

What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

As we come to the end of a very busy half term, I wish you all a relaxing and refreshing break with your families and friends. During the holiday, the church will be celebrating All Saints' Day on 1 November and All Souls' Day on 2 November. This is an opportunity for us to remember and pray for all our loved ones who have died and to remember that, through the power of the resurrection, they are now part of the communion of saints and enjoying everlasting life.

Of course, many of our children will probably be marking the eve of All Saints' Day, more commonly known as Halloween and you may like to share this story with them so that they can take away a positive message from this festival which focuses on good rather than evil:

A child was asked by a friend, "What is it like to be a follower of Jesus?"

The child replied, "It is like being a pumpkin!"

"God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you.

"Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff".

"He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed".

"Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see".

This Halloween may we all remember that Jesus is the light of the world.



Rock Man Visit



On Friday 15 October, the Rock Man came to see Year 2. We had a fossil hunt and looked at lots of fossils of dead animals. We found out lots of information, for example, the inside of our Earth is made up of three parts, the core, the mantle and the crust. In the afternoon, we drew pictures of ammonites and dinosaurs. It was a fun day.

By Libby Murray and Coral Dunk (2P)

Year 1 Trip to Hedingham Castle

On Tuesday 19 October, Year 1 pupils visited Hedingham Castle.



All of the knights' helmets were different.

By Felicity Jeffrey (1G)

I liked doing the brass rubbing best because you had to find the picture.

By Tobias McBurney (1G)

I learnt that the dogs slept with the Lord and Lady in the bedchamber, to keep them warm.

By Eva Ramage (1G)

Year 2 Trip to see 'Room on the Broom'

On Wednesday, Year 2 visited Chelmsford Civic Theatre to see 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. This was linked to their English topic about authors and to Book Week when the children looked at a number of Julia Donaldson's books together.

My favourite part was when the dragon tried to eat the witch because she was funny!

By Lilianne McCorry (2H)

My favourite character was the dragon because he was scary.

By Joshua Notley (2H)

My favourite part was when the animals pretended to be a mud monster.

By Fionnuala Heffernan (2H)

All children behaved extremely well and a good time was had by all.

Charity

Harvest for the Hungry

Thank you to all those who donated so generously to the Harvest food appeal and towards the travel costs of the boxes; in total we raised a fantastic £207.00. This week, 3820 boxes were sent to Bulgaria, where the food will be given to hungry and needy people this winter.



Poppy Appeal

If you would like a poppy, donations can be made at the School Office from Monday 8 November.

Shoe Box Appeal

The 2010 Shoe Box Appeal has begun! Once again, the Preparatory School is joining forces with the Senior School to send as many shoeboxes as we can to Romania, Moldova and Albania. We are supporting the charity Link Romania, which caters for whole families. Each pupil will receive a leaflet explaining what can and cannot be included in the shoe boxes. It is important to attach the correct money to the lid of the box, to help with transport costs. Please also sign the *Gift Aid* form, which will help the charity reclaim tax from the government. This is an exciting appeal and we hope that you will help us to reach our target of 300 boxes from across both schools. The deadline for receipt of boxes is Wednesday 10 November.

Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Tara Durkan Harrison Ellis Abby Fowler Charles Mabbutt Aaron Phipps	6S	Rhiannon Hollis Honor Johnson Harry Phelps Natasha Skeens
5F	Cameron Clarke Ellena Collett Charles Young	5T	Tom Durkan Ella Gaskin Cameron Lee Oliver Robins
4D	Annabelle Harle Elizabeth Murphy Aidan Sherlock James Wong	4R	William Banks John Barber Eden Waite Callum Westwood
3H	Helen Burnett Aamish Ibrahim Katie Jenner Cameron Searle	3M	Olivia Buckland Ben Hutton-Penman Angus Jones Benjamin La Rocca Fleur Smith
2H	Lilianne McCorry Joshua Notley Peter Ray William Wakeman	2P	Abigail James Isabella Johansen-Howarth
2R	Maddi Bullen Madison Knight James McBurney Adam Warne	1G	Samuel Maddison Isabelle Maze Tobias McBurney Macy Sharp
1M	Asha Odedra Tor-William Fisher	RG	Jack Burrows Benjamin Gundle Finlay Meyer-Melville
RU	Frankie Christopher Jasmine Grimes Isabella Scully	PR	Sophia Hoogakker Darcie Meechan Annabelle Minnis

Uniform

Summer/Winter Uniform

A reminder that, for the second half of the Michaelmas Term and the duration of the Lent Term (January to March), winter uniform must be worn.

