

# What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents

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## Staffing

As promised last week, this week's newsletter contains all the staffing information for the next academic year 2010-2011 which I hope you will find useful.

### Staff/Classes 2010-2011

Current Class	Teacher 2010-2011	Class 2010-2011
Pre-Reception	Miss Ullmer	RU
Pre-Reception	Miss Lees who will be Mrs Gardner	RG
RU	Miss McLean	1M
RL	Miss Gibson	1G
1M	Miss Hunter	2H
1G	Mrs Pope	2P
1B	Mrs Reynolds	2R
2S	Mrs Ho You	3H
2I	Mr McIntosh	3M
3R	Miss Rivers	4R
3M	Mrs Dolding	4D
4H	Mr Fannon	5F
4P	Mrs Thorogood	5T
5F	Mrs Smith	6S
5D	Miss Allen	6A

### Staff Leavers

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Shemmings who will be taking up a post nearer to her home in Harwich at Ipswich Girls' School. Miss Ives' one year contract is now at an end and she will be moving onto pastures new. Miss Fitzgerald's one year contract is also coming to an end and she will be embarking on adventures new in sunny Dorset. Mrs Burridge will be taking up a post as Deputy Nursery Manager in a new nursery that will be opening in a few weeks time. Mrs Fannon will be returning from her maternity leave for a short while after the Half Term break but will be leaving at the end of this academic year to spend more time with her baby son Malakai. Mrs Baumber has also decided to spend more time with her family and so will be leaving us at the end of this term. I would like to thank all these staff for their hard work and commitment to the school during their time with us.

### New Position

I am delighted to announce that Mr Mitz Shah will be joining the Preparatory School team in the newly created, non-class based post of full time Head of Mathematics. This is a unique venture for a preparatory school and demonstrates our commitment to raising academic standards and ensuring that all pupils realise their true potential. Mr Shah will be teaching the top sets in Mathematics in Years 5 and 6 and will also take extension

Mathematics classes in Years 3 and 4. Unfortunately, the creation of this post means that we will be losing Mrs Eva as one of our Mathematics set teachers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Eva for her hard work and commitment, teaching Mathematics over the last two years. However, we still hope to be seeing a lot of her as she continues in her role as a regular supply teacher at the school.

### New Appointments

I am delighted to welcome the following staff to the Preparatory School:

- Mrs Thorogood, who will be a Year 5 Class Teacher and Head of English
- Mrs Ho You who will be a Year 3 Class Teacher.
- Mrs Fiona Evans will be joining us as Head of Learning Support. Mrs Evans is currently a Literacy Consultant for the Local Authority and is a highly respected tutor at the Institute of Education.
- Mrs Carole Harvey, who will be Mrs Carole Hedditch-Grey after her summer wedding, will be taking up the post of Pre-Reception Manager. Mrs Harvey is an experienced nursery manager who currently works for the esteemed Seymour House chain.
- Mrs White, who currently works as an LSA in Pre-Reception, will be the new Deputy Manager.

### Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to Lucas Bowers and Lucy Greenwood on becoming the new Head Boy and Head Girl from September 2010.



## Golden Book Awards

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

5F	Cerys Dunmow Rhiannon Hollis Georgina Mead Callum Rayment	5D	Emily Brignell Daisy Clover Saskia Walmsley
4H	Jessica Bates Abby Beaumont Sofia Garvin Sian Redmond	4P	Phineas Allen Tom Durkan Jamie Norman Finlay Ramjane Thomas Spilsbury
3R	William Banks Alfred Fardell Luke Harding Mikhaela Twimasi Toby Warren	3M	Jadon Barnes Elizabeth Murphy Mia Ramage James Wong
2I	Brenton Cook Benjamin Hutton-Penman Benjamin La Rocca Charlotte Ray	2S	Liberty Bates Ciaran Chambers Ayomide Jaiyesimi Joseph Murphy
1M	Fionnuala Heffernan Danielle Sirett	1G	Emma Barrett Rosie Bullen Isabella Johansen- Howarth Alexia Panayiotou
1B	Robin Brown Daisie Elsom Grace Lingwood Adam Warne		
RL	Alexandra Gibbon Arthur Owens Eva Ramage	RU	Harry Harle Oliver Haslam Ruby-Mae Coyne Tor-William Fisher
PR	Benjamin Gundle Oluwademilade Olaniewaju-Olawoyin	PR	Isabella Sidwell Niamh Westwood

## Year 4 Trip to Hanningfield Reservoir

On Tuesday 25 May Year 4 pupils visited Hanningfield Reservoir.

