

# What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

November is traditionally the month when the Church remembers those who have died. Last week, Christians throughout the world celebrated All Saints Day and All Souls Day when they prayed for loved ones who have died and now share in the resurrection of Christ.

This November, the Preparatory School will have a Book of Remembrance available in the school foyer. All parents, children and staff are warmly invited to write in it the names of any deceased loved ones who they would like us to remember and pray for this month. At the end of November, we will hold a Mass in our school hall for all those mentioned in this special book.

## Remembrance Day

This morning, Year 6 led our Remembrance Day assembly. We remembered all those who have sacrificed their lives so that we may live freely today and we prayed for peace throughout the world. Thank you to all the pupils in Year 6, Mr McIntosh and Mrs Smith for preparing such a moving and prayerful act of worship.

## Golden Book Awards

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

6M	Olivia Fenton Laura Hedges Katriya Levine Ella Gaskin	6S	Megan Cotton Cameron Meechan Layla Sammour Conall Hornett
5A	Aidan Turner-Wallace Katherine Barber Jack Daly Mia Ramage Emma Shannon	5T	Ralph Carroll Lara Clark Ramis Ibrahim Charlotte Underwood
4D	Ellena Harvey Molly Brignell Kieran Scully Myles Coyne	4R	Olivia Buckland Daisy Theakston Amber Whitehorne Sophie Carter
3K	Apollo Wilkins Grace Lingwood Jacob Pullum Adam Warne Maisie Cussen	3R E	Brenna Doyle Joshua Notley

3RI	Rosie Bullen Georgina Gundle Verity Winsor Emma Barrett	2H	Anthony Macleod Ruby-Mae Coyne Jaydhan Prabhakar
2T	Alexandra Gibbon, Anna-Maria Romero Macy Sharp Sophie Kingston	1G	Ella Downes Coco Wilkins Zoe Neal Lily Ulyatt
1S	Ralph Courtney-Cook Oluwademilade Olanrewaju-Olawoyin Benjamin Okakah	RG	Elisha Burns Scarlett Gleeson Isobel Beddoe Amelia Spurr
RH	Thalia Adams Harry McLaren Theo Smith James Coxon	PR	John McBurney Cameron Waite Alexia Grant

## Year 5 Visit Braintree Museum



Year 5 arrived in school on 9 November dressed in Victorian costumes, ready to travel back in time to attend Manor Street School. Since 1990, this Victorian Board School has been preserved as part of the Braintree Museum. Boys in waistcoats and flat caps, and girls with aprons and crisply starched blouses, were on their best behaviour, knowing that impeccable manners and being 'seen and not heard' would be the order of the day!

Meanwhile, in the museum's education centre, everyday objects from Victorian homes were studied, sketched and discussed in small groups. The visit concluded with a fascinating hour in the museum, studying old photographs, model trains and a very large dolls' house; a family demonstrating the local craft of straw plaiting; and a cupboard full of Victorian toys and games, many of which we still play today. Year 5 returned with a souvenir slate and pencil and ready to complete their homework of writing 100 lines. A very special thank you to the parents, who gave their time to join us on this visit, and to all families for putting together such authentic costumes!

## Sport

### Golf

#### *Great fun at the New Hall Open*

The New Hall Open took place on 31 October at Channel's Golf Club. The day was a great success and all 13 teams played some fantastic golf. The winning team was *The Flop Shots*, which consisted of Harry Robins, Louis Brown, Miles Fletcher and Oliver Bickley (all Year 10). Congratulations to Holly Haslam (Year 6) on her handicap of 24.



Thank you to David March, Matt Mahoney and Jack Cole (*The Pros*) for their efforts and also to all the staff at Channels Golf Club for being so helpful and professional on the day.

### Rugby

Please note the following changes to sport fixtures:

- U8 Tag Rugby v Widford Lodge is on 14 November at New Hall with a 3.15pm start

### Sailing

#### *Upcoming National Schools Sailing Association Event*

In May of this year, the school entered two teams in the IAPS sailing regatta in Weymouth and did very well with a 4<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> place overall. Entries are now being requested for the 2012 Regatta that will once again be held at the Olympic venue in Weymouth in May, just weeks before the best sailors in the world compete. Eligible schools are allowed to enter up to a maximum of two pairs in the event, where the children will be sailing Laser Picos double handed. The event will be in coastal waters, and there is a minimum capability requirement of being trained to RYA Dinghy Sailing Youth Stage 2. Full race management and safety cover is being provided by SailLaser, who are also

providing the dinghies to be used in the regatta. If your child would be interested in being considered for selection for the team, please contact Steve Greenwood on 07974 981 689, who will co-ordinate training and support for the event on behalf of the school. Demand for places at the regatta is expected to be high, and spaces will be allocated to schools on a first come, first served basis, so if you are interested please get in touch with Mr Greenwood for more details as soon as possible.

### Tennis

Saturday tennis lessons will resume on Saturday 12 November 2011. There will be no Year 3 - 4 and 5 - 6 tennis team training on Thursday 17 November.

## Notices

### *Uniform Shop Telephone Number*

The new contact telephone number for the Uniform Shop is 01727 815 203. This number goes directly to the on-site shop, despite having a different dialling code.

### *Premises and Grounds*

During the holiday, a number of works and upgrades happened in and around the Preparatory School. The road to the car park was widened and a new gate was fitted to the playground perimeter fence alongside a new pedestrian area where parents can stand and say goodbye to their children. A zebra crossing and pathway have been created to enhance safety to and from the car park. A programme of redecoration of corridors, classrooms and the hall was begun and will continue over the next few months so that the whole school is kept looking smart and professional. A new door mat in our entrance lobby has been fitted and we hope will complement our welcoming ethos.

### *Design and Technology Club Cancellation*

Due to Year 11 mock examinations taking place in the workshop, the Preparatory School Design and Technology club will not be running on Monday 28 November and Monday 5 December.

### *Lost Property*

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Niamh Westwood (1G) - named school cardigan

Could all parents please check names on uniform items. If any of these items are found, please hand in to the School Office. Please may parents also ensure that all uniform is labelled.

### *Pencils for the Congo*

Don't forget to buy a pencil for our friends in the Congo. There are also small bag of sweets available to buy for pupils at our sister school in the Congo. Please return these items to school on Monday so we can get them packaged up and sent to the Congo in time for Christmas.

### NHPA Ball

There are 8 tickets available for the annual NHPA Christmas Ball due to recent cancellations. This is taking place on Saturday 10 December 2011 at Stock Brook Manor Country Club. Tickets are £75.00, which includes reception drink, 3 course meal, unlimited house wines, beers and minerals. There will be entertainment and a live band on what promises to be a magical evening. Enquiries to be made to Annette Cotton at [annette@suncoapartments.com](mailto:annette@suncoapartments.com).

### NHPA Fireworks Display – Saturday 12 November

The NHPA fireworks display promises to be a spectacular event. If you have not already purchased tickets, please be aware that they will be available on the gate.

Yours sincerely

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
Sat 12 Nov	5.00 – 9.00pm	NHPA Firework Display
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Nov		Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Nov		Preparatory School Assessment Week
Fri 18 Nov	2.00 – 3.30pm	U10/U11 Girls Hockey v Chigwell School
Fri 18 Nov	7.30 – 10.00pm	NHVS Quiz Night
Sat 19 Nov		11+ Examination



## Prayer Corner

Dear Father God,  
 We remember those who were willing to fight in wars long ago,  
 And we offer our thanks.  
 We remember those who are fighting now,  
 And we ask for strength.  
 We remember those left behind, sad or worried,  
 And we ask for comfort.  
 We remember places in the world where there is still war,  
 And we pray for peace.  
 Amen



# BRAIN CHALLENGE

## Brain Challenge Number 37 Solution

Patricia Pig lived in Pleasantville in a medium sized brick house.  
 Penny Pig lived in Riverview in a small straw house.  
 Peter Pig lived in Hillsdale in a large house made of sticks.

