



# NEW HAW COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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## Fabulous Christmas Fayre Result!

I am delighted to report that the Christmas Fayre raised over £3,500 for the school. This is the highest total ever raised by this event, and a fantastic amount of money to go towards future school projects.

A new addition to the Fayre this year was the Silent Auction, which was organised by the School Council and raised £588.

Congratulations also to the pupils in year 6 who raised £604.96 through their Junior Apprentice teams. My very grateful thanks go to Mrs Laura Marczewski and Mrs Kim Vincent Morris who organised this event so effectively.

Well done to all!

### Christmas Raffle - Very Important Pupil (VIP) Day

Congratulations to Jessica Street in 3H who won the VIP day, which includes:

- \* Pupils driven to school by chauffeur
- \* Breakfast in the Headteacher's office
- \* Sweets and juice in the library at break time
- \* Lunch in a local restaurant
- \* The opportunity to choose any teacher to do their homework!



### Bikeability

We are concerned that there appears to have been some misunderstandings around the planning of our Bikeability programme and we would like to take this opportunity to clarify the present situation.



Up until now, Bikeability training has been offered to our Year 5 and 6 pupils. However, it has become clear that some parents would like this training offered at an earlier age. In addition, we feel that the children would benefit from training in the summer term, thus avoiding the more adverse weather in the autumn and spring terms.

We have been in discussion with Bikeability to move the training from years 5 and 6 to years 4 and 5, and we are pleased to confirm that we have secured provision for our current years 4 and 5 pupils.

We are currently negotiating provision for our existing year 6 pupils and will keep you updated.

### Report from the School Council, CHRISTMAS JUMPER MUFTI

Christmas Jumper Day is this Wednesday 16th December when everyone will wear a Christmas Jumper and donate £2 to charity. The donation will go towards the Shooting Star Foundation which is a local hospice for children in Addlestone.

The School Council discussed which charity would be appropriate for the children to donate to. We had numerous great ideas like the RSPCA, Save the Children and Unicef.

Our final decision rested upon the Shooting Star Foundation because it has quite a few benefits, particularly as it is local and we could make a difference in our area. In addition to this, the charity is for children and we would like to make them happy at Christmas.

We hope you wear a Christmas Jumper and support the charity for sick children, which is in Addlestone. Thank you.

Olivia Cassar and the School Council.



### Assistant Netball Coach needed

Due to staff changes, we are looking for a parent or friend of the school to support the netball club on a Tuesday after school.

No netball knowledge is needed, just a pro-active, enthusiastic helper with an interest in sport.

Please contact the school office if you feel that you could offer your help.

Many Thanks,  
Miss Evenden

### Governor Update

I would like to introduce myself as a parent governor for our school.

As the mother of a Year 5 pupil at New Haw, and an Educational Psychologist, I have been really impressed with how the school plans for, and meets the needs of a wide range of pupils attending the school.

In my role, I am a member of the Children & Learning committee and act as a 'critical friend' to the school. I have been delighted to see how well the school responds to questions I have had both within the governing body meetings and on a day to day basis, how the school has responded to the changes in the National Curriculum and how children's progress is now measured.

I was delighted to learn that as part of New Haw's commitment to support other schools, our maths co-ordinator Miss Curtis is leading a series of maths INSET events for staff from other schools. This is part of a programme of opportunities offered by the maths hub at St John the Baptist Teaching School and allows all our teaching staff to develop and improve their skills and knowledge for the benefit of our children.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

**Beccy Ballantine - Parent Governor**



### The Choir at New Haw

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, the school choir delighted those attending the New Haw Festival of Lights with their joyful singing!



Led by Mrs Dempsey and Mrs Dale, the enthusiastic singers braved the chilly weather and gave a wonderful, confident performance.

It was especially tricky as they sang a capella (without an accompaniment), but it didn't hold them back for a second.



Many thanks to all the children who took part, plus Miss Davis, Miss Evenden, Mrs Koolman and Mr Koolman who joined in as well.

### CHALLENGE 1

#### Explore the Wastebuster games bin

A golden can icon has been hidden in the games section of the Kids Bin on the Wastebuster website: [www.wastebuster.co.uk/kids](http://www.wastebuster.co.uk/kids). If you find it and click on the can, you will be asked to email details of where you found it.

While searching, watch videos, play games and meet Captain Busta, Pong and the rest of the 'Most Wanted for Recycling' gang who will help you to discover more about recycling and reducing waste.

Good luck!

### Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

The Wastebuster campaign encourages us to reduce, reuse and recycle where we can in order to improve the way we manage and dispose of waste in school, and in the wider community.

Captain Busta has arrived with our first challenge! Take part by following the instructions (with permission from an adult, as you will need to login to the school's Wastebuster account with the user name: newhawkt15 and password: banana60) and, if possible, send a photo of yourself completing this online challenge to the school office by email (photos may be sent to the Wastebuster campaign as evidence of our taking part, so please bear this in mind).

**Mrs R Walsh**

## School Diary December 2015 - January 2016

Weds 16th Dec	Children's Christmas Lunch
Weds 16th Dec	Christmas Jumper Mufti Day, don't forget to bring £2 for charity
Thurs 17th Dec	The Choir and 4E need to be at Heathervale Baptist Church for dress rehearsal at 8.40 a.m. Children will be walked back to school in time for lunch.
Fri 18th Dec	4E Class Assembly at Heathervale Church at 9.45 a.m. Choir and 4E to be dropped at the Church at 8.40 a.m.
Fri 18th Dec	School closes at 1.30 p.m.
Tues 5th Jan 16	Start of SPRING TERM 2016
Tues 12 - Thurs 14 Jan	Year 3 visit to Chertsey Museum