I had a really fun day taking part in activities including: bird watching, making paper, using maps and making membership cards.

*by Shehzad Siddiqi, 4P*

The orienteering was great. We had to use map and code skills; there was also a special skill we needed called working together!

*by Katriya Levine, 4P*

After lunch, we went to the picnic area to learn about recycling. We learnt that we can also recycle wood and clothes. *by Cameron Meechan, 4H*

After that, we mixed old news papers, water and purple dye and made purple paper with glitter.

*by Sofia Garvin, 4H*

We also went to a bird hide and saw coots, gulls, swans and a Canada goose. The ducklings were really cute!

*by Jamie Norman, 4P & Joseph August 4H*

## Reception visit to Tropical Wings

On Friday 14 May, Reception visited Tropical Wings in South Woodham Ferrers. The pupils spent the day looking at all of the different animals and searching for minibeasts. They managed to find lots of minibeasts under logs, rocks and on the trees and collected some of them in pots so that they could examine them through a magnifying glass.



I saw some butterflies and I saw some cocoons.

*by Benjamin Buckland (RU)*

I saw lemurs. The lemurs jumped. They were black and white and had a long tail.

*by Isabelle Harrison (RU)*

## 1M Assembly

On Thursday 1M shared their assembly, all about the topics they enjoyed in Year 1. We learnt about old fashioned toys (courtesy of Mary Poppins!). We also heard all about homes in the past, and saw inside 'Mrs. Lather's Laundry', with her mangle, washboard and tub. Finally we listened to some recounts of the children's fabulous trip to the Southend Sealife Adventure. For the grand finale we were treated to a dancing spectacular to 'Under the Sea', where the class came to life as an array of underwater creatures. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and left the audience in high spirits!



## 4P Class Mass

On Wednesday, Class 4P organised their own Mass which was led by Father Frank. Tom Spilsbury, Ellie Macarthur and Luke Freestone each shared their musical talents by playing a welcoming, reflective piece to get us in the right

frame of mind. The children wrote and shared their own Bidding Prayers on the theme of being thankful and appreciative for what we have. Holly Haslam and Cameron Lee read a reading from Jeremiah. During Holy Communion, Ella Gaskin, Laura Hedges and Katriya Levine played their recorders beautifully to our song *The Wonders I See*. It was a peaceful service enjoyed by all.

### 1M Class Liturgy

On Wednesday 1M celebrated their RE topic on 'choices' with a special service in the school chapel. Father Frank joined us, and he read a lovely story about making good choices. We shared our prayers with him and we talked about the importance of choosing right from wrong.

### RU Assembly

Parents of children in RU are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Thursday 10 June at 8.50am in the Preparatory School Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note that Miss Threadgold will not be in on Monday 7 June. She will be in on Friday 11 June 2010.

### Sainsburys' Active Kids 2010

Once again, we are collecting these vouchers and the collection box is located in the school reception area.

### Tesco for Schools vouchers 2010

We are getting ready to place our order with the Tesco vouchers so please dig deep and unearth those forgotten vouchers hiding at the bottom of your bags and tucked in those purses!

### Events

#### *Ladies Day at the Preparatory School*

You are warmly invited to join us at our Ladies Day on Saturday 5 June from 11.00am-4.00pm. A day of indulgence is in store with stalls selling beauty products, clothes & fashion accessories, jewellery, cookware, cakes and lots more! There will also be music and entertainment to enjoy throughout the day. Raffle proceeds, donations and half of the £2.50 entry fee will go to CAFOD. Please visit, [www.theessexeventscompany.co.uk](http://www.theessexeventscompany.co.uk), and click on "Ladies Days" for more information.

#### *Junior Triathlon*

The Junior Triathlon will be taking place on Saturday 20 June at 9.30am. For more details on how to enter please see [www.newhallschool.co.uk/events](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk/events).

### Sport

#### *Cricket*

#### *U12 20/20 Cricket Festival*

The inaugural Joe Hussain Trophy Cricket Festival took place at New Hall on Saturday 22 May. The School's immaculate grounds, together with the beautiful sunshine, provided a perfect setting for New Hall School, Holmwood House Preparatory School, King Edward VI Grammar School and Felsted Preparatory School to compete for the Joe Hussain Trophy. There was a typical 20/20 Festival atmosphere at the school with music being played for

wickets and boundaries, players' marquees and even a Pimms tent quirkily decorated by parents of the school. The day was a great success, with some high quality cricket being played and there were smiles all around as the boys received their trophies from Nasser Hussain. For the full write-up please visit:

[www.newhallschool.co.uk/preparatory/sport](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk/preparatory/sport).



