



## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2014

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope that you managed to make the most of the weather and enjoy some family time together with your children. A particularly warm welcome to new parents whose child/ren have started at New Hall. We look forward to building positive relationships with you and your child/ren so that they get the happiest education possible, where learning is fun and they achieve all that they can.

### Contact forms

As always in the technological world that we now all live in, the best way of communicating with you is via email and text. This is my annual plea to you to make sure that we have up to date contact forms with correct telephone numbers and email addresses. Emails are a fast way of communicating with you, and mean that you receive newsletters etc to read at your leisure. Last year there were still many instances when we were not able to contact parents in an emergency. This not only causes your child distress, but also makes you as a parent feel awful if that situation occurs. Please remember to update new numbers if you have had a new mobile throughout the year.

### New Behaviour Policy

You may be aware from the news that the Government have been changing quite a lot of legislation when it comes to education. As a result of this at New Hall, we have amended our Behaviour policy to reflect some of the changes that the government require of us. It will shortly be on the website, however should you wish to see a paper copy then please come into school and ask.

### Parent's evening

Last year's parents evening in September proved to be very successful with great attendance in support of your child. As a result this year we will be doing it again on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**. This is a chance to meet your child's teacher and get to know all of the routines and procedures that will ease the way into school life. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Inspire Workshops

There will be 2 Inspire Workshops throughout the year when you can come in and work with your child/ren. Dates to follow soon.

## Harvest Festival

We look forward to seeing parents in Years 3 & 4 ONLY at our **Harvest Festival on 18th September**. As a school our pupil numbers continue to grow, and as a result, due to health and safety limitations regarding numbers in the school hall, it has been decided that for many of our 'one off' annual events such as Christmas and Easter, only pupils from particular year groups will be presenting to parents. As a result, EYFS will perform Christmas, KS1 will perform Easter and Year 6 will perform their Leavers Production. Children across the school will still continue to learn about these important events and contribute, however they will not 'perform' for the parents. Of course, all classes during the year will perform a class assembly. Thank you for your understanding in this matter, we are aware that some parents may be a little disappointed but feel that we have no other choice.

## PTA

Calling all parents - would you like to show your support for the school and your child/ren? We are desperate for a Parent Teacher Association to become part of our school again. If you could spare some time to help out at any events, or have some fantastic new ideas to raise much needed funds for the school please get in touch. We are really hoping to buy some new Ipads for the pupils to use and we could really benefit from having a dedicated team of parent helpers who have some fresh ideas to amaze us with.

## HEAD BOY & GIRL

We are proud to announce our new Head Boy and Girl. Our Head Boy is Liam and Head Girl is Mea. Well done Liam and Mea. May you continue to be good examples to the rest of the children at New Hall.

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

Powell - Ben & Kai

Bracebridge - Lucy & Taylor

Longmoor - Eleanor & Fizzah

Wyndley - Jamie & Mollie

## FAIRFAX SCHOOL

Year 6 Open evening at Fairfax School is on Tuesday 16 September 6-9pm.

## BISHOP WALSH SCHOOL

Year 6 received a flyer advertising the Open Evening Bishop Walsh School. There was a typing error on the flyer and the correct date for their Open Evening is Tuesday 16 September 7-9pm.

## MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

We have recently had a lot of medical appointments made during school time and are taking place on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure these are booked out of school time or during school holidays to avoid any disruption for the child. If an appointment needs to be made please provide the relevant appointment letter/ card when collecting your child during school time.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE

### MORNING

We are holding a coffee morning on **Friday 26th September** from 9.30. Please help us raise money and come along for coffee and cake in the Children Centre.

## SCHOOL VACANCY

If you are interested in some casual part time work as a Lunchtime Supervisor please contact the school office on 0121 464 5170 or pop in to see Mrs Page, the School Business Manager.

## RECYCLING FOR SCHOOLS

The Recycling Factory are introducing a new fantastic scheme, Recycling for Schools. It is an easy way to raise funds for your school as well as raising awareness about recycling. All you need to do is bring any working mobile phones, gadgets or empty inkjet/toner into school. A collection box will be positioned in reception. In return your school will receive a small donation.

## STAR BURST AWARDS

### **Thursday 11 September**

Team Wood - Robert  
Team Davis - Thandiwe  
Team Trevelyan - Elle  
Team Qayyum - Bakari  
Team Toomer - Corey  
Team Huxley - Kye  
Team Palmer - Jiranan  
Team Hall - Grace

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 18 September - Harvest Festival Assembly

Thursday 2 October - Team Hall class Assembly

Wednesday 15 Oct - Individual children Photos

Thursday 23 October - Team Palmer class assembly

**Half term - Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October**

**School re-open - Monday 3 November**

### School Rules:

Our school rules were devised by School Council and state:

RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT