

# What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

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Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

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## The Christmas Story

Over the last week, we have enjoyed many different performances of the Christmas story, each with their own special twist!

The Junior Choir performed at the Brentwood Centre last Friday the 2 December, singing as part of a massed choir with schools from across the Diocese. The evening was full of joy as the message of God's redeeming love was shared through a programme of Gospel music.

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, Key Stage 1's production of *Stable Story* was a groovy, humorous re-telling of the Christmas story told from the view point of the animals in the stable.



Key Stage 1's Production of 'Stable Story' by Sheila Wilson.

This week, our Foundation Stage children, delighted us with their production of *Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh*. It never ceases to amaze me what high standards can be achieved by those so young – the reading, singing, dancing and instrument playing was superb and, of course, the wiggling sheep wiggled to perfection!

A big thank you to all the staff whose dedication has resulted in such wonderful Christmas productions. We

hope many of you will be able to join us at the Key Stage 2 Carol Service at Brentwood Cathedral this Monday 12 December for what promises to be a very beautiful and spiritual experience.



Foundation Stage's Christmas Production.

## NHVS Christmas Lunch



The Infant Choir sang beautifully at the New Hall School Voluntary Service Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 7 December. Christmas classics such as 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' and 'Away in a Manger' lifted everyone's spirits and had everyone singing along after a lovely meal.

### Final Assembly

You are all warmly invited to join us for our Final Assembly on Friday 16 December, 9.00am- 10.00am in the Preparatory School Hall. We will be saying 'goodbye' to Mrs Lindridge, presenting the Speakman Cup, listening to highlights from the Christmas productions and reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas.

### Plea from the Parents' Association

We are very blessed at New Hall to have such a dynamic and dedicated Parents' Association who raise significant funds for the school. The NHPA are in desperate need of some parent volunteers to help run some of the stalls at the Christmas Fayre. If you could spare some time, even just half an hour, please inform Mrs Brignell in the School Office. Your help would be much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has offered their time so far, it is very much appreciated.

### Music

#### Musical Medals for Samantha

Samantha Whetstone (5T) attended the Centenary Southend Musical Festival and won three silver medals and a bronze for her solo cello performances.

#### Examinations

Congratulations to the following pupils on their recent music theory examination success:

Luke Freestone (6M)	Grade 1	Pass
Mikhaela Twimasi (5T)	Grade 1	Merit

### Golden Book Awards

Congratulations to the following children who were entered into the Golden Book this week:

6M	Holly Haslam Oliver Robins Tom Durkan	6S	Joseph August Sophia Turnbull Willow Gwyn-Williams
5A	Grace Murray Aidan Sherlock Maxwell Lynn James Wong	5T	Charlotte Underwood Zoe Dunmow Mikhaela Twimasi Holly Notley Samuel Jones
4D	Mia Southgate Joseph Murphy Molly Brignell Victoria Hollick	4R	Amber Whitehorne Hannah Greenland Benjamin Spilsbury Matthew Jones
3K	Thomas Henderson Peter Ray Ellen Thompson India Gwyn-Williams	3RE	Robyn Moody Freddie Christopher Harrison Hooker Akshadha Nikam

3RI	Jack Cooper Ravit Dewan Alexia Panayiotou	2H	Roman Anstee Oliver Haslam Megan Scott Benjamin Buckland
2T	Sacha Oxlade-Creswell Alexandra Gibbon Anna-Maria Romero	1G	Alexander Tomlinson Anish Nikam Isabella Basile Finlay Meyer-Melville
1S	Isabella Scully Amelie Collins Jasmine Grimes	RG	Scarlett Gleeson Dylan Castro Theo Coker Charlie Brooks
RH	Siobhan O'Connor Oscar Burton Harry McLaren Callum Barber	PR	Robson Stevens Francesca Karas Joseph Mapuranga

### Notices

#### Rugby and Netball Squads Cancellation

Year 5 and 6 rugby and netball squads are cancelled on Tuesday 13 December 2011. This is due to the Carol Service the night before.

#### Clubs and Study on Last Day of Term

Due to the NHPA Christmas Fayre, there will be no study or clubs taking place on Friday 16 December 2011.

