



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

As the Christmas holiday season fast approaches, it has been lovely to see so many parents in school for a variety of events. This term has, as always, been extremely busy.

As a school we are delighted with the progress and attainment the children are making. Thank you parents for all of your support, as the work that you do with your child/ren at home, really does have an impact on how well they do at school.

I hope the holidays are peaceful, family based and safe for all our families at New Hall.

Here's to a successful New Year. We look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on Tuesday 3rd January 2017, rested and ready to start their learning again.

All good wishes,

Mrs Hanks

EYFS Christmas Production

The children in EYFS told the story of the nativity through their play, Angel Express. Super singing and big voices all contributed to a wonderful performance which was enjoyed by all the children and everyone that came to see them.



Falcon Lodge Methodist Church

We invite you to join us at our Christmas Celebrations:-

18th December - 5.30pm Carol Service

24th December - 11am Children's Nativity

25th December - 10am Christmas Family Service

YEAR 3/4 TRIP TO BOTANICAL GARDENS

On Monday 5th December, children in years 3 and 4 visited the Botanical Gardens for our trip linked to our science topic 'How Does Your Garden Grow?' We participated in a workshop where we dressed up as insects and flowers, consolidated our learning about the different parts of a plant and learned some new tricks for remembering which parts were male and female.

During our tour, we entered the magical lantern trail, spent some time in the glass houses, completed the nature walk, and even had time to use their play area. We found lots of rare plants, and identified plants that we had heard of but not seen before, such as Venus Fly Traps and the Theobroma Cacao which produces cocoa beans. Everybody that went had a fabulous time.



BOSTON BRASS BAND

On Tuesday 6th December we had a surprise visit from Boston Brass Band. They surprised us by performing flash mob style! They played their instruments down the corridors and in each classroom. The children enjoyed the loud music throughout the afternoon. The band then finished off with an exciting assembly telling us about all of the free activities they offer for the Falcon lodge community.



CURRICULUM

Parents, if you would like to know more about the curriculum planned for your children, this can be found on our website under 'Our School'. If you have any queries please speak to the class teacher.

DINNERS

Parents please adhere to the following :-

- Children can not pick and choose each day what they would like for lunch - dinner or sandwiches. Any changes please notify the school office immediately.
- Fish Friday, is the only day a child who has sandwiches can choose to have a dinner but only if £2.10 has been paid at the start of the week and the office has been informed.
- If you do not have to pay for school meals please still notify us if your child would like to swap from sandwiches or dinners.

Prosecution of parents/carers, Education Act 1996 Section 444

At Victoria Law Court on the 21 September 2016 Re: Prosecution of parents/carers, Education Act 1996 Section 444 a case was heard concerning one of our parents from New Hall.

After hearing the circumstances of the case the Magistrates imposed a fine of £440, costs of £125 and a victim surcharge of £44; a total of £609.

Starburst for KS1

Thursday 1st December

Team Gilbert - Max
Team Durning - Kayson
Team Wood - Ashton
Team Edwards - Evie Lyla

Starburst for KS2

Thursday 8th December

Team Toomer - Marika
Team Whateley - Dakota
Team Spencer - Demi
Team Davis - Dontae
Team Roberts - Billie-Jo
Team Steadman - Haider
Team Palmer - Elle
Team Thomas - Zak

Term dates 2016/2017

Autumn Term 2016:

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