



# NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2013

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Welcome back once again to the new term/year at New Hall. The children look so smart and ready for school and we have had two fantastic weeks, of getting to know new arrivals and also welcoming back existing students. Our new Reception children have settled so well into New Hall and are an absolute delight. Well done to each and every one of them. Nursery class also have started their school life so well, and really seem to be enjoying the last few days of Summer by accessing their learning outside, in our fantastic EYFS area.

Thanks also for all of your support with the new drop off and home time arrangements. These new procedures have been put in place to make a smoother, calmer entrance into school and also to help ease congestion at the end of the day. We are delighted that we have ever expanding numbers at New Hall - a testament to the fact that we heading in the right direction to be 'outstanding'! We have received many positive comments about how easier the new arrangements are. Please bear in mind that all classteachers are available at the end of each day should you need to see them for any matter.

## Dates for the Diary



Parents Evening - Weds 25 Sept  
Harvest Assembly—Thurs 26 Sept  
School Closed to pupils - Friday 27 Sept  
Breakfast Reading Club - Weds 2 Oct

HALF TERM - Mon 28 Oct - Fri 1 Nov

Pupil photos - Tues 5 Nov

Parent lunches ( further details to follow:)

Team Preston - Weds 2 Oct  
Team Barham - Weds 9 Oct  
Team Boyce - Weds 16 Oct  
Team Wood - Weds 23 Oct  
Team Davis - Weds 13 Nov  
Team Qayyum - Weds 20 Nov  
Team Trevelyan - Weds 27 Nov  
Team Malanaphy - Weds 4 Dec  
Team Palmer - Weds 15 Jan  
Team Spiers - Weds 22 Jan  
Team Roberts - Weds 29 Jan

Pupil Christmas lunch - Weds 11 Dec

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY— Mon 23 Dec  
Pupils back to school Mon 6 Jan

Last Thursday we were able to reveal the identities of our House Captains and Head Boy and Girl for 2013-14. As Headteacher I always feel so proud of our pupils during these occasions and Thursday was no exception. It is good to see such confident Year 6 children - I know that we are going to have a tremendously hardworking Year 6, who will be positive role models to other pupils. Well done to each and every one of you - you should recognise that the pupils of New Hall listened to what you had to say and voted for you.

**Head Boy** - Rico

**Head Girl** - Miah

### House Captains

Wyndley—Jason and Amy

Bracebridge- Kayleigh and Christopher

Longmoor—Shannon and Vincent

Powell — Lauren and Ayanna

### New Information, Advice and Guidance for the Unemployed

We are fortunate to be working with 'Our Place' based in Sutton this year, and one of the services we are offering is information, guidance and advice should you need help with CVs, application forms, letter to companies or interview techniques. This is a completely free service and will be running on a Wednesday afternoon from 1-3pm. Pop in and have a chat.

### Harvest time

26<sup>th</sup> September 2013

9.30 Key Stage 1 10.30 Key Stage 2

Our Harvest Festival seems to get bigger and better each year, and we are always so grateful for your wonderful contributions which help support families and individuals. This year the event will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September - we hope you can join us.



## STARBURST AWARDS



Thursday 19 September 2013

Team Boyce - Connie

Team Wood - Chloe S

Team Davis - Chloe P

Team Qayyum—Kash

Team M/J - Callum

Team Trevelyan - Brandon

Team Spiers - Lucy

Team Palmer - Charlotte

Team Roberts - Alesha

### School goals for this year

For the next school year 2013-13, our school goals are:

To ensure that all year groups meet National Expectations

To make learning 'personal' to meet the needs of all individuals

To prepare New Hall for the new curriculum, starting September 2014.

If you would like any further details please pop in and ask.

### School Meals



Since the start of term we have taken on a new school meals provider called CMC. The weekly menus are slightly different than we have provided before but we hope you will agree they are more nutritional and appealing to the children. We also now offer Fish & Chips on a Friday rather than Pizza.

You will have the opportunity to come and try our school meals throughout the Autumn term. More information to follow.

## Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaire during the Open afternoon in July. Your opinions as parents matter. As a school we are always striving to make things better - we think we do a good job, and it is only by you telling us, that we know if there are any concerns. As parents we seek your opinions after any event in school so that we can improve anything that you feel is not quite right. Please feel free to let us know if improvements can be made.

The results show that you really do recognise the important job that we do here for your children. The very large majority of parents either agreed or strongly agreed with all of the statements below.

- My child is happy.
- My child feels safe.
- My child is making progress.
- My child is taught well.
- My child receives appropriate homework for their age.
- The pupils are well behaved.
- The school deals effectively with bullying.
  
- The school is well led and managed.
  
- The school responds well to any concerns.
  
- I receive valuable information about child's progress.

The lowest scoring statement (with 93% of parents agreeing/or strongly agreeing) related to receiving valuable information about your child's progress. We will continue to work on improving this. Currently there are many opportunities for you to discuss your child's progress, either informally at the end of the day, or through parents' evenings and workshops. Your child also has goals in Literacy and Numeracy to work on and a personal target which we hope will benefit them. Please ask your child what their goals are for this half term. Please let us have your thoughts on how we can improve this.

## Twitter



We now have a Twitter account so please follow us to see what the children have been doing @ NewHallpri

## School Rules:

Our school rules were devised by School Council and state:

RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS AND  
THE  
ENVIRONMENT