
Topaz	568

### Spring Term Dates 2019

Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Rock Challenge - Burn off the Biscuit - Dance a Thon
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Online Safety Evening
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 3 Setpoint
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)
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Nursery Applications Close at 5pm
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

Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Reception Allocation Day
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Nursery Allocation Day
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 2019/20**

### **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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**Headteacher**