There were 9 winners: Niamh Westwood (Year 1), Verity Winsor (Year 3), Hannah Greenland (Year 4), Molly Reynolds (Year 4), Eden Waite (Year 5), Callum Westwood (Year 5), Lucy Barrett (Year 5), Eloise Winsor (Year 5) and Rebecca Jeffrey (Year 5).

Well Done to all of you. Next time it would be great to see entries from some more boys and from Year 2 and Year 6!

## Brain Challenge Number 38

*Like it or not*

Louis would rather have a rendezvous than a meeting. He prefers chocolate mousse to chocolate pudding. He likes pasta not noodles. What would Louis like better: a bathrobe or a kimono? Why?

You must respond on paper by the first Tuesday back after half term, with your name and class on it, and hand it to Mr Shah or leave it on his desk in the Science Laboratory.

# WOW Words of the Week

## Alphabet Challenge

Use all twenty-six letters of the alphabet to complete the following eleven words, but use each letter **only once** in the course of this puzzle.

To keep track of which letters you use, cross off the letters as you use them:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1. \_ a \_ z
2. \_ u i e \_
3. \_ u \_ c a
4. e \_ t r \_
5. \_ i o \_ \_ n
6. \_ a \_ \_ f u l
7. \_ r o \_ \_
8. \_ e \_ \_ a t
9. \_ \_ a l a
10. \_ o l a \_
11. \_ o r c \_ p i n e

NEW HALL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS A

# GRAND FIREWORK DISPLAY

ADULTS £6 CHILDREN £3

**SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2011**

RUGBY PITCHES, NEW HALL SCHOOL

GATES OPEN AT 5.00pm - DISPLAY AT 7.00pm

Rides & Sideshows      Licensed Bar  
BURGERS \* CURRY & RICE \* HOT DOGS \* DOUGHNUTS \* TEA \* COFFEE

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN FIREWORKS**

ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY -      - TICKET NON-REFUNDABLE

*For further information or to book tickets  
please contact Lucy Brignell in the  
Preparatory School Office on  
[l.brignell@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:l.brignell@newhallschool.co.uk)  
or Mark Myers on 07771 768 228*

## NHVS QUIZ NIGHT





The proceeds  
from this quiz night will go towards the children's holiday 2012.

Our next Quiz Night is on  
**FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2011**

from 7.30pm - 10.00pm in the  
Preparatory School Hall, New Hall School

Tickets are £10.00 to include a fish and chip  
supper (please bring your own drinks and glasses)

Tables will be for up to 8 people

If you are unable to attend but would like to support the event, raffle prizes  
will be gratefully received. They can be handed in to main school reception.

To: Mrs J Cammidge, NHVS, New Hall School, Chelmsford  
Please enclose payment, making cheques payable to NHVS.

Name ..... No. of tickets .....

Address .....

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The New Hall Parents' Association present their  
Annual Christmas Ball .....

## A Magical Christmas

Saturday 10 December 2011

Stock Brook Manor Country Club, near Billericay

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Magical surprises and dancing to a live band

Dress code: Black tie  
Carriages: 1.00am

Tickets: £75.00 per person (which includes reception drink, 3 course  
meal, unlimited house wines, beers and minerals, and entertainment)

To reserve a table of 10 or 12, please email Annette Cotton  
([annette@suncocoapartments.com](mailto:annette@suncocoapartments.com))




**Christmas  
Dance  
show**

**Monday 28 November  
Eaton Theatre, 6pm**

**Tickets are free and available via  
[f.thom@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:f.thom@newhallschool.co.uk)**

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