

What's New This Week?

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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Dear Parents,



Christmas Blessings

Along with all the staff and pupils of the Preparatory School, I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. I hope the holiday will bring a much deserved rest and that the peace and joy the Christ child brings will fill your hearts and homes this festive season.

Christmas Carol Service at Brentwood Cathedral

The Key Stage 2 Carol Service at Brentwood Cathedral took place on Monday 12 December and our pupils were a credit to you and the school. They sang, played, read and acted the Christmas story beautifully and reminded us of the real meaning of Christmas in such a moving way. I would like to thank all the staff, Mrs Roe and the Chelmsford Salvation Army band, who accompanied our congregational carols, for making this service such a special event.

Final Assembly

Our Final Assembly took place this morning in the Preparatory School Hall. Congratulations to Conall Hornett who was awarded the Speakman Cup and Cameron Clarke and Ella Gaskin who will be our Head Boy and Head Girl from February Half Term.

Maths Success for New Hall Preparatory School

38 pupils from Years 5 and 6 have won national awards in the Primary Maths Challenge, which is organised by the Mathematical Association. There were 9 Gold awards, 20 Silver awards and 9 Bronze awards given to pupils at New Hall Preparatory School. This equates to a staggering half of the whole of Years 5 and 6, which is a fantastic achievement for the school. This really shows the academic talent of the pupils and it is wonderful for this to be acknowledged through these awards. As so many of our pupils won an award in the challenge, New Hall Preparatory School finished in the top quartile of schools entered for the Primary Maths Challenge. The awards

demonstrate the success of the scholarly habits and growth mind-set encouraged with the pupils by Mr Shah as part of the outstanding Gifted and Talented provision at New Hall School.



Congratulations to all the pupils:

Gold Awards: Joseph Beddoe (6S), Daniel James (5A), Samuel Jones (5T), Katriya Levine (6M), Ellis Oxlade (6S), Zak Ramjane (6S), Fin Ramjane (6M), Shehzad Siddiqi (6M), James Thomson (6S).

Silver Awards: Joseph August (6S), John Barber (5T), Lillian Bartella (6S), Frederick Beecroft (5A), Lara Clark (5T), Matthew Cook (5T), Ethan Doyle (5A), Luke Harding (5T), Annabel Harle (5A), Holly Haslam (6M), Laura Hedges (6M), Nicola Jackson (6M), Rebecca Jeffrey (5T), Cameron Lee (6M), Jamie Norman (6M), Catriona Ryan (6M), Aidan Turner-Wallace (5A), Mikhaela Twimasi (5T), Callum Westwood (5T), Samantha Whetstone (5T).

Bronze Awards: Lucy Barrett (5A), Sarah Coxon (5A), Zoe Dunmow (5T), Tom Durkan (6M), Thomas Hughes (6M), Edward Lerwill (6M), Mia Ramage (5A) and Aidan Sherlock (5A), Eden Waite (5T).

Year 6 World War II Street Party



Year 6 pupils welcomed their parents, grandparents and great grandparents to school on Tuesday 13 December, for a WWII Street Party. This was to celebrate the conclusion of their creative curriculum topic 'Is it right to fight?' The pupils sang some famous wartime songs including, 'We'll Meet Again' by Vera Lynn. The children also presented their findings from research on various topics such as air raid shelters, rationing, evacuation and The Blitz. Throughout the afternoon, reporters from New Hall Prep News entertained everyone with their lively commentaries. The event concluded with a rendition of 'The White Cliffs of Dover' and everyone tucking into a war time spread of jam tarts, sandwiches and plenty of tea. Thank you to those who attended and to the pupils and Year 6 staff for their efforts in hosting such an enjoyable afternoon.

NHPA

Christmas Fayre

The New Hall Parents' Association Christmas Fayre took place on the last day of term and was a huge success. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped run the stalls and to everyone who gave up their time to help make this such a great event, it is very much appreciated.

Christmas Ball

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas Ball last Saturday. What a spectacular evening it was with excellent food, mystifying magic and fabulous music. Thank you to all those who attended and supported the event but a special thank you to all those parents who worked so hard to organise such a fantastic evening. Over ten thousand pounds was raised for the school!

Music

Year 4 Junior Choir – Brentwood Centre Concert

A DVD is available for purchase of the Year 4 Junior Choir members' performance at the Brentwood Centre, which took place on Friday 2 December. The DVDs cost £12.50 and orders can be made via Colbridge Videography. For all enquiries, please contact them on 01206 860 090 or via their website www.colbridgevideography.co.uk.

Sporting Successes for New Hall!

Over the past week, the U10 New Hall Preparatory School netball and hockey teams have had some fantastic results. The girls have worked incredibly hard this term and this winning streak really demonstrates their talent. Well done

to everyone on the team for their hard work and determination.

Netball

Won 8-2 v St Hughes

Player of the Match: Elizabeth Murphy

Won 10-2 v Elm Green Preparatory School

Player of the Match: Katie Barber

Won 10-9 v Brentwood School

Player of the Match: Lara Clark

Hockey

Won 2-1 v Chigwell School

Player of the Match: Eloise Winsor

Won 3-0 v Holmwood House

Won 4-1 v Brentwood School

Players of the Match: Elizabeth Murphy, Samantha Whetstone and Rebecca Jeffrey

Cross Country

Well done to everyone that took part in the cross country event on Monday 12 December at New Hall. This was a fantastic way to help kick-start the fundraising for the Gold Challenge. To see how much money has been raised so far for Kids Inspire, and to donate, go to www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com/NewHallSchool.

