



NEW HAW COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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A Nativity by 3H

This morning parents, pupils and staff enjoyed a fantastic presentation of the Christmas story by class 3H at Heathervale Baptist Church. Entitled A Nativity, the story of the nativity was told in a modern and very funny presentation (script by Miss Holehouse!). All the pupils made a wonderful contribution to the performance, demonstrating the importance of the different roles they played which, brought together underpinned what was a highly successful production. These included singing, narrating and acting - all performed to a very high standard. Well done 3H.



Well done also to the choir for their contribution to the performance this morning. They sang beautifully and made an important contribution to the event, both to the production and in creating a choral context for telling the story of the nativity. I would like to extend my thanks to Rev Martin Robinson for his warm hospitality in allowing us to present our Christmas assembly in Heathervale Baptist Church.



DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION LEAGUE TABLES – GREAT NEWS!

Last week the government released the 2019 league tables for primary schools, based on the summer 2019 SATS results. We were absolutely delighted to see that New Haw is ranked third in Surrey for our children's overall performance. The schools ranked 1 and 2 are all-through primary schools, meaning that New Haw is the highest ranking Surrey junior school in the DfE's league tables! Needless to say, we are very proud of last year's Year 6 pupils and all the staff here at school.

If you would like to see how New Haw and other schools performed, please follow the link:

https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=936&la-name=surrey&geographic=la&for=primary&orderby=ks2.0.PTRWM_EXP&orderdir=asc



Artsmark Gold

I am delighted to report that we have been awarded Artsmark Gold! The Artsmark Award is a creative quality standard which covers art, music, dance and drama - all the creative arts. It is designed to help schools bring creative breadth and balance into their curriculum. At New Haw, meeting criteria for Artsmark Gold, has enabled us to enrich and deepen the arts experiences we offer our pupils. Congratulations all - this is a terrific achievement.



In this the final newsletter of 2019 I thought I'd write to formally introduce myself as the Chair of Governors for New Haw Community School having been appointed in September of this year.

As many of you will know, I've been a part of the school in many guises for many years and having been vice-chair for a few years, I'm very proud to have been invited and elected to be Chair.

Our school life is wide and varied and especially at this festive time of year the children take part in some wonderful events and I was delighted to accompany the school choir as they sang in the community and to see so many of you at the Christmas Fayre.

Part of our role as governors is to hold the executive to account and as part of that we recently had an unannounced "learning walk" after our Full Governing Body meeting. Visiting every classroom we were impressed by the levels of engagement in the maths lessons we saw. Every teacher was using the new interactive white boards, some to demonstrate analogue clocks for lessons on telling the time, others to teach about angles and shapes for geometry. The children were attentive and enthusiastic, totally unphased by their visitors.

Along the way, Mrs Cahill pointed out the lovely new books in the upgraded library and some Year 6 students ably demonstrated the great new bar code system that allows the children to borrow and change their library books themselves. Some wonderful wall mounted photographs showing children enjoying reading their books are a perfect addition to the refurbished space.

Governors were also shown where the fantastic new wall maps of Great Britain and Europe will go, as well as the considerable amount of work that has already been done to clear and remodel the Diana Garden into a more accessible outdoor reading and teaching space.

Finally, and on behalf of all the trustees and local governing body, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2020.

Seasons greetings from us all

Warmest Regards

Greg Oates

Chair of Trustees and Local Governing Body

Volunteers

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for their help this term. We hosted a festive afternoon with mince pies and carols from the choir.

If you would like to regularly listen to children read next term, please contact the school office regarding a DBS check. If you already have a DBS check, please also contact the office who will liaise with the class teacher to arrange a suitable day and time.

Primary school applications

Have you applied for your child's place at primary school? Apply online by

15th January 2020

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions>

Polite reminder

If you wish to speak to class teachers, please come to the office to make a suitable appointment, do not come in the red pedestrian gate in the mornings to speak to a teacher.

Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our chosen charity Save the Children on Wednesday. We managed to raise **£233.70**.

School Diary

Monday 6th January 2020	School resumes
Friday 31st January	Y6 Young Shakespeare workshop
Monday 3rd February	Young Voices to O2.
Tuesday 11th February	Parents Evening 3:45pm - 6pm
Thursday 13th February	Parents Evening 4:30pm - 7pm