



NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2014

Parents Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents at Parents' Evening last week. We hope that the information you received in terms of how well your child/ren has settled into their new classes was informative. Parents' evening is also an opportunity to let you know which targets your child will be concentrating on in order to improve their learning and make progress. If you have any concerns at anytime during the school year then please do come and see us. Like you we want your child to be happy, work hard and make progress and behave appropriately - we can only do this if we work together. Please be advised that the best time to speak to classteachers is at the end of the day. Classteachers are also happy to hold telephone conversations after school if that is preferable.

Results from Questionnaires

Thank you to all the parents who completed the questionnaire during our Open Afternoon in the summer term. Analysing the results shows us once again that the overwhelming majority of our parents feel that their child is happy and safe at

New Hall, which is absolutely fantastic.

The overwhelming majority of parents also feel that their child is making good progress and is taught well. A few parents would like to be made more aware of how we deal with bullying. As you are know we already have a new Behaviour Policy in place, which can be found on the school website

www.newhall.bham.sch.uk or paper copies from reception. A few parents would also like more information if their child needs extra support - Miss Cookson our SENCo is available in the afternoons if you have any further concerns with this. Please also see our SEN statement on the school website again, which provides further information for you.

Harvest In Reception

The children in Reception did lots of talking about Harvest and why we were donating tins and packets of food. We learnt some Harvest songs and sang these to our parents and carers. Thank you to everyone who came and listened to their lovely singing!

Years 3 & 4 Harvest Festival

Lower Key Stage 2 would like to say a big thank you to all the people who supported our Harvest Festival by sending food and attending our celebration.

Years 3 & 4 Harvest Festival

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It was a joyful occasion with poems from Team Huxley and Team Qayyum, thoughtful prayers from Team Toomer and lovely singing from everyone! All your kind contributions were given to the 'Second Thoughts' charity who help distribute food to local families in need.



National Poetry Day

Thursday 2nd October was National Poetry Day. Throughout school we read a range of poetry, listened to poems and wrote some of our own. Key stage 1 gathered inspiration from the story 'The Smartest Giant in Town' to write their own rhyming poem. Lower key stage read poems and picked out the key information, as well as looking for the rhyme. In Upper key stage 2 the children read the poem 'In Flanders Field' and wrote their own versions. National Poetry day gave the children and staff the opportunity to enjoy and explore a range of poems.

Reception Reading Inspire

Last week Reception held their Reading Inspire Workshops. We shared a story using some puppets to help us make the story exciting and talked about looking at the pictures to help us tell the story. Then parents and children had the chance to make a wooden spoon puppet or a sock puppet to take home.



We look forward to seeing more parents at our next Inspire Phonics Workshop, in the week beginning 13th October.

Football

So far we have played against Penns Primary and Minworth and we should play against St Nicholas on Friday depending on the weather. The boys have tried their absolute best in each of the matches and we have awarded the following so far this season:

'Man of the Match' Charlie and Taylor
'Star Player' Alex and Ben

Team Palmer's New Blog

Team Palmer have a new online blog to showcase our writing. We have added descriptive recounts of the Pompeii disaster and our favourite work from National Poetry Day. The blog has already been visited by people in Germany and USA! We will be adding more examples of our work throughout the year. Please visit us at <http://nhteampalmer.blogspot.co.uk> and leave your comments.

Bishop Walsh Year 7 Family Mass



Would like to invite you to join their special Evening Mass on Wednesday 22 October at 7pm. The Mass will take place in the School's Sports Hall followed by refreshments and opportunity to meet with other children and parents. Please call Julie Stewart at the school on 0121 351 3215 ext 2223 or email j.stewart@bishopwalsh.net to confirm your attendance.

Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Children's Centre

Thank you to the parents from the Children's Centre and school staff who supported our Macmillan Coffee morning. We managed to raise an impressive £96.93

Childline



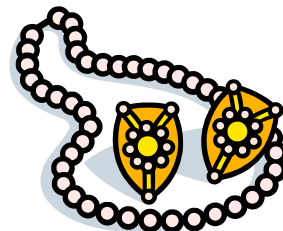
Pupils in Years 5 & 6 have had an assembly with regard to Childline this week. During the assembly they met 'Buddy' the speech bubble, heard about the ways in which Childline can support children and how to get in touch. The children discussed the type of worries they might face and learnt that it's

important to talk about these worries and get them sorted out. The assembly was followed by workshops with Team Hall and Team Palmer a week later where the children had the opportunity to discuss made-up scenarios and decide if the children concerned would need to speak to a trusted adult. Look out for the stickers and booklets coming home.

School Uniform

It has been lovely to see so many children coming to school dressed so smartly this term. Please be aware that large or looped earrings and necklaces should not be worn to school. Children who are found wearing these will be asked to remove them, due to Health and Safety concerns.

Nail varnish and transfer/tattoos are also not allowed. Please support us by encouraging your child not to use these items during the school week.



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

New Erdington and Sutton Coldfield Group Launch Invitation for professionals, grandparents and anyone interested in learning more about the issues. Taking place on Wednesday 22 October 10.30 - 12.30pm at Chester Road, Baptist Church, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5HU.

To book a place call Louise on 07969361663 or email dewey70hr@outlook.com

For general information :

www.grandparents-association.org.uk

Tel : 01279 428 040

Please note unfortunately children cannot be accommodated at this group.

School Dinners

Reminder -Price of School dinners are £2.05 per child per day. All lunch money needs to be handed into class in a sealed envelope. If you have any queries please contact the School office.



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.

Year 5/6 Children

Walking Home Alone

If you wish to give permission to your year 5/6 child/ren to walk home alone we must receive this in writing and clearly signed by parent/carer.



Star Burst Awards

Thursday 25 September

Team Wood - Nadine
Team Davis - Konor
Team Trevelyan - Darren
Team Qayyum - Ben
Team Toomer - Mustafa
Team Huxley - Mwizukanji
Team Palmer- George
Team Hall - Millie

Thursday 9 October

Team Wood - Maddison
Team Davis - Lexi
Team Trevelyan - Morgan
Team Qayyum - Vanessa
Team Toomer - Elen
Team Huxley - Tiara
Team Palmer - Alex
Team Hall—Tyler

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 14 October - Afternoon Tea Reading Club

Wednesday 15 October - Individual children Photos

Thursday 23 October - Team Palmer class assembly

Half term - Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October

School re-open - Monday 3 November

Tuesday 11 November - Robot day for Years 5&6

School Rules:

Our school rules were devised by School Council and state:

RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT