



NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2016

As we come to the end of the first half term of the new school year, I would like to thank parents for their support, and particularly for the harvest gifts. The parent 'drop in' sessions, at 3pm every day for a week are proving to be very successful. I hope that they are giving you a good working knowledge of how you can help your child at home, in a fun and interactive way. Look out for more of them on the diary.

ROAD SAFETY

As the dark nights are approaching, another reminder about ensuring that pupils stay safe on the road—wearing reflective clothing and knowing the Highway Code is a good basis for pupils to understand the dangers that can be posed. As always, Road Safety will be highlighted in a week of theme based assemblies in the Autumn Term.

Parents, please be fully aware of your responsibilities as drivers and parents of driving appropriately as you approach our school, so that any potential dangers are kept to a minimum.

Enjoy spending time with your children at half term. We look forward to seeing you all back on the 31st October.

Harvest Festival

Here are a few words that Head Boy Boe and Head Girl Elen had to say about our trip to deliver our harvest contributions. 'On Thursday 6th October 2016 the whole of the school brought in food for the harvest festival to donate to the people that need it most. So we took it to the food bank at the Holy Trinity Church to be sorted into packages ready to be presented to the ill, the poor etc. The Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains were the ones that delivered the contributions safely and sensibly. Thank you parents and carers for helping our school to help others in need!'



On Thursday 6th October, Key Stage 1 shared their Harvest Assembly with the school and their parents and carers. We were delighted to showcase all that we have learnt about Harvest time and how it is celebrated across the world. Using our Talk for Writing actions, we performed the Enormous Turnip off by heart! Team Wood and Team Collett reflected on what we are thankful for and wrote poems to reflect this. Our favourite part was singing and dancing to four songs! In particular, we loved that Welcome to the Autumn Harvest showed off our Indian dance moves linked to our Indian Spice topic. The whole school also enjoyed a visit from Deacon Linda who was astonished at the generosity of all pupils who donated a feast that was taken to a local charity, Second Thoughts.



FREE SPORTS CLUBS

This year we will be offering a variety of extra after-school sports clubs. These clubs will be FREE to attend and children will be invited to join them by staff in school. The clubs on offer during the Autumn term include Team Building for years three and four, Alternative Games for years five and six and Active Dance for girls in KS2. The clubs on offer will change each term and pupils that staff feel would benefit from each club will get a letter home inviting them to attend.

The children already taking part are really enjoying the opportunity to do new activities they would usually not get the chance to try in PE lessons or our existing sports clubs. Look out for your child's invitation!

EARRINGS

We have noticed there is a growing trend of children wearing hooped earrings. Children can **only** wear stud earrings, and children will be asked to remove these if they are arriving in school with them. No earrings are allowed to be worn for PE.

HEALTHY SNACKS

As a Healthy school, can we remind parents that chocolate bars are **not** allowed in lunch boxes. We encourage healthy items in lunch boxes. Children found with chocolate bars will be asked to take them home. For some ideas for healthy snacks please have a look at this website:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/healthy-snacks.aspx>

100%

ATTENDANCE TRIP

EVERY child who achieves 100% attendance for the whole of this academic year, from September 2016 to July 2017, will be offered the chance to go on a **FREE**

trip in July 2017 to the fantastic adventure park Conkers. Here they will have the opportunity to climb through treetops and explore enchanted forest play zones. **All you have to do is be in school every day - easy!**



HIGHCLARE SCHOOL GOVERNORS PRIZE

We are pleased to invite applications for the September 2017 round of the Highclare School of Governors Prize, a means tested bursary to cover up to 100% of the fees for the education of a girl or a boy joining Year 7 of Highclare Senior School in September 2017. Please contact Mrs Madden, on 0121 386 8218 or admissions@highclareschool.co.uk for more details about the assessment and application procedure. Closing date for applications: Monday 14 November 2016

PARENT GOVERNORS

We currently have vacancies on the Governing Body for Parent Governors. If you feel that you have the necessary skills provided, please do come and have a chat with us - being a member of the Governing Body is a worthwhile and rewarding role, and I would urge any parent who has a few spare hours to consider this.

MILK MONEY

With effect from Monday 17 October, milk money will be 85p for the week or 17p per day. Please pay milk money every Monday to the class teacher.

JOB VACANCIES

More job vacancies are now showing on our New Hall website.

New vacancy: *General Assistant—Catering*
12.5 hours, term time only, permanent position
Hours :11.30 - 2pm (may vary on service needs).
Application forms can be printed off from our website or you can ask at our School Office.

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have any children's dolls, cars, trains and books that your children no longer use? If so, we would be grateful if you would donate them to school for use on KS1(Infant) playground to make our lunchtimes even more fun.

KING EDWARD VI FIVE WAYS SCHOOL - SATURDAY MASTER-CLASSES

For Year 4 & 5 pupils - Saturday master-classes in Mathematics, Science, English, Problem Solving & Aptitude, Sport, Performing Arts, Discovering our Past & Our World. Each programme lasting 5 weeks and each Masterclass is of 2 hours duration, 9-11am. All masterclasses take place in the school. If you are interested please contact dchamberlain@kefw.org

CONGRATULATIONS ROB GALBRAITH!

Back in May 2016, Summer and Mason Galbraith's dad approached New Hall with a very generous offer of raising money for New Hall and Macmillan. Rob set himself the challenge of climbing Kilimanjaro. Well on 6 October 2016 Rob did exactly that. He spent 10 days in Tanzania, then 6 days climbing to the correct altitude followed by 2 days running back down Kilimanjaro. What a superstar! Fantastic achievement. Well done Rob.



Starburst for KS1

Thursday 22 September

Team Gilbert - Keion

Team Durning - Ayana

Team Wood - Maisie

Team Collett - Lillie

Starburst for KS2

Thursday 29 September

Team Toomer -Maadiya

Team Whateley - Ava

Team Spencer - Alex

Team Davis - Liberty

Team Roberts - Ciara-May

Team Steadman - Evie

Team Palmer - Demi-Leigh

Team Thomas - Millie

Starburst for KS1

Thursday 13 October

Team Gilbert - Elsie-Beau

Team Durning - Amira

Team Wood - Emilee

Team Collett - Abdoulaye

Starburst for KS2

Thursday 20 October

Team Toomer -Alexis

Team Whateley - Grace

Team Spencer - Isobelle

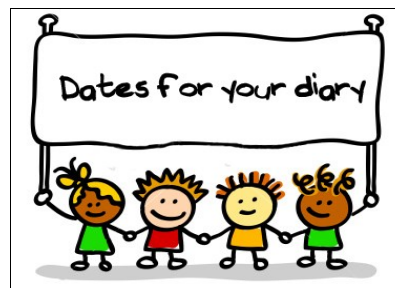
Team Davis - Robert

Team Roberts - Jahnia

Team Steadman - Lewis

Team Palmer - Yusra

Team Thomas - Poppy



Term dates 2016/2017

Autumn Term 2016:

Half term - Monday 24 October 2016 -
Friday 28 October 2016

School re-open - Monday 31 October

Friday 16 December 2016 - Term ends

Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3 January 2017 - Term starts

Half term - Monday 20 February 2017 -
Friday 24 February 2017

Friday 7 April 2017 - Term ends

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24 April 2017 - Term starts

Half term - Monday 29 May 2017 - Friday
2 June 2017

Tuesday 25 July 2017 - Term ends

Please note - Teacher Training days may still be added to the term dates shown above.