



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2014

As the Autumn term draws to a close and the winter nights roll in it gives us all a time to reflect on what a busy term we have had here at New Hall. I am delighted to report that we have successfully achieved the Artsmark. This has been down to the hard work of the staff, pupils and parents and is a great accomplishment. A huge thanks to Miss Wood for putting our file of evidence together. Thanks to all members of the community in making our school environment worthy of this award.



Staff Changes

We have some goodbyes to make. Mrs Trevelyan will be leaving us to spend more time with her family. We have been fortunate to appoint Mrs Talliss, an experienced teacher to replace her. We wish Mrs Trevelyan well and thank her for the contributions she has made to the school, Mrs Preston who has been on

maternity leave since April, has decided not to return to New Hall, and instead have a career break to care for her son. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and wish her well for the future.

Once again thank you for all of the support that you have given to the school and your children this term. I hope that you have been able to come to some of the many events that have been put on which have involved parents, be it workshops, parent lunches or reading clubs.

Can I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas with your families.

CHILDREN IN NEED

A big thank you to all who came dressed as a Super hero and bought our Pudsey Bear biscuits. We managed to raise an amazing £340.36. Thank you to everyone.

REPORTING ABSENCE

Reminder to all parents if your child is absent from school please call the office giving the reason for absence before 9.30 if possible.

CHEQUES

Any cheques that are sent into school please make them payable to: New Hall Primary & Children's Centre.

POPPY APPEAL

We managed to raise a total of £55.77 for Poppy Appeal. Many thanks for your contributions—I'm sure you are aware that this year marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, so it was especially poignant.

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS PROGRAMME 2015

Being a parent is hard work and often feels like 50% guilt and 50% worry!
It can also be one of the most fulfilling and important roles that we are likely to have in life. Time Out for Parents is a fantastic informal programme where you can pick up tools and strategies for common parenting issues and get some tips on how to build better family relationships!

Starting 19th January
Mondays , 9:30am- 11:30am
Where: Duke Street Church, Duke Street, B72 1RJ
(Free car parking)
Cost: £1:50/week towards printed resources & refresh-ments for parents of Our Place Schools
Booking: Call 0121 354 40 80

ATHLETIC TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 3rd December, 25 pupils from Y5 and Y6 visited Arthur Terry School to compete in an indoor athletics event. Each child took part in one track and one field event to try to earn the most points for their school. Our children were fantastic role models - behaving beautifully and trying their best at each event. Well done to all the children who took part and thanks once again for the overwhelming support from parents.

GRANDPARENT READING CLUB

Thank you to all the grandparents who joined us for the grandparent's reading afternoon. It was lovely to see the children so engaged in their reading, sharing books and talking about their love of reading. Feedback from grandparents also showed how much they enjoyed the experience, please look out for the next one in the spring term!



RECEPTION TRIP TO CONKERS

The children in Reception enjoyed a visit to Conkers last week. They enjoyed making Robins out of tissue paper and went on a magical walk through the woods to find Father Christmas! Luckily they were all on his good list and received a present. The children really enjoyed a ride on the Christmas train and a play on the adventure playground too.



KEY STAGE 1 TRIP TO SUTTON PARK

On Friday 5th December, Key Stage one went to Sutton Park to experience nature outdoors. We explored the park and learnt about the many creatures that live there, including rabbits, mice and foxes. We found out lots of information from the park rangers and had a go at building our own dens for some of the creatures to live in. We had a great time and learnt lots!



BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

AFTERNOON

Lovely to see lots of parents attending our Business Enterprise afternoon. Many items the children made were sold.

Team Hall, Palmer & Jurczak £93.20

Team Huxley, Toomer & Qayyum £50.82

Team Trevelyan, Davis & Wood £62.71

Team Barham & Carpenter £49.76

Total takings for the afternoon: £262.25

Thank you to everyone who attended.

SUTTON COLDFIELD RUGBY

FOOTBALL CLUB

A request for help - Sutton Coldfield Rugby football club are looking to grow their squad.

If any Year 5's who might like to give Rugby a go please contact one of the following people:-

Nicola Fisher - 07931 100783

John Sheard - 07791747345

Alex Stewart - 07887 555632

Training sessions take place on a Sunday at 10.15 am at Walmley Road.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Every Friday a mobile library will be parked on Churchill Road, Ogleby Drive end from 2pm - 3pm and then in lay by opposite shops, Churchill Road from 2.30pm-4.15pm. This is a free service to all adults and children.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

19 December - School closes at 3.20 pm

5 January - School re-opens

7 January - Team Davis Parent Lunch

14 January - Team Huxley Parent Lunch

21 January - Team Toomer Parent Lunch

22 January - Team Toomer Assembly

28 January - Reception Eye Tests/Team

Qayyum Parent lunch/Parents Evening

4-6 February - Whitemoor Lakes for Year 6

STAR BURST AWARDS

Thursday 20 November

Team Wood - Danny

Team Davis - Kaiah

Team Trevelyan - Dominic

Team Qayyum - Ruby

Team Toomer - Chloe

Team Huxley - Tobi

Team Palmer- Shanice

Team Hall - Tanya

Thursday 27 November

Team Wood - Dylan

Team Davis - Myriam

Team Trevelyan - Ciara

Team Qayyum - Elle

Team Toomer - Zak

Team Huxley - Chloe

Team Palmer - Kishari

Team Hall - Luke

Thursday 11 December

Team Wood - Benjamin

Team Davis - Moysha

Team Trevelyan - Lexie

Team Qayyum - Jayvon

Team Toomer - Rehan

Team Huxley - Dylan

Team Palmer- Tonis

Team Hall - Hadley