

# NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2017

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you. I hope that you had a fantastic holiday period and were able to have some family time together.

#### New staff

As 2017 begins and New Hall continues to expand, we have taken on even more new staff to cope with our growing numbers. Miss Edwards is our new teacher in Year 2, and we also have Mrs Coughlan working part time in Years 2 & 6. We have been joined by Ms Apps in Reception class and Miss Trueman in Year 4. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to them as they join the New Hall family.

Parents will also be delighted to know that Miss Cookson got married over the holiday and has returned to school as Mrs Wilks. Congratulations all round.

I look forward to seeing you all at parent's evening.

#### TEACHERS TRAINING DAY

Please note the next Teachers Training Day will be Monday 5 June 2017. School will re-open on Tuesday 6 June 2017.

#### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you to you all for your generous donations on Christmas Jumper Day. We all had lots of fun wearing our special outfits



and we raised an amazing £184.92, which will help support children all over the world.



#### KIDS & CARS DON'T MIX

To all drivers, please be extra vigilant while driving or performing manoeuvres close to the school. We had an incident last week when a young child in a pushchair was hit by a car reversing. Traffic enforcement vehicles have also been patrolling the area so please be a safe and responsible driver.

### YEAR 6 PARENT CELEBRATION

On Tuesday 15th November, parents of children in Y6 were invited into school to view and celebrate the work the children had completed during their topic on 'The Great War'. Parents looked at the poppies that their children had made from clay for Remembrance Day and read the emotive poems the pupils had written. Parents were then asked to work with their children to write a short reflection, prayer or thought based on the work they had seen. As always, the children loved sharing their learning with their parents and spoke enthusiastically about their new knowledge. Thank you parents for supporting your children in school.





#### POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Poppy Appeal. We managed to raise £107.29. Without your help, Poppy Appeal would not be able to continue their work.

Thank you

# CAN YOU HELP? HAVING A CLEAR OUT??

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.

# PIGGY BANK ATTENDANCE

Each week the Team that has the best attendance earns a £1. Team Thomas is still in the lead with £3 in their piggy bank. Come on parents lets make sure our children are in every day so they can buy something special at the end of the year.

# 100% ATTENDANCE TRIP-DON'T GIVE UP KEEP ON GOING

Remember 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.

# FOULING THE FOOTPATHS & GRASS VERGES

Sadly we are hearing reports of parents allowing their dogs to foul the footpaths and grass verges and not cleaning up after them. Please help our children and the residents and set a good example by not allowing this to happen.

Just to make you aware you can be given an on-the-spot fine if you don't clean up after your dog. It's often £50 and can be as much as £80. If you refuse to pay the fine, you can be taken to court and fined up to £1,000.

# ACTIVE KIDS 2017

We are now collecting Sainsbury's vouchers. We would love your Active Kids Vouchers. Please donate your vouchers by 30th June 2017. Thank you

#### 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.

#### GOVERNOR AWARDS Friday 16 December 2016

Nursery - Ella Team Carpenter - Khiarna Team Degville - Codie Team Gilbert - Daniel Team Durning - Heya Team Wood - Sienna Team Edwards - Elenor Team Toomer - Zeeshan Team Whateley - Thandiwe Team Spencer - Angel Team Davis - Sarah Team Roberts - Sienna Jo Team Steadman - Eva Team Palmer - Emmie Mae Team Thomas - Muhammad

#### STAR BURSTS

<u>Thursday 12 January 2017</u> <u>EYFS & KS1</u> Team Carpenter - Penny Team Degville - Sophie

Team Gilbert - Grace Team Durning - Marc Team Wood - Rhys

Team Edwards - Leo

## <u>STAR BURSTS</u>

# <u>Thursday 19 January 2017</u> <u>KS2</u>

Team Toomer - Brooke Team Whateley - Dominic Team Davis - Raveena Team Spencer - Kaiah Team Roberts - Faith Team Steadman - Sian Team Palmer - Jamie Team Thomas - Kiera

# TERM DATES 2016/2017



#### Spring Term 2017

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 Monday 5 June - Teachers training day Tuesday 6 June - School open Tuesday 25 July 2017 - Term ends

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