

# **NEWSLETTER JUNE 2014**

It has already been a busy start to the second half of the Summer term.

The Happy Puzzle came to visit us last week and all classes were able to spend some time working together in teams to problem solve. The excitement was infectious and I'm sure the children came home talking about what they had achieved. It was lovely to see parents come in at the end of the day to have a look at some of the activities that the children had tried.

We are seeing an increasing number of girls who are arriving in school wearing make up, this is not something that the school supports and we feel it is unacceptable. Please support us by not allowing this to happen. Any child who is found to be wearing make up will be asked to wash it off.

The children in Reception have coped really well coming in the main entrance in the mornings with the rest of the school, as part of their transition for next year. Please can we remind parents that it is perfectly safe to leave the children at the gate, as there are three members of staff on duty to see your child into school. It really helps promote their independence by letting them walk that short distance by themselves, knowing that they are safe. In the week before half term we had a whole school focus on 'Staying Safe on the Roads'. This was to make all pupils aware of the dangers and also how to avoid them. As we near the summer holidays a gentle reminder for all pupils hopefully will be the prompt they need to stay safe.

Thank you to the parents who took up our invitation to discuss Internet Safety with PCSO Nikki Harrison. Although there were only a few parents, feedback was extremely positive and parents found it useful. Key Stage 2 pupils also had the opportunity to find out how to keep themselves safe on Internet. The children were made aware of how easy it is to leave themselves vulnerable when using the Internet, playing games or using social media. Please speak to your children about what they have learnt and have a raised awareness of what they are doing when on the Internet.

#### Dates for the Diary

Thursday 19 June - Nursery Class Assembly Tuesday 1 July - Sports Day Wednesday 2 July - Year 6 transition day at Fairfax School Friday 4 July - Inset Day Monday 7 July - School open Last day of term for pupils — FRIDAY 18TH JULY 2014. All pupils to return to school on TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2014.

# <u>SCOOTERS &</u> <u>BIKES</u>



Please can you make sure that your child is aware that under no

circumstances should a bike or a scooter be ridden through School grounds.

### SUMMER BIRTHDAY FUNDAY

On Saturday 14th June is going to be a fun packed day at the following venues:-

#### Children's Art & Craft morning

10.30am - 12.30 Falcon Lodge Methodist Church £1 per child Adults free

#### Afternoon Tea

2.30pm - 4.30pm St Chads, Hollyfield Road

£1 per person

Family Quiz Night

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Falcon Lodge Chapel

£1.50 per person inc light supper

Children under 12 free

All proceeds towards the Falcon Lodge Christmas Tree Fund

# BISHOP VESEY GRAMMAR

#### <u>SCHOOL</u>

Opening evening at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School on Tuesday 24th June from 6pm -8pm for ones interested for a place in September 2015. If you want to learn more visit their website or book an appointment via s.weblin@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk.

## SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS

On Sunday 31 August at 5pm a Support for School service is going to be held at St Chads Church. It will be a time to celebrate, pray for the work of your school and give thanks. All are welcome to attend.

#### SCHOOL DINNERS

Reminder - from Monday 28th April the price of School dinners have now increased to £10.25 per child per week. All lunch money needs to be handed into class in a sealed envelope. If you have any queries please contact the School office.

### PAYMENTS BY CHEQUE

Please make all cheques payable to 'New Hall Primary & Children's Centre'.

### ART FOCUS WEEK

We have really enjoyed learning about Andy Warhol during Arts Focus Week. We enjoyed a fantastic assembly where 'Andy Warhol' told us all about his life and what inspired his art work.

KS1 took part in a workshop where they learnt how to draw portraits, making sure all the features are in proportion. Parents enjoyed this workshop too. We also had a go at drawing different hairstyles and then mixed colours to paint our portraits. There has been some beautiful pieces of work produced this week.

#### School Rules

Our school rules were devised by School Council and state:

RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT