



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018

This half term has got off to a busy start with so many events to make you aware of. Of course Sunday 11th November was Remembrance Day and this year was ever more poignant with it being the centenary. I am so pleased that Year 6 were able to visit the National Memorial in Alrewas, earlier in the term to recognise the significance of this event, and the impact that it has had on all of our lives. As a school we were able to inform all of the children through assemblies during the build up to the day itself.

Anti-bullying Week has also been recognised this term, with a theatre company visit and Odd Socks Day. As the weather continues to get colder and darker, we have been fortunate to have a visit from the local PCSOs to highlight the importance of staying safe on our roads. Always an important message and even more so at this time of year.

Please also remember the procedures should the weather mean that we are unable to open the school. We will text parents and also post on our website and Twitter feed. Of course, local radio will also make announcements.

I hope to see you at our Winter Fair on Friday 7th December, organised by our wonderful PTFA to raise much needed funds for the school.

Mrs Hanks

Anti-Bullying Week

From Monday 12th to Friday 16th November, children and staff at New Hall celebrated Anti-Bullying Week.

The aims of the week were to help children understand

- the definition of respect
 - that bullying is a behaviour choice
 - what bullying is
 - how to deal with bullying
- that we can respectfully disagree with each other and this doesn't have to result in any bullying behavior.

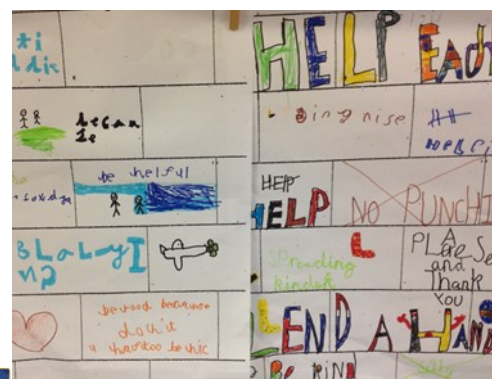
The week was launched with children being invited to join in with the national campaign by wearing odd socks, the idea behind this being to celebrate that whilst we are all different in so many ways, we are also the same. Children continued the discussions around bullying by creating a giant anti-bullying graffiti wall, learning and performing the 'Andy and the Odd Socks' Respect Song and wearing wrist bands to show that they 'choose respect'. The conversations around bullying will continue throughout the school year, ensuring children are always aware of what bullying is and what to do if they see or experience it.

What is Bullying?

We can define this as...

- S** Several
- T** Times
- O** On
- P** Purpose

Ambition for change



Year 6 Trip to The National

Memorial Arboretum

On Thursday 18th and Friday 19th October Team Thomas and Team Roberts went on a trip to The National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas in Staffordshire, as part of their research into their theme on World War 1. The trip proved to be a very special and moving experience for all. While we did not have time to explore all of the 330 memorials spread over the beautifully landscaped 150 acres at the Arboretum, those that we did investigate really made us realise the amount of sacrifice and duty, people from all over the world, had given to ensure that we enjoy the freedoms that we have today. It was truly humbling and all the more significant as it is the centenary of the end of World War 1.

Thank you to those parents and Mr. Smith, who accompanied us on both days, for giving up their time and sharing this valuable experience with us. I am sure it will stay in our memories for a long time.



Children in Need 2018

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts this year by taking part in our 'Spotacular' non-uniform day on Friday 16th November and buying our special Pudsey Bear cookies. We managed to raise a grand total of **£530.40** for Children in Need. Special thanks must be given to Mrs Galbraith for making our special cookies, which helped raise £185 of our final total.



Book Fair

Thank you for a hugely successful Book Fair last week! We really enjoyed seeing a real love of reading throughout the school and so many children excited by a whole host of new books. As a result of so many orders, many books had to be ordered. We are also pleased to share with you that The Book People will send each class some free books for use in the school as a result of our success. Thank you for all of your support!



Silver Award in Philosophy

Exciting news for those philosophers out there...New Hall has been awarded the Silver Award in Philosophy For Children. We achieved this through our excellent philosophy enquiries which not only help the children to become more open thinkers but also help their English skills and support them with becoming thoughtful and open-minded adults. New Hall will now be working hard to achieve the Gold Award and will be having another P4C Day soon (date to be confirmed).



King Edward VI Five Ways School

Saturday Masterclasses 2019 in English, Maths, Science, ICT and Problem Solving, Aptitude & Skills

Saturday Mornings 9am-11am
£4.50 per hour for 10 hours

Venue: St Peters Church, Harborne
www.kefw.org
kefwcommunity@kefw.org

If you are interested, a limited number of flyers can be collected from our reception area.

Pupil Contact Forms

URGENT - If you have not already done so please return your child's completed Pupil Contact form asap.

Birth Certificates

URGENT - Class teachers will now be speaking to parents about missing birth certificate forms. We have sent numerous reminders and still have a large number of missing. It is a school requirement that we have a copy of your child's birth certificate. If you have not already done so, please do this as a matter of urgency.

Graco Booster Seats for sale

Brand new, never been used 3 Graco Booster seats Rugby 8492R6BE.

£5 each, cash only on collection, first come first served. If you would like to purchase, please come to the school office with the money.



Glasses

We have 8 pairs of glasses and 1 pair of sunglasses in our Lost Property. These glasses must belong to someone. If you recognise any in the picture please come to the school Office and collect. Thanks



Dates for your Diary 2018/19

November

30th - Non uniform Day in exchange for Tombola items—more information to follow

December

7th - Winter Fair at 3.15pm
12th - Nursery/Reception Nativity to Nursery/ Reception parents
19th - Year 4 Carol Concert to Year 4 parents
20th - School Discos
School closed: Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January 2019

January 2019

7th - School open
24th - Inset day school closed
25th - Inset day school closed
28th - School open

February

School closed: Monday 18th - 22nd February
25th - School open

March

April

10th - Year 5 Easter assembly to Year 5 parents
School closed: Monday 15th - Friday 26th April
29th - School open

May

6th - School closed Bank Holiday
7th - School open
School closed: Monday 27th - 31st May

June

3rd - Inset day
4th - School open
17th - Class photos
26th - Year 1 Class assembly to Year 1 parents

July

17th - Year 6 Leavers assembly to Year 6 parents
22nd - Inset day school closed

Star Burst 2018/19

Thursday 25th October UKS2

Team Steadman - Brandon
Team Collis - Ava
Team Thomas - Angel
Team Roberts - Kaiah

Thursday 8th November KS1

Team Lynch - Ella
Team Rainbird - Bethany
Team Wood - Maleeka
Team Edwards - Jaydah

Thursday 15th November LKS2

Team Durning - Neva
Team Walker - Joshika
Team Palmer - Rien
Team Scrivens - Joshua

Thursday 22 November KS2

Team Steadman - Bobby
Team Collis - Kaydee
Team Thomas - Miya
Team Roberts - Skye



Well done!!!

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

If not please let us know in

E-Safety Tip

Please download this new app where children can join coding and digital literacy together in a fun and engaging way. Available on iPad only. Go to... <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/swift-playgrounds/id908519492?mt=8&ls=1&app=itunes>

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

Attendance—Golden Balls

Golden Balls winners are:

W/C 29/10/18

Half term



W/C 05/11/18

Team Palmer with 99.2% attendance
9 teams with + 96% attendance

W/C 12/11/18

Team Scrivens 100% attendance
11 teams with +96% attendance

Fantastic results, lets keep going.

