



NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016

It hardly seems possible that the spring term is almost over. Despite being short, it has been packed with exciting learning opportunities for our children, as you will see from this newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming the children back after Easter. Let's hope that the sunshine continues during the holiday.

Staff changes

We have successfully appointed two new teachers for the summer term. Miss Durning will be working in Key Stage 1 with Year 1. Miss Steadman will be working across the school during the summer term. This is due to the increasing numbers of children as we move to a 2 form entry school.

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Mrs Talliss, who joined us last January. We wish her well.



WHITEMOOR LAKES TRIP

On Wednesday 24th February - Friday 26th February Year 6 enjoyed a residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes. The children took part in many activities including: abseiling, high ropes, zip wire, fencing, archery and problem solving. The children's team work, effort and perseverance was clear for all to see. Mr Hall and Mrs Lucas were proud of every child - well done!



WORLD MATHS DAY

On Wednesday 2nd March, New Hall took part in World Maths Day. Children enjoyed linking Maths with their Topic work. Nursery and Reception did problem solving games, Years 1 and 2 played penguin games, Years 3 and 4 solved challenging Chinese puzzles and Years 5 and 6 made clay models for their Greece topic.



EYFS TRIP TO CHURCH

EYFS have been learning about how people celebrate Easter. We learnt some lovely songs which had actions too. On Tuesday 15th March we put on our high vis jackets and walked down to church. We enjoyed singing our songs and listening to the Easter story with Deacon Linda.

FARM TO FORK TRIP

On Monday 7th March, Mrs Toomer took some lucky year 3/4 children to Tesco on a Farm to Fork trail. During their visit, the children learned where their food comes from by exploring the fruit and vegetable aisle, the bakery, counters and chilled, as well as tasting some exciting new food. We were able to touch, smell and taste different types of fruit and vegetables as well as learning about how and where they grow. They went behind the scenes and met the baker to learn all about how bread is made, as well as visiting the cheese counter to taste cheese they may not have tried before. We also had a close encounter with fresh fish. The children and Mrs Toomer really enjoyed their visit.



YEAR 3/4 TO THE LIBRARY

On Wednesday 16th March Team Toomer took a trip out on the school minibuses to visit Sutton Library. Children met the librarians and got to search for a range of books using the library index catalogue. We found books on China, electricity and books on our future topic 'Reign Over Us'. Children were well behaved and really enjoyed their trip.

POLAR EXPERIENCE

On Tuesday 15th of March, KS1 ventured off on a polar adventure to Twycross Zoo. Finally, it was time to meet the penguins that we have been learning about in class! KS1 had the rare opportunity to get up close and personal with two little penguins in the penguin parade, in which the children could see penguins enjoying their catch of the day. The day was finished off with a visit to animals from slightly warmer continents with the children particularly enjoying the monkeys, elephants and giraffes.



ASHEND FARM TRIP

On Monday 7 March Nursery and Reception went to Ashend Farm. We started the day by meeting an owl called Icky, and some of us got a chance to have him fly onto our arm! We then went and met lots of the different farm animals and learnt about the mummies and their babies. We met baby chicks and ducklings, a baby lamb, some baby kids, a foal calf and lots of piglets. We then fed the different animals and got to stroke or hold them too!



NOTE TO PARENTS

-School will be closed on Thursday 23 June due to the EU Referendum and the school will be used as a polling station. School will re-open on Friday 24 June.

May we remind pupils that have sandwiches can only send dinner money in for Friday (Fish & Chip day) not any other day of the week. This is due to the fact that we pre-order food for the week ahead. Please ensure that dinner monies are paid in advance, sent in clearly marked with your child's name.

- Teacher's Training Date Change
School will now be closed on Friday 13 May 2016 and school will re-open as normal on Monday 16 May. There will no longer be a training day on Monday 6 June 2016 as originally printed.

- Water Bottles

We have a limited supply of New Hall Water bottles in stock. Please visit school office if you would like to purchase for £2.

MOBILE PHONES

We are seeing an increasing number of pupils bringing mobile phones into school for no apparent reason. Please note that mobile phones may only be brought in for 'exceptional' circumstances, as a one off. Parents will need to provide a written letter explaining the 'exceptional' circumstances. Mobile phones found on children will be removed and parents will have to come into school to collect them. This is inline with our Safeguarding Policy.

DIARY DATES

School closed: Friday 25 March - Friday 8 April 2016

School re-open Monday 11 April 2016

School closed for Teachers Training day - Friday 13 May

School re-open Monday 16 May 2016

School closed Half term - Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June 2016

School re-open Monday 6 June 2016.

School closed Polling day -Thursday 23 June 2016

School re-open Friday 24 June 2016

School closed from Monday 25 July to tbc

