



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

Autumn term 2017 is almost at an end. What a busy term we've had. As I reflect on the months since September, as always, we have managed to cram so many events and excitement into the term. In September the children always seem so happy and excited to be coming back to school in new year groups with new teachers. Of course October saw a visit from Ofsted, which we had been waiting for. I am so delighted that they recognised the things that make New Hall a special place to be. I am often told by visitors how fantastic our site and resources are, so it was fabulous to see how Ofsted also recognised the opportunities that we provide for the pupils here. November and December seem to have gone by in a flash, with visits by the children, and visitors to the school. The last week or so has seen a flurry of events (and snow!) leading up to our festive celebrations. It has been lovely to see so many parents coming into school to support their children and support us. I hope you are able to spend some time with your families over the coming holiday time, to relax and enjoy each others' company. I would just also like to say a huge thank you to our new Friends of New Hall, it is amazing to see such commitment from a group of parents. Enjoy the holiday. Peace be with you.
Mrs Hanks

Thank You Mr 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. 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. With the money that Rob raised we were able to book a Theatre company to come into school and put on a production of Aladdin. The children had the privilege on 8th December to watch a fantastic production in the comfort of their own school. What a treat. Thank you Hurricane Productions and thank you so much Mr Galbraith.

RE Workshop Day

On Wednesday 15th November, we had a visitor who came to talk to us about "Community, Service and Compassion". Joy Howell visited from Barnabas in Schools and carried out workshops with years 3-5 throughout the day. We all had an assembly with Joy in the morning where we heard a Bible story about a man who was paralysed. Joy read the story and we learned about how it showed the values of community (or teamwork), service (helping someone else) and compassion (caring for others). The children all enjoyed the story and sang a song about doing the right thing.

RE Workshop continued...

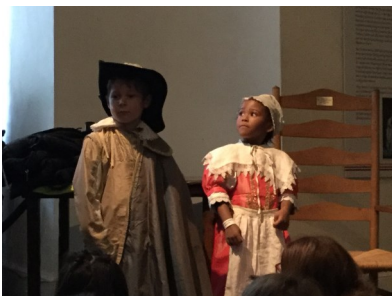
In the workshops, the children put themselves in other people's shoes and thought about being compassionate. They thought of things they could do to help (or serve) others so that they could support people in the community and around school. Everybody enjoyed the workshops and learned a lot about caring for other people!



Tamworth Castle Trip - Year 1

On Thursday 23 November, Year 1 visited Tamworth Castle as part of their theme work. Children took part in various workshops throughout the morning which involved laying the table for the lady of the castle, dressing in rich clothes, using a sword and dressing in the suit of Armour.

After lunch, children had a tour of the inside and outside of the castle and enjoyed spotting the different features that they had previously learnt about in their history lessons. From the top of the battlements children were able to see across the whole of Tamworth.



Nursery Parent Celebration

On Friday 1st December, Nursery shared their own Learning Journals with their parents. Our children were so excited to welcome their parents into their learning environment. The children have learnt so much already. We would like to thank all Nursery parents/carers who attended. We have had some wonderful feedback. We look forward to repeating this again next year.

Children in Need 2017

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who supported us in raising a generous total of £478.70 for Children in Need. Once again our super head cook, Mrs Galbraith, made over 700 Pudsey cookies, raising £165.70 through sales and the other £313.00 was generated through wearing non-school uniform. Your kindness will help to make a difference to children's lives. Thank you.

Healthy Lunch Box

Can we please encourage children to have a healthy lunch that will keep them fuller for longer. Our children are at school for 6 hours, some are here longer if they attend Wrap Around or after school club. It is vital for your child to have a nutritious lunch to keep them alert and help them learn. Base the lunchbox on foods like bread, rice, pasta or potatoes. Where possible choose wholegrain. Add bite size fruit, fruit pots or dried fruit. Malt loaf, tea cake or fruit loaf for something sweet. Washed down with plenty of water.

Chocolate bars and fizzy pop are not allowed in lunch boxes.

For some more healthy lunch ideas please click on the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#KU5bBUE7HauIGAwc.97>

Reception Nativity

On Tuesday 19th December, Reception performed the Christmas Nativity to their families. The children worked really hard and were very confident when performing! Mrs Carpenter and Miss Degville are very proud of all the children and hope they all have a lovely Christmas and well deserved break!



Christmas Dinner

Thank you Mrs Galbraith for another lovely Christmas dinner for the children and staff. Party hats were worn and crackers were pulled. Thank you

New Hall Nemo's Swimming

There are spaces for children's swimming lessons at New Hall with the New Hall Nemo's. A 10 weeks course, costs £45 starting week commencing 8 Jan. Courses will take place either on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning. If you are interested please contact the swimming instructor, Helen on 07792 181483.

Monies

Reminder, all dinner money needs to be paid in advance no later than the Monday of each week via School Money.

School Money

By now you will have heard about School Money. All trips, dinner money, breakfast club and wrap around payments must be made through School Money.

All of our letters will now be sent via email to your email address we have on file.

If you are not receiving emails/texts from us or having any issues with School Money please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Parentmail

We are no longer using Parentmail to send or receive text messages.

Parents who report their child's absence by Parentmail, now need to contact the school instead.

PTFA

We are delighted that a small group of parents have recently set up a new Parents, Teachers and Friends Association called 'Friends of New Hall.' The PTFA successfully organised a fantastic afternoon for our children at New Hall. A lot of blood, sweat and tears went in to making the Christmas disco possible. Please can we say a huge thank you to our 'Friends of New Hall' making this happen. Thank you as well to our parent volunteers that helped on the day.

This was the first of many fun activities that PTFA have planned. We cannot stress enough that this can only work with your help, support and volunteering. Isn't it lovely to see our children having fun?

Autumn school dinner menu

Please go and look on our website for the new Autumn school dinner menu. The menu rotates each week.

W/C 4 December - Week 1 menu

W/C 11 December - Week 2 menu

W/C 18 December - Week 3 menu

W/C 8 January - Week 1 menu

W/C 15 January - Week 2 menu

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.

E-Safety Tip

Remember: Stay safe online, just as you would when crossing the road. Ask yourself: 'Should I really share that?'

Star Burst

Thursday 23rd November

LKS2

Team Rainbird - Chloe

Team Walker - Faezah

Team Roberts - Marika

Thursday 30th November

UKS2

Team Toomer - Angel

Team Steadman - Amari

Team Palmer - Ryan

Team Thomas - Evie

Thursday 7th December

KS1

Team Wilks - Tyler

Team Durning - Jenna

Team Wood - Treyon

Team Edwards -Obhasha

What's happening?

December

21st - Year 1 assembly at 9.10am

- Nursery Sing Along Christmas songs at 11.15am

- Year 1 & 2 Christmas party

22nd - Reception & Years 3 - 6 Christmas party

School closed from Monday 25th December till Friday 5th January 2018

January 2018

8th - School open

10th - Reception trip to watch Stick Man

17th - Team Toomer parent lunch at 12.30

24th - Team Steadman parent lunch at 12.30

31st - Team Thomas parent lunch at 12.30

February

2nd - Team Edward trip to Kadampa Meditation Centre

7th - Team Palmer parent lunch at 12.30

9th - Team Wood trip to Kadampa Meditation Centre

Half term - Monday 19 February to Friday 23 February

Monday 26 February - School open

Easter holiday - Friday 30 March to Friday 13 April

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 April - School open

Monday 7 May - Bank Holiday school closed

Tuesday 8 May - School open

Half term - Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June

Monday 4 June - School open

Monday 23 July - Teacher Training day

Tuesday 24 July - Teacher Training day

