



NEW HAW COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents /Guardians,

We are delighted to announce that we are launching a new reading initiative to further improve and motivate children, and to promote a life long love of reading. Part of the new scheme is to award pupils with a specially designed badge (everyone loves a sticker!)

Year 3

Children start Year 3 on the reading stage books, these books are numbered 1 to 16. Before Christmas, we invested a large amount of money in updating and refreshing both our stage and challenge books in order to further motivate children to read these school books.

Reading Challenge

Once children at New Haw have completed stage 16 on the reading scheme, they will be able to participate in our Reading Challenge. This is a big achievement and we are going to be celebrating this with our new badge system. Once the class teacher has allowed a child to move onto the Reading Challenge, they will receive a Bronze badge and have their name put on our star readers display in the Library to show their achievement.

Children will need to read 25 books on the Bronze level in order to graduate to Silver level and achieve their silver badge. After this, children will again need to read 25 books on this level before graduating to Gold level and finally Platinum level and earning the appropriate star badges. Children are encouraged to wear these badges on their school jumpers so that staff and other children can discuss their achievements and the new books that they are reading.

Over the next few weeks, we will be giving out badges to those children already on the reading scheme and we look forward to celebrating their achievements.

Although we live in a digital age, reading for pleasure is a gift we can give to our children which will last a life time.

Vocabulary

Looking ahead, we intend to invite you to join us in extending and reinforcing your child's vocabulary through shared vocabulary lists which will be sent home. More on this to follow!

Story Time

One of the most wonderful things we can do as adults is read to children. Therefore, we will try to ensure that pupils enjoy story time for the last 15 minutes of every day.

Please do encourage your child to keep reading school stage or challenge books and should you have any questions regarding our new Reading Challenge please do not hesitate to contact us.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Extra curricular clubs

All extra curricular school clubs have started back this week and we hope you are as delighted with the variety as we are. We do know that because the clubs are so popular this can occasionally cause disappointment when your child doesn't manage to successfully get a place on the course of their choice but the booking system is a fair and simple way to ensure everybody has the same chance. With this in mind, we would like to remind you that it is very important that you book the clubs only after you have had a discussion with your child/ren to find out which clubs they want and also after checking these clubs do not clash with other engagements of yours. We do not offer refunds once booked. Reflecting on the first week of the new term's clubs, 12 people booked places and then changed their minds and a further 15 did not attend the first session of their chosen club!



Reminder

The closing date for Year 3 applications is 15th January 2019. Applications submitted after this date will be considered as 'late'.

Apply online: www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

Show & Share - Friday 25th January 2019

Show and share afternoons are an opportunity for children to bring their parents into school and share with them the work they have been doing in class.

The event will be held in your child's classroom where teachers will also be available to talk about the areas of the curriculum the class are currently working on.



Please see our Snow Policy on our website [www.new-haw.surrey.sch.uk/About our School/ School Policies / Snow policy](http://www.new-haw.surrey.sch.uk/About%20our%20School/School%20Policies/Snow%20policy) in the event of adverse weather.



School Diary

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| Friday 11th January | 5R class assembly at 2:40pm |
| Friday 18th January | 6E class assembly at 2:40pm |
| Friday 25th January | 6C class assembly at 2:40pm |
| | Show and Share 3:30pm-4pm |
| Friday 1st February | Y6 Young Shakespeare workshop 9am - 11:15am |
| Friday 8th February | 6K class assembly |
| Tuesday 12th February | Parents Evening 3:45pm - 6pm |
| Wednesday 13th February | Y4 Roald Dahl workshop |
| Thursday 14th February | Parents Evening 4:20pm- 7pm |
| w/c 18th February | Half Term - school closed |
| Monday 25th February | School resumes |