Golden Book Awards

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

6M	Luke Freestone Jamie Norman Holly Haslam	6S	Zak Ramjane Sian Redmond Katherine Turnbull
5A	Frederick Beecroft Ethan Doyle Katherine Barber	5T	Rebecca Jeffrey Hannah Bellamy Williams Banks John Barber Samantha Whetstone
4D	Emily Conrad Georgina Tombs Cameron Searle Ellena Harvey	4R	Daisy Theakston Maximus Lawes Finley Westwood Niamh Rayment Ellie Law
3K	Jake Adams Daisie Elsom Maddi Bullen Harry Corney	3RE	Fabianna Bartella Eloise Barber Fionnuala Heffernan
3RI	Libby Murray Oliver Warn Roise Bullen	2H	Katherine Harker Isabelle Harrison Asha Odedra
2T	Zak Dennison Samuel Maddison Noah Warne	1G	Aishani Sengupta Isabella Chapman Coco Wilkins Ochenehi Daudu
1S	Isobel Haresnape Benjamin Malin Frankie Christopher	RG	Aidan Brown Oliver Radley Evie Angell
RH	Harry McLaren Dara Gleeson Sophia Hoogakker	PR	Joshua Ulyatt Olivia Hamilton Edward Padbury-Clark

Notices

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.

Lost Property

The Lost Property was completely emptied today and all named items were returned to their owners. Unfortunately there were numerous unnamed items which have been sent to the Uniform Shop or given to charity. **Please could parents ensure that all uniform and other items being brought into school are named**, including swimming costumes, towels, shoes, water bottles, plastic snack pots and sporting equipment. It is such a shame to have to dispose of such expensive items when so many children across the world go without. Let us make it a New Year's resolution to name and look after our belongings!

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Eloise Barber (4ER) - felt grey school hat

Could all parents please check names on uniform items. If any of these items are found, please hand in to the School Office.

Saturday Dance Classes

Saturday dance classes will commence on Saturday 21 January 2012. However, for those pupils who have already been entered for a dance examination, classes will begin on Saturday 7 January 2012.

Menu

During the first week back after the Christmas break, we will be operating menu 3.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Conrad

Mrs S H Conrad
HEADTEACHER

Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
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
Wed 4 Jan	4.00 - 6.00pm	Borders return to school
Thu 5 Jan	8.15am	Term Begins
Sat 14 - Sun 15 Jan	All Day	Community Weekend



New Hall Parents' Association
working together for our children

Winter Ball

The NHPA wish to thank everyone who attended the wonderful Christmas Ball at Stock Brook Manor on Saturday. Due to the generosity of you all, we raised a staggering £10,000 for our children.

A huge thank you to Annette Cotton and Marianne Jackson for organising such a magical evening.

WOW Words of the Week

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Well done to those of you, who were wonderful Winter Wonderland detectives and discovered ALL 24 titles to the Christmas songs and Carols last week. Congratulations to: William Wakeman (3RE); Olivia Buckland, and Hannah Greenland (4R); Molly Reynolds (4D); Annabelle Harle (5A); Hannah Bellamy and Rebecca Jeffrey (5T) and Lillian Bartella (6S).

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Words of Poetry for the Christmas Holidays

Think of all the words and adventurous vocabulary that you could include in an exciting ACROSTIC poem about Winter or Christmas, where each letter of the main word you choose is the start of each new line of poetry, for example:

S ee the icicles clinging to the frozen branches like icy fingers

N ...

O ...

W ...

Choose a word of a good length to create your poem, for example: REINDEER, CHRISTMAS PUDDING, FATHER CHRISTMAS, WINTER WONDERLAND ...

Be creative with the final draft of your poem using colour and illustrations. Hand in your poems to Mrs E Thorogood on the first day of the Lent term - Thursday 5 January 2012.

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 41 Solution

They were facing away from the desk in opposite directions to each other. There were 3 winners: Benjamin Buckland (2H), Hannah Greenland (4R) and Molly Reynolds (4D).

Brain Challenge Number 42

Imagine a world in which the colours of things have changed from what we consider normal. Assume the following changes:

Snow is now red.

Grass is now black.

The sky is now brown.

Blood is now white.

Soot is now green.

In such a world, what is the colour of soil?

Prayer Corner

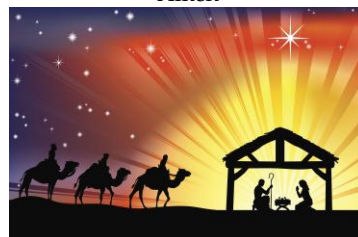
Heavenly Father,


Thank you for the wonderful things that happen at Christmas; the gifts we give each other, the love that is shown for those in need. But, above all, Lord, as the star shone out above Bethlehem on that first Christmas, we thank you for the gift of your Son, the Light of the World.

As Christmas comes, let us join with people down the ages who have celebrated this event and rejoice.

We thank you Lord.

Amen





**Mrs Conrad,
the staff and pupils at
New Hall Preparatory School
would like to wish you all
a happy and holy
Christmas**