#### KS2 Clubs on Monday 12 December

There will be no Key Stage 2 clubs taking place on Monday 12 December, due to the Carol Service at Brentwood Cathedral.

#### Netball Club

Year 4 netball squad is cancelled on Thursday 15 December 2011.

#### Design and Technology Club

There will be no further Design and Technology club sessions held this term due to Year 11 mock examinations and the Carol Service.

#### Golf Club

Please note that golf club is now finished for this term.

#### Menu

Please note that next week, we will be operating Menu 2.

#### Forms

Please note that parents can now download forms which may need to be completed from the New Hall School website at [newhallschool.co.uk/preparatory/forms](http://newhallschool.co.uk/preparatory/forms).

#### Uniform Shop Christmas Closure

The uniform shop will close for the Christmas break at 4.00 pm on Friday 16 December 2011 and will re-open on Tuesday 3 January 2012.

## Sport

### Cross Country



On Thursday 1 December, pupils from Years 5 and 6 in the Preparatory School and students from Years 7 and 8 in the Senior School travelled to Gosfield School to take part in the 'Cut the Hedge Trophy'. All our students performed brilliantly and the Year 5 and 6 girls were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

### Hockey

#### U10 Team Win Against Holmwood House

On Wednesday 7 December, the U10 hockey team played a match, at home, against Holmwood House. New Hall took the lead by scoring an outstanding goal by Rebecca Jeffrey (5T). At half time, Katherine Barber (5A) made some excellent saves, with help from Annabelle Harle (5A) and Katherine Turnbull (6S). The second and third goals were scored in quick succession by Lara Clark (5T) and Eloise Winsor (5A). Samantha Whetstone (5T) had some good shots at goal and the final score was 3-0 to New Hall.

**By Annabelle Harle (5A).**

### Netball

On Friday 2 December, the Year 6 netball team played at the New Hall School Inter-School Netball Tournament. The team played against many local schools who attended the annual event. The New Hall team's results were as follows:

Opposition	Score
St Anne's Preparatory School	Lost 5-2
Brentwood Ursuline Preparatory School	Lost 11-0
St Margaret's Preparatory School	Won 5-3
Oakfield's Montessori	Won 3-0
Widford Lodge	Lost 5-1
Coopersale Hall	Drew

After a great day of netball, the New Hall team were drawn against Elm Green Preparatory School and despite the girls' valiant efforts, and a fantastic goal by Laura Hedges (6M), they lost 9-2. This meant that New Hall finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Throughout the day there was some amazing defending by Nicola Jackson (6M), Megan Cotton (6S) and Katriya Levine (6M).

**By Ella Gaskin (6M).**

## Sailing

### Upcoming NSSA Events

New Hall School is a member of the National Schools Sailing Association, who have just published their list of events for 2012. Events are open to students of all ages up to 18, in both single handed and double handed fleets. Most events are handicap based so all types of dinghies are welcome. Full event details will be provided nearer the time for anyone who is interested. The school currently holds the "Burning Ambition" Trophy for winning the Rookie Class at this year's Inland Championships, and it would be fantastic to see more sailors representing the school at next year's events, and winning more trophies.

Event	Location	Date
Double Handed Team Racing	Farmoor Reservoir (Oxford)	Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 March 2012
Inland Championships	Datchet Water Sailing Club	Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 June 2012
Golden Jubilee Regatta	Weymouth Portland	Sunday 8 - Friday 13 July 2012

If you would like to represent the school at any of these events, please contact Steve Greenwood, who is helping to co-ordinate the school's sailing activities, on [steved.greenwood@btinternet.com](mailto:steved.greenwood@btinternet.com) or 07974 981689.

Yours sincerely

*Sarah Conrad*

Mrs S H Conrad

**HEADTEACHER**

*What's New This Week?* is issued every Friday during the school term. If you have any news which you would like published in an edition of *What's New This Week?*, please email [e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk).

### Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Mon 12 Dec	7.00 - 8.00pm	KS2 Carol Service, Brentwood Cathedral
Tue 13 Dec	2.00 - 3.30pm	Year 6 Street Party
Wed 14 Dec	9.00am - 12.00pm	Year 6 ESB Examinations
Fri 16 Dec	9.00 - 10.00am	End of Term Assembly
Fri 16 Dec	2.00 - 6.00pm	NHPA Christmas Fayre
Fri 16 Dec		Term Ends



New Hall Parents' Association

*working together for our children*

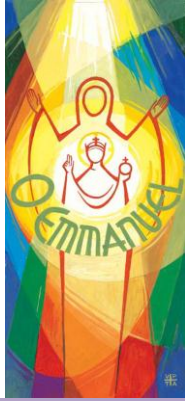
### NHPA Christmas Fayre

The annual Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Friday 16 December from 2.00pm - 6.00pm in the Preparatory School Hall. There will be an array of stalls selling Christmas gifts, games for the children to enjoy and Santa will even be making a visit! Donations for the raffle and the hugely popular cake stall would be gratefully received.

## Prayer Corner

This week we pray for Isabelle Harrison (2H) and Thomas Harrison's (1RH) new baby cousin, Oliver, who was born 8 weeks prematurely (weighing 4lbs 12oz) and is currently in intensive care.

Patrick Kennedy, First Anniversary. Grandad to Katie-Ana Drew. Your life was one of kindly deeds. A helping hand for others needs. Sincere and true in heart and mind. Beautiful memories left behind.



## WOW WORDS OF THE WEEK

### Words of the Week 12

There were some fantastic entries last week for the Christmas writing words! My Christmas writing will be enriched by all the wonderful WOW words and adventurous vocabulary from: Lily Wilkins and Niamh Westwood (1G), Ellie Law, Niamh Rayment, Felix Ruiz, Hannah Greenland and Theo Clark (4R) and Rebecca Jeffrey (5T).

### Words of the Week 13

A Winter Wonderland of Christmas WOW Words  
How well do you know your Christmas carols and songs?  
WW = Winter Wonderland

The TD of C = The Twelve Days of Christmas  
Look carefully at the initial letters of the titles of these popular carols or songs and see how many you can name.  
Remember! All titles should be written using capital letters!

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1. O in RDC   | 13. WWY a MC     |
| 2. SN         | 14. A in a M     |
| 3. The AG     | 15. H the HAS    |
| 4. MBC        | 16. RA the CT    |
| 5. R the R-NR | 17. WTK of OA    |
| 6. JB         | 18. LIS          |
| 7. OLT of B   | 19. WSWTF        |
| 8. I the BM   | 20. SC is C to T |
| 9. OCAYF      | 21. F the S      |
| 10. LD        | 22. DDM on H     |
| 11. TH and TI | 23. SR           |
| 12. ISTSCSI   | 24. GKW          |
| 13.           |                  |

Enjoy this challenge whilst singing your words for next week's Carol Service!

Please write your lists on a piece of paper with your name and class on it. Please hand into Mrs E Thorogood by Tuesday morning at the latest.

# NHPA

## Christmas Fayre

Gift Stalls  
Jewellery, Make Up,  
Hair Accessories,  
Stocking fillers, Books,  
Home gifts, Cakes, .....

Games Galore  
'Snowball the Snowman'  
'Splat the Malteser'  
'Play your Cards Right'  
'Treasure Hunt' and many more..

Visit Santa in his Grotto



Friday 16 December 2011

2.00pm - 6.00pm

Preparatory School Hall

Entrance  
Adults - £3.00  
Children - Free  
includes  
a mince pie  
& drink

Please come along to have fun and support the NHPA

## BRAIN CHALLENGE

### Brain Challenge Number 40 Solution

The solution is  
76.

Each difference is the sum of the previous two differences.

There were 6 winners: Apollo Wilkins (3K), Peter Ray (3K), Ravit Dewan (3RI), Theodore Clark (4R), Hannah Greenland (4R) and Callum Westwood (5T).

### Brain Challenge Number 41

Two well-sighted students are sitting on opposite sides of the same desk. There is nothing in between them but the desk. Why can't they see each other?

You must respond on paper by Tuesday morning with your name and class on it and hand it to Mr Shah or leave it on his desk in the Science Laboratory.