Uniform Shop

Please be aware that due to current unforeseen circumstances overseas where the New Hall uniform is produced, there may be a delay in receiving uniform orders. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

Staff Announcement

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, we say goodbye today to Miss Castle in Pre-Reception. We thank her for all her hard work over the years and wish her all the best for the future.

Clarion Call

As you will know from recent letters, after half term all mailings will be sent by e-mail and all messages will be sent by text via Clarion Call. This is part of our commitment as an eco-school to looking after the environment and will also enable us to give you up to the minute information regarding events such as fixture pick-up times. If you have not yet provided Clarion Call with your contact details, please log-on to www.clarioncall.co.uk/datacap/newhallschool and enter the password cc01245. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Dates for your Diary

Please note that the pupil individual photographs have been rescheduled to Thursday 11 November due to the inspection.

Please note that 5F's class assembly due to take place on Thursday 11 November has been postponed as the school inspection is taking place that week. The assembly has been rescheduled for Thursday 25 November.

The Preparatory School will not be having an Examination Week from 15-19 November, as a number of internal assessments have already taken place.

Events

NHPA Fireworks

The NHPA Grand Fireworks Display will be taking place on Saturday 13 November. Gates open at 5.00pm; the display is at 7.00pm. If you would like to purchase a ticket please contact Mrs Brignell in the School Office. Tickets for adults are priced at £6.00 and at £3.00 for children.

NHVS Quiz Night

The next Quiz Night will be taking place on Friday 19 November from 7.00-10.30pm to raise money for the Children's Holiday. Tickets are £10.00 each and include a fish and chip supper. For further information or to purchase a ticket, please contact Mrs Williams on e.williams@newhallschool.co.uk, or on 01245 467 588.

NHPA Christmas Fayre

The annual NHPA Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Tuesday 14 December from 2.00pm-6.00pm in the Preparatory School Hall. There will be an array of stalls selling wonderful 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. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs Cotton, 07766 696 929.

Driving to and from the New Hall site

Could we please ask that everyone driving to New Hall in the morning shows consideration for other drivers en route. In particular, New Bowers Lane can become

extremely congested in the morning, so please ensure that you use the correct lane on the roundabout so as to avoid any driving offences.

Sport

Cross Country

Chelmsford Schools' Cross Country Competition

Chelmer Park was the venue for the 2nd round of the Chelmsford Schools' Cross Country Competition. The U10 girls' team performed superbly, with Jessica Bates, Elizabeth Murphy and Eloise Winsor all improving on their placings. Holly Notley also ran well. Supported by Olivia Fenton and Samantha Whetstone, the girls team finished 1st in the *Small School Competition*. The boys' team, led by Aaron Stone, ran well, with new additions of Jamie Norman, Joseph Murphy and Joseph August all gaining valuable experience from the race. The U11 girls coped admirably with the hill and improved on their previous race results. The team finished in 3rd place in the team competition. Scott Taylor and Jonathan Murphy both did extremely well to finish in the top 20 places.

Football

New Hall U9 v Holmwood House Results

New Hall U9 footballers travelled to Holmwood House to play the last fixture of the half term. The 'A' team, captained by Matthew Cook, started very strongly putting significant pressure on the opposition goal. Within the first 5 minutes New Hall were ahead. After this, 2 errors defensively, gave Holmwood House 2 scoring opportunities. Excellent and brave goal keeping prevented any further goals. James Holt played well and passed the ball back to Matthew Cook who turned smartly and finished with a great left footed strike, leaving the goal keeper with no chance to save the shot. Into the last 10 minutes, New Hall again dominated the play, and scored again levelling the game at 3-3.

