



NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017

As the spring term comes to an end I am reminded of all of the fabulous activities that the children have taken part in this term. There have been so many opportunities for you to join in with events, whether it be workshops, parent lunches or celebration assemblies. As a parent, if you have managed to join us for any of these, thank you once again for your support. The very busy summer term will be upon us soon. For pupils in years 2 and 6 this means there will be SATs. For pupils in year 1 there will be a phonics check also. The pupils have really been working so very hard to showcase their skills in English and Maths this term. Again, as parents thank you for the support you have given them with their studies.

We end the term with our Easter celebrations. Once again we have had an amazing selection of creative ideas for our egg decoration competition. It never ceases to amaze and delight us. Key Stage 1 and EYFS children have looked tremendous in their Easter/Spring hats also. We have some very talented children (and parents) at New Hall.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday. Let's hope the sun shines for us all, so that the children can get out in the fresh air and enjoy it.

Peace be with you.

Mrs Hanks

EASTER BONNET & EGG

WINNERS

EYFS and KS1 decorated an Easter Bonnet and KS2 decorated an egg. Here are the winners and each received an Easter egg:-

Nursery - Lainie-Mai
Team Degville - Ethan
Team Carpenter - Maleeka
Team Gilbert - Grace
Team Durning - Elsie
Team Edwards - Jack
Team Wood - Robbie
Team Whateley - Harry
Team Toomer - Lily
Team Spencer - Millie-Mai
Team Davis - Amari
Team Steadman - Courtnie
Team Roberts - Lincoln
Team Palmer - Elen
Team Thomas - Evie-Leigh

Twycross Zoo

On Tuesday the 14th of March Year One visited Twycross Zoo. The children were very excited to visit the penguins they have been learning about for their Poles Apart theme topic. First stop were the elephants and the giraffes. The children enjoyed sketching both the animals whilst they listened to the zookeepers facts. The main event of the day was the penguin parade in which the children got very close to some hungry penguins at feeding time. The children impressed the zookeeper with their expert penguin knowledge.



Red Nose Day

Thank you everyone for supporting our non-uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief. There were a lot of red outfits and noses on display! We collected £190 which has been given to Comic Relief to help support their many worthwhile causes.

National Waste Week 6th-10th

March

On Friday 10th March, as part of National Waste Week, our School Council hosted for the very first time, 'The Green Fashion Show', which was an opportunity for any creative pupils to showcase their up-cycled outfits made from junk and recycling. The imagination shown by everyone who took part, was quite stunning, and a fun morning was passed with much strutting of outfits on the catwalk!

The School Councillors picked the four winners, one from each phase:

EYFS: Casey

KS1: Lillie

Lower KS2: Kiaha

Upper KS2: Daniel

Furthermore, they decided that all the entrants from Year 4 deserved a runner's up prize as they were a particularly creative Year group.

The School Councillors also took part in a Tri-School Council Litter Pick with Hollyfield and Whitehouse Common Schools, at Rectory Park. It proved a great success and the Councils would like to try to meet every Term to do a litter pick for our local community.



Trip to the Church

On Wednesday 5th April, EYFS went to visit the local church for an Easter Sing-a-long service. The children sang three songs and listened to the Easter Story. The children walked from school to the church and did so very sensibly. Well done EYFS!



Easter Assembly

On Wednesday 5th April, Year 5 performed their Easter Assembly to parents, pupils and Deacon Linda. The children told the Easter story and sang some songs, and Explained what Easter meant to them. The Year 5 staff are very proud of the children for such a grown up performance, beautiful singing and clear, confident speaking. Well done Year 5!

Team Degville's Parent Celebration

Team Degville's parent celebration assembly was a success! We invited parents and carers into class, where we sang Easter songs, shared pictures of the children from this term and gave them an opportunity to look through their books and Learning Journeys. The parents and carers were very impressed with how much progress the children had made over the spring term!

Magic Button our Website

We are happy to announce we now have a language tab on our website. You will find this on the top right hand side of the screen. If you click on the arrow (example below) you will find over 90 languages to choose from. Select the language you need and the website will then be in the required language.



Play Tennis for Free

Over two weekends tennis venues throughout the UK will be welcoming anyone who wants to try tennis. The two weekends are:
Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 May
Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 July
To find out more and to book your free sessions check out the website at www.lta.org.uk/gbtw



Calling all parents, would you like to help the school raise funds? We need a group of willing parents who would like to form a new PTA.

You will be aware from the news and a letter from school that there are to be major cuts in school funding.

Your children are our number one priority, are you able to spare a few hours a term? If so we would like to hear from you. Like you we only want the best for your children. If you are interested please contact Mrs Hanks, Head Teacher.

E-Safety Tip

If you receive any messages or pictures that worry or upset you, talk to an adult you trust. You may also report it online, via the thinkuknow website <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>.

Active Kids 2017

Don't forget to send in any 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.

Children Centre

- Children Centre closed from Monday 10 April to Friday 21 April. Normal services resume on Monday 24 April.

- Children centre will be closed on Thursday 4 May due to local election. Will re-open on Friday 5 May.

Star burst

Thursday 23rd March 2017

EYFS & KS1

Nursery - Evelyn

Team Carpenter - Jake

Team Degville - Olly

Team Gilbert - Karma

Team Durning - Michael

Team Wood - Shakira

Team Edwards - Saffy-Rose

TERM DATES 2016/2017

Spring Term 2017

Friday 7 April 2017 - Term ends

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April 2017 - Term starts

Monday 1st May - School closed

Tuesday 2nd May - School open

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

Monday 5th June - Teacher training day

Tuesday 6th June - School open

Friday 21st July 2017 - Term ends

Monday 24th July—Teacher Training day

Tuesday 25th July—Teacher Training day

Autumn Term 2017

Term starts Tuesday 5 September 2017