

# **NEWSLETTER JULY 2013**

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It hardly seems almost a school year since we were welcoming your children back after the Summer holidays last year, and here we are at the end of the year. It has been a tremendous year for New Hall and once again, we have successfully met our three key school improvement targets which were shared with you way back in September.

I hope you have been able to see some of the articles that have been in the Sutton Observer over the year commenting on the fantastic events that have been held here to enhance the educational opportunities for your children.

Of course we have also shared with you our very successful Ofsted inspection, which recognised the great work we do here.

There have been new events which have involved parents more actively in their child's learning - two opportunities to work with an artist, breakfast reading cafés, grandparents reading afternoons, and a 'Motivate Me' course for parents to learn and work alongside their child in Reception class. This is in addition to all of our regular parental events to which you are always welcome - parent lunches, Inspire workshop, SATs evenings, parents evening, Starburst assemblies and class assemblies. I hope that at some point in the year you have been able to attend at least one of these. Thank you for your support across the year.

Of course at this time of year our minds turn to the staff who work here. Each and every member of staff is committed to ensuring that your child gets the very best opportunities and experiences not only to enhance their learning but to ensure that they develop into able, articulate individuals who have something to offer society. We think we do a good job!

# Dates for the Diary



3 Sept 13 - Children back to school

#### CIRCUS DAY

Children have enjoyed a Circus
day last Wednesday when we were visited by
Splats. All children and staff were able to take
part in a range of circus activities and had a
great time. This event was funded by School
Fund

#### MOSAIC DISPLAY



We were very fortunate to have another arts week a few weeks ago where all the children were able to place their own tiles on two very special mosaic displays. These displays will go up after the Summer when we have had the new entrance built, and will be a lasting memory for the pupils. When we return in September it will be interesting to see who remembers which tiles they placed where!

### Staff Changes

In September we will be welcoming two new names (but not new staff) to New Hall. Both Miss Jeff and Miss Jaremko will be getting married during the holiday. We send every good wish to both of them for fabulous wedding days! We look forward to welcoming Mrs Lucas and Mrs Stevenson back after the holiday.

## Sports Day



A special thank you to Mrs Palmer for her excellent skills in organising a successful, if meltingly hot, sports day. All parents seemed to enjoy the new format. Thanks also to Mr Pritchard, one of our Sports coaches for giving up his time to spend the day with us.

# GOVERNOR AWARDS Friday 19 July 2013

Nursery— George

Team Barham - Chloe

Team Preston—Benjamin

Team Boyce - Tilly

Team Wood - Elizabeth

Team Davis - Vanessa

Team Palmer - Tanya

Team M/J - Zainab

Team Trevelyan - Kiera

Team Spiers - Christopher

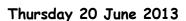
Team Roberts— Fahan

# Year 6 leavers

Year 6 were able to enjoy their Violet Ball last Friday and were then joined by the rest of the school at the disco. Thanks to all helpers and volunteers from Friends of New Hall who put so much effort into this event each year. A good time was had by all!

Tonight (Thursday) will see the Y6 production of The Frog Prince and like me I'm sure you are looking forward to it. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of Year 6 for their hard work this year. We are very proud of what they have achieved in their SATs - with some exceptional results. More importantly we know that they leave New Hall with the strength and knowledge that they can achieve great things, with a positive attitude and outlook on life. Thanks to all staff who have contributed to their learning and well being over the years.

### STARBURST AWARDS





Nursery— Dakota

Team Barham - Jake

Team Preston— Julien

Team Boyce - Riah

Team Wood - Hajira

Team Davis - Boe

Team Palmer - Yusuf

Team M/J - Ryan

Team Trevelyan - George

Team Spiers - Olivia

Team Roberts—Isobelle

### Art Week

Thank you to the parents who attended the day when we learnt all about the artist Kandinsky. I think staff and pupils alike are becoming refined art critics! Look out for further art events next year.

### School Changes during the Summer

As previously mentioned, there will be some significant changes to the school environment during the summer holidays. A new trim trail will be put in for Key Stage 1, as well as a new wireless system, which will mean better coverage for outside IT learning.

The entrance used by pupils will also be refurbished during the summer. This will mean very soon after we return that pupils will be coming in through the 'wet play' entrance every day and going straight to class from 8.45pm. We feel this is a better and calmer way for pupils to be ready to access their learning as soon as the bell goes. Parents will still have opportunities to talk to classteachers at the end of the day, when collecting children. For the first week in order to settle all children into their new classes, existing arrangements will remain. So, in September, for the first week only parents will be allowed onto the playground in the mornings.

#### OPEN AFTERNOON

Open afternoon - thank you to all of the parents who attended the Open afternoon and were able to meet their child's new teacher and see where their new classroom is. Parents in Team Qayyum were also able to meet and welcome Mr Qayyum, our new Y3/4 teacher from September. On behalf of staff and governors we are delighted to welcome Mr Qayyum to the New Hall team. We are continuing to develop the inside space aswell as the outside environment. This has meant that we have two additional classrooms. The library and Wraparound have been relocated to make better use of space, in order that Miss Jaremko and Mrs Jurczak have classrooms in order to teach intervention groups.

#### School Rules:

Our school rules were devised by School Council and state:

RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS AND
THE
ENVIRONMENT

#### St Chads Church

You are invited to a service at St Chads on Sunday 1 September to celebtrate and pray for the work of those schools both in the parish and close by that many of the children in the parish attends. Any questions call Edwina Wallace on 0121 329 2995.