#### *U8 v St Margaret's Results*

New Hall won 254-228

On Monday 24 May, the Year 3 team played in their first ever cricket match against St Margaret's at home. New Hall were first to bat and, after an opening that saw them lose three early wickets, the batting settled and the home side posted a credible score of 254. There were good shots played by Aaron Stone, Matthew Cook and John Barber that helped to increase the run rate. In response St Margaret's were unable to match the New Hall score, falling short with a total of 228. The bowling was generally tight, giving St Margaret's less opportunity to find gaps in the field, leaving New Hall victorious by some 26 runs. Well done to the team for a fantastic first performance. Thank you to all of those that came along and supported the team and those that helped to pack away the tea.



#### *Year 5 v Holmwood House*

On Wednesday, the Year 5 cricket team travelled to Holmwood House. They faced a tough opposition of Year 5 and 6 boys, several of whom were Essex players. Holmwood House chose to bat first and set a difficult target of 222 runs to beat. Gregory Oxlade worked hard as wicket keeper with Harrison Ellis and Jonathan Murphy

both managing to bowl batmen out. Our top batsman was Callum Bain who managed 12 runs before being out l.b.w. Unfortunately, the boys were unable to reach the target set by Holmwood House, finishing on 65 runs.

#### Riding

##### Extra-Curricular Riding Lessons

From 12 July 2010, lessons will be moved to Runningwell Equestrian Centre in Warren Road, Rettendon. Extra-curricular riding lessons will therefore cease at Park Lane Riding School on the last lesson of term during the week Monday 28 June 2010. Ruth Dowie, the proprietor of Runningwell has arranged an opening evening exclusively for New Hall families to visit and view the facilities on Friday 11 June, 5.00-8.00pm. Please contact Katie Hamilton-Farey, Head of Riding if you would like to attend on [k.hamilton@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:k.hamilton@newhallschool.co.uk).

#### Tennis

The summer Tennis Camp will be taking place from Monday 12-Friday 16 July. The camp offers children from Year 2 upwards the chance to develop their tennis skills under the guidance of experienced L.T.A Licensed Tennis Coaches. For more information and to download a booking form, please visit:

[www.newhallschool.co.uk/events](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk/events).

#### NHVS Children's Holiday Appeal

New Hall Senior School students will be remaining in school for the first week of their summer holiday to play host to 20 disadvantaged children from the Chelmsford and London areas. We are in need of the following items:

- Unwanted outdoor toys such as swing ball, space hoppers etc
- Reading books
- Summer clothing, rainwear, footwear for 6 to 8 year olds
- Cakes, biscuits, bottles of squash, cartons of drinks & bottles of water (sell by date July onwards)

Any contributions can be left at the Senior School reception and marked NHVS with your name and your son's/daughter's tutor group/class. Please contact Rebecca Leslie via the NHVS office or email [nhvs@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:nhvs@newhallschool.co.uk).

#### Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Callum Bain - lost football trophy U10 Blackwater & Dengie League
- Jonathan Murphy - named blazer
- Neve O'Brien - unnamed pair of new black leather shoes, size 12, made by English classics

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

The Lost Property has recently been sorted and named items returned to their owners. A significant number of

items were not named and these will be sent to the Uniform Shop or a charity shop if not claimed by Friday 11 June 2010.

#### Travel

A daily bus service will be starting from Beaulieu Park in September 2010. If you are interested in this service, please contact Mrs G Phillips for more information on 01245467588 or [g.phillips@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:g.phillips@newhallschool.co.uk).

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 [c.tayler@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:c.tayler@newhallschool.co.uk)

#### Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Fri 28 May	3.25pm	Term ends
Sat 5 June	11.00am	Ladies Day
Mon 7 June	8.40am	Term begins
Mon 7 June	4.15pm	U11 Girls' & Boys' Tennis v Elm Green School
Mon 7 June		Rounders Tournament at St Faith's
Tues 8 June		Cricket Match at Bishop's Stortford College
Fri 11 June	2.30pm	U11A/U11B Boys' Cricket v The Perse Preparatory School
Sat 12 June	2.00pm	U11 New Hall Tennis Competition (Years 5 & 6)

Following last Sunday's Feast of Pentecost we pray:

Loving God,  
by water and the Holy Spirit  
you freed us from sin  
and gave us new life.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
to be our Helper and Guide.  
Give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
The spirit of right judgement and courage,  
The spirit of knowledge and reverence.  
Fill us with the spirit of wonder and awe  
in your presence.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