In the U9 'B' team, Cameron Searle worked tirelessly all game, and was unlucky not to score himself. With the game progressing, the breakthrough goal came as a result of exerted pressure on the Holmwood House goal, as a defender headed the ball into his own goal. With minutes to go, this spurred the New Hall boys on, and they continued to create scoring opportunities until the end of play. The end result was a well deserved victory 1-0

In the U9 'C' team, New Hall went a goal down in the first half. As the game progressed the New Hall boys began to find their roles around the pitch, with Luke Harding and Callum Westwood being the stand out players. It was Callum who was able to find the shot that beat the goalkeeper, levelling the score, with the end result being a 1-1 draw.

Rugby

The team played two matches this week against Bishop's Stortford College and St Faith's School. The matches against the Bishop Stortford College were both evenly contested in the forwards, unfortunately the increased organisation and quick handling allowed the opposition to pass the ball quickly down their back line to score. Playing against St Faiths was a better game as a result of the

increased intensity by players, and commitment to tackling. Some ferocious tackles by Gregory Oxlade and Callum Bain led the way, and New Hall were unlucky to concede the first score when they had been dominating the game. After this St Faiths' players identified areas to exploit as the New Hall boys over committed players to the breakdown, with strong and fast centres enjoying the space provided. Edward Lerwill's excellent defensive work ensured that New Hall were not down by more points. Playing in the next game, the New Hall players became more controlled and dominated the game. Jonathan Murphy, Sam Spilsbury and Kieran Drew all played their best rugby of the season so far.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Tennis

Tennis on Saturday 13 November is cancelled due to Sports Scholarship assessments taking place.

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Kyan Bailey (RU) - named fleece
- Ella Gaskin (5T) - named school blazer
- Ramis Ibrahim (4R) - lost 2 named blazers
- Katie Jenner (3H) - named school mac
- Fleur Smith (3M) - named tracksuit bottoms

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

Yours sincerely

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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 c.tayler@newhallschool.co.uk.

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 6 Solution

Sam and Ben collect marbles. Sam says to Ben 'If you give me 5 marbles, I'll have twice as many as you.' Ben says 'If you give me 4 we would have the same number.' How many marbles were there altogether?

54 marbles in total (Ben has 23 marbles, Sam has 31 marbles). Well done to Lucy Greenwood.

And the next challenge:

Tom took off from Gatwick at 12noon on 7 September 2007, heading for America. He returned from his gap year at 12 noon on 8 August 2008. *How many days was he away?*

Answers on a piece of paper (with your name and class teacher) to Mr Shah in the Science Lab. Parents please refrain from participating! First pupil to submit the correct answer wins a prize.

Prayer Corner

We pray for Scott Cole and his family whose father passed away this week.

This November, in particular, we remember all our loved ones who have died.

Heavenly Father,

Help us to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died.

You have shown us through your Son's death and resurrection at Easter that death is not the end, but a new beginning. In this world, let us not forget all who went before us, the famous and the little known, those who died young and those who lived long.

We know you loved them all, Lord, and still love them now. May we remember and give thanks, may we never forget.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.



Jesus, you are the Light of the World.

Shine in our lives and make them bright and beautiful.

Help me to shine as a light in your world.

Let me show that I love you and help others to know of your love.

Amen.

Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Mon 8 Nov		Term re-commences
Wed 10 Nov	3.45pm-5.00pm	Reception Drop-in (Intake 2011)
Thu 11 Nov	8.50am All day	5F Class Assembly Music Medal Examinations Individual class photographs
Fri 12 Nov	3.45pm-5.15pm	U10/11 Netball V St Hugh's School (H)
Sat 13 Nov	5.00pm	NHPA Grand Firework Display
Sun 14 Nov	11.00am-1.30pm	U11 7 a-side Rugby v Old Buckenham Hall (A)
Fri 19 Nov	7.30pm	NHVS Quiz Night