

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018

As we near the end of the autumn term and particularly at this time of year, it is always a time of reflection. We have had an amazing term with so many events and activities that many parents have been able to attend and support. Thank you to each and every one of you, it is

always great to have a catch up at these events and for you to see your children thriving here at New Hall.

Some highlights for me have been the Stories at Six, where parents and

children came back to school, dressed in pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. All pupils and staff very much enjoyed our 'Times Tables Rock Star' day, which was tremendous fun for all.

I hope you are able to have some quality family time as the holiday approaches. As Christians around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus, I wish you a restful, safe holiday time.

Peace be with you all. I look forward to seeing you all in January 2019.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hanks



EYFS & Reception Nativity

EYFS put on a production of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'. This is the story of a disorganised but lovable angel who is finally given a very important job to show the way to Bethlehem. The children sang the songs beautifully and said their lines clearly. It left the audience in no doubt that Christmas is on its way!



Parking & Verbal Abuse

Again we are having to address the same issues about parking. There are a small minority of parents who still continue to either park selfishly and then become rude, shouting inappropriate language. This is unacceptable. As we are in the season of goodwill, let's show a goodwill attitude and be considerate of others including our local residents, other law abiding parents and our children.

Year 1 trip to Tamworth Castle

On Wednesday 21st November, Year 1 visited Tamworth Castle as part of their Theme topic 'Get Out of My Swamp! During their visit, the children were able to revisit previous learning by identifying different parts of a castle such as battlements, arrow slits and a portcullis. The children learned all about how people lived in the past and were able to look around the castle at different rooms from Georgian and Victorian times. The children also enjoyed their two workshops. The first workshop was called 'Squire' and the children learned how to train and dress as a knight. During the second workshop 'Castle Household', the children helped a servant called Lucy to lay a table for My Lord and Lady of the Castle. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day! A special thank you to those parents who gave up their time to attend the trip. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did







Reception trip to Conkers

Reception children enjoyed their trip to Conkers . They watched a Christmas film in the 4D cinema and then enjoyed a train ride before decorating a Robin Redbreast and listening to a story. They then went on a beautiful walk through the woods to find Father Christmas and his reindeers. The children delivered their letters and told Father Christmas what presents they would like. He told them he would speak to his elves and see what they could do! All of the children behaved beautifully and the Reception staff were very proud of them. Well Done Reception!





Have you returned your child's 'Pupil Contact Form'?

We have 32 contact forms outstanding. If you are one of these, <u>please</u> complete the form that was sent home & return immediately. If you have misplaced the form please collect another one from school office.

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

If not please let us know in school office.

<u>Year 5 Space Camp</u>

On Thursday 8th and Thursday 15th November both Team Steadman and Team Collis took part in the exciting annual New Hall Space Camp. Both teams took part in a variety of space themed activities including: Training like an Astronaut, Nebula artwork and learning about the Solar System using 4D space cards. After this, we used the telescope and StarWalk App on the iPads to look at the constellations. Finally, the children got changed for bed and had a hot chocolate and snack whilst watching a space film and falling asleep. The next day the children went into the planetarium to watch a space show and took part in a question and answer session with astronomers. It was fun, educational and a once in a lifetime experience - the Year 5 teachers are still on the road to recovery!





Poppy Appeal

Thank you for very much with helping with our Poppy Appeal.

A total of £87.92 was collected by New Hall. Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.



Dates for your Diary 2018/19

December

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

<u>March</u>

7th - World Book Day

<u>April</u>

4th - Parents Evening 10th - Year 5 Easter assembly to Year 5 parents School closed: Monday 15th - Friday 26th April 29th - School open

<u>May</u>

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

<u>July</u>

17th - Year 6 Leavers assembly to Year 6 parents

22nd - Inset day school closed





New Hall know how to rock! Fantastic Rock Star and Bob the Builder outfits. What a fun filled maths day. Here are our winners.....

KS2 Time Tables Rock Stars winners:-

Team Durning - Mason Team Walker - Michael Team Palmer - Sacha Team Scrivens - Kyra Team Steadman - Dakota Team Collis - Dominic Team Thomas - Grace Team Roberts - Alfie

KS1 and EYFS Outfit winners:-

Nursery- Halle & Tilly Team Degville - Kaylah Rae Team Carpenter - Lawson Team Lynch - Tajel Team Rainbird - Toby Team Wood - Naroa Team Edwards - Holly

Don't forget your child has access at home to Time Tables Rock Stars

School Office Toilet

The toilet in our reception area is no longer in general use for parents/visitors to the school. Sorry for the inconvenience.



<u>Graco Booster Seats</u> for sale

Brand new, never been used 2 Graco Booster seats Rugby 8492RGBE. £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.

<u>Star Burst 2018/19</u>

Thursday 29th November KS1

Team Lynch - Benjamin

Team Rainbird - Connie

Team Wood - Jenna

Team Edwards - Jake

Thursday 6th December LKS2

Team Durning - Ella Team Walker - Aden Team Palmer - Natalie Team Scrivens - Kyra

Thursday 13th December KS2

Team Steadman - Johnson Team Collis - Dominic Team Thomas - Grace Team Roberts - Sheetal

<u>E-Safety Tip</u>

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

<u>Curriculum</u>

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

<u>Attendance—Golden</u> <u>Balls</u>

Golden Balls winners are:



Team Steadman - 100% attendance 4 teams with +96% attendance

W/C 26/11/18

W/C 19/11/18

Team Walker - 100% attendance 6 teams with +96% attendance

W/C 03/12/18

Team Degville - 100% attendance 5 teams with +96% attendance

W/C 10/12/18

Team Wood - 100% attendance 8 teams with +96% attendance

Fantastic results, lets keep this going in 2019!





In case you're unfamiliar **LEGO MASTERS** is the competition series in which some of the UK's most skilled brick fanatics do battle to be crowned the UK's best amateur building pair.

Following the success of current series of Lego Masters on a Tuesday night, we are again on the hunt to find Britain's most talented building duos. This year we had 7 incredibly talented and wonderful children on the show and it was their dream come true. Applicants must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part and a parent or guardian must email on their behalf.

