



## NEWSLETTER MARCH 2018

It's been a busy half term since returning to school, with the addition of the awful weather conditions. Let's hope that we get to enjoy some spring-like weather over the Easter holiday.

We have certainly made the most of the half term, with Reception to Year 3 junk percussion workshops, whole school science week assemblies and workshops and further knowledge for our Y5 children on staying safe online. Further information on these exciting events can be found on Twitter.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the majority of children in Y6, who have shown such great determination to their studies by attending an 8.15 SATS Surgery four days a week since half term. You are a credit to New Hall with your enthusiasm and work ethic and I know this will pay dividends in your SATS results, which in turn, will set you on the right path for secondary school.

Of course these additional sessions would not run without the teachers, so a huge thanks to Mrs Thomas, Mrs Coughlan, Miss Trueman and Mrs Palmer, who have given up so much of their personal time to benefit the children.

I look forward to seeing the spectacular Easter creations for our egg decorating competitions and Easter bonnets.

Have a lovely break.

Mrs Hanks

### World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March the whole school had great fun taking part in World Book Day celebrations. There were lots of fabulous characters around school sharing their love of reading and thank you to all parents and carers who supported their children with dressing up. Everyone had the opportunity to talk, read and share all the wonderful books that inspire us to be great readers. We also welcomed Willy Wonka who worked with Year 2 and 3 to explore his magical factory and helped us invent our own sweets.

It was lovely to see parents, carers and governors reading with children last week. Thank you to all who were able to come. Please continue to encourage your children to read at home, both books and on our interactive reading programme, Bug Club. This will enable them to complete their Spring Home Reading Challenge. Well done to the many children who have completed theirs so far!



## Music Mark Award

Here at New Hall we recognise the value of music education as part of a broad, balanced and relevant school curriculum. Therefore we are excited to announce that in February 2018 we were awarded Music Mark status and are now recognised as a Music Mark School.

We offer brass and string lessons to pupils in Year Four and ensure that pupils throughout all year groups are able to access and engage in a high-quality music education. Music Mark is a strategic lead organisation that works on behalf of its members to enable high quality music education for all young people by influencing, supporting and connecting.



## Dangerous Play

We have had several residents call concerned about some of our pupils doing wheelies in the middle of the road and in front of cars on Langley Hall Drive. Please speak to your child about the dangers of this type of activity.

## Year 2 Maths Workshop

**Would you like support with helping your child with their Maths homework?**

Parents are invited to attend a workshop on Tuesday 27 March at either 9.15am-10.45am or 3.15pm-4.15pm. Please return the tear off slip that your child received at school if you would like to attend, thanks.

## Easter/Spring Competitions

We will be running our Easter Egg/Bonnet competitions for all children on Thursday 29 March.

EYFS/KS1 are to decorate an Easter/Spring themed bonnet from home.

KS2 are to decorate a hard boiled egg from home.

Entries need to be in school on Thursday 29th March and they will be judged during the school day. There will be a prize for a winner in each team.

## PTFA

The Friends of New Hall PTFA would like to thank all parents for their support buying our Valentine's Cards and Love Bug Lollies, we raised over £250 for the school which is fantastic! Some of this will be going towards setting up a new vegetable, fruit and flower garden within the school soon!

Our next event will be an Easter Sale in the hall, after school, 3-4pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We will be selling cakes, drinks and snacks, Easter cards and gifts for the family and running an Easter Tombola - prize every time! Please come along and buy an Easter treat, we hope to see you there!

## School Closed

On Thursday 3rd May school will be closed to pupils for local elections. School will re-open on Friday 4th May.

## September 2018

Please note for the new Academic year 2018/19 we can now confirm, school will be open to pupils on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

## Easter Playscheme 2018

We are running our Easter Playscheme from Tuesday 3 April to Friday 6 April. If you are interested please come and ask for a Registration pack.

## School Dinner Menu

Please go and look on our website for the new school dinner menu. Lots of new choices. Wide range of healthy wholesome foods for the children to experience while at school. This new menu will start on Monday 26 February. If your child would like to have school dinners please contact school office.

There are 3 menus which rotate on a weekly basis.

W/C 19 March - Week 1 menu  
W/C 26 March - Week 2 menu  
W/C 16 April - Week 1 menu

## Monies

Reminder, payments for school dinners should be paid on the Monday of each week, so they are paid one week in advance. Also the price of school dinners are £2.20 NOT £2.

**Are our medical records and emergency contact details up to date for your child?**

**If not please let us know in school office.**

### **Breakfast & Wrap Around Club**

Children that attend Breakfast and Wrap Around Club, all payments need to be made one month in advance via School Money. If payment is not made this may lead to your child's place being lost.

### **Mobile Phones**

We would like to remind parents that children are not allowed to bring mobile phones into school. Mobile phones will be confiscated if brought in.

### **Swimming Lessons**

There are places available for pre-school children to have swimming lessons on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning at New Hall swimming pool. If you would like to know more information please call Helen on 07792 181483

### **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.

### **Star Burst**

#### **Thursday 15 March**

#### **UKS2**

Team Toomer - Keeley  
Team Steadman - Robert  
Team Palmer - Chelsea  
Team Thomas - Ifeoluwa

#### **Thursday 22 March**

#### **EYFS & KS1**

Team Degville - Billy  
Team Carpenter - Jayden  
Team Lynch - On trip  
Team Durning - On trip  
Team Wood - Mason  
Team Edwards - Nikko

## **Dates for your Diary 2018**

**Please note dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances**

### **March**

26th - Year 4 to Guild Hall  
27th - Year 4 to Guild Hall

**Easter holiday - Friday 30 March to Friday 13 April**

### **April**

Monday 16 April - School open  
18th - Nursery to Ash End Farm  
20th - Year 3 to Cosford Air Museum

### **May**

3rd - School closed  
4th - School open  
7th - Bank Holiday school closed  
8th - School open  
22nd - Conkers trip for Reception (rescheduled from December cancelled trip)  
**Half term - Monday 28 May to Friday 1**

### **June**

4th June - School open  
4th - 6th - Year 6 Residential trip to Kingswood  
5th - Year 2 trip to Holdenby House  
18th - Class photos

### **July**

12th - Sports day  
23 July - Teacher Training day  
24 July - Teacher Training day  
**School closed - Wednesday 25 July to Monday 3 September**

**School open to children - Tuesday 4 September**

### **School Values:**

- ◆ Wonder
- ◆ Acceptance
- ◆ Friendship
- ◆ Honesty

### **School rules:**

**RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**