



## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2013

A warm welcome back as we move into the Spring term 2013. I am delighted that, despite the recent bad weather, we only had to close for one day. A big thank you to all parents who continued to send their children into school, for us it was 'business as usual'. Thanks must also go to the staff for ensuring that they set off that little bit earlier to make sure they were in school on time to provide the learning for your children. A special big thanks to Mr Adrian and Mr Lee, who did a great job of clearing the site and making sure it was safe for us all. The Spring term looks as busy as ever. Please ensure that you keep an eye on the website for some exciting opportunities to come into school and work with your children. Remember that we also have noticeboards with relevant information for Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 conveniently placed around the school. This term we are proposing a Writing morning across the whole school and also a Reading Café (with Breakfast included) for parents to engage with us even further. Of course Parent's Evening will also be happening.

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Barham back to school in Reception class and certainly the children who were with her last year were very excited to see her.

Mrs Hanks

Head Teacher

### Dates for the Diary



Tuesday 5th February—Safer Internet Day  
Wednesday 6th—Friday 8th February—Y6 residential to Whitemoor Lakes  
Wednesday 13th February—Parent's Evening  
Thursday 14th February—Parent's forum  
Friday 15th February—House Netball event  
Friday 15th February—break up for half term.  
HALF TERM—18-22 FEBRUARY  
EASTER HOLS—29 March— Fri 12 April  
Year 6 SATs Week Mon 13 May—Fri 17 May  
HALF TERM - Mon 27 May—Fri 31 May

### STARBURST AWARDS

#### Thursday 19 January 2013

Nursery—Libby  
Team Barham - Robert  
Team Preston - Benjamin  
Team Boyce - Nathan  
Team Wood - Lacey  
Team Davis - Samantha  
Team Palmer - Chloe  
Team M/J - Regan  
Team Trevelyan - Rakiem  
Team Spiers - Rico  
Team Roberts - Anthony



## Thursday 24 January 2013

Nursery— Mia  
Team Barham - Chloe  
Team Preston - Dylan  
Team Boyce - Sophie  
Team Wood - Chloe  
Team Davis - Miles  
Team Palmer - Tonis  
Team M/J - Kayla  
Team Trevelyan - Keira  
Team Spiers - Miah  
Team Roberts - Aiden

## Sainsburys Vouchers 2013

We are collecting the Sainsbury's vouchers for the "Active Kids" again this year. Please start collecting them and ask family and friends to collect them for us too.  
The more vouchers we collect the more equipment we can get for our children at New Hall.

## Mobile Phones



The recent bad weather has once again, highlighted the importance of letting us know of any changes to mobile phone numbers. If you have had a new phone or phone number please, please let the office know of these changes. We never want to be in a position where we can't contact a parent in any kind of emergency, however, it is your responsibility to keep us informed.

## School Rules:

Our school rules were devised by School Council and state:

RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT



## Parent's Forum

There will be a parent's forum meeting on Thursday 14th February at 9.15am. This is an opportunity for any parent to come along for an informal chat over a coffee, about matters that are important to them. Please come to the office to register your interest in attending.



## Payment for School Trips

We really feel that our pupils benefit from the school trips that they go on each term, often giving them experiences that they may otherwise not have. However, we are finding it increasingly difficult to cover the cost of these, when parents make no voluntary contributions. Whilst appreciating that times are hard for many people financially, we try to ensure that these trips are cost effective, with 'group discounts' and the cheapest form of transport. Many parents are having several reminders, as you can imagine this takes a great deal of administration and time with several letters and phone calls being made.

In future on all letters received regarding trips will have a 'cut off' date on. If sufficient payments have not been received by this date, then unfortunately the trip will have to be cancelled. For our part we will give as much notice as possible of the date of trips.