



Old Hall School Newsletter  
Summer 1 2018



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you have been enjoying the warmer weather. I would like to start this newsletter by announcing that Suzanne Davies has recently been successful in her application to be Deputy Head teacher of Old Hall School. We would like to offer Suzanne our congratulations and I know she will be as effective in her new role as she is as EYFS leader. She will be ably supported by Hannah Shepherd, Tracy Tandy, Sharon Barrett and Taran Kataria on the school leadership team in this exciting time in our development. Recently, the children have enjoyed being outside more and have participated in more outdoor Physical Education lessons. Since our last newsletter there have been many exciting events at school, some of which are detailed below.

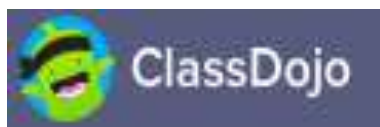
**Easter Celebration**

A huge thank you to everyone that joined us for our Easter assembly. Early Years and Bumble Bees made some beautiful bonnets which they proudly showed off during the Easter Bonnet Parade. The children worked very hard to learn new songs and signs and the performance was fantastic! Everyone had such a wonderful morning and we received some amazing feedback. We are so very proud of our pupils! (Contributed by Lynn Hale)

**Art Day**

On Wednesday 9th May we had a whole school Art day where each class looked at an animal that lives in the ocean. In the whole school assembly, each class got to show off their fantastic art work to everyone. Our music lessons were linked to the day and all classes enjoyed listening to sounds of the ocean. It was a great fun day enjoyed by all the pupils. (Contributed by Kamm Daniel)

## DOJO points



It has been fantastic to have so many families join Class Dojo to share positive experiences, messages and photographs of their children. Our new reward system has reduced behaviours as the children are working hard to achieve certificates, the Class Dojo of the week trophy, Dojo point's medals and a visit to the Dojo prize shop. If you have not yet signed up and would like to share some information about your child's achievements please ask your child's class teacher for an invitation with a personal code. We look forward to sharing our fantastic work with you! (Contributed by Tracy Tandy)



## Safeguarding News: Family hub

Our next safety and well being assembly for the children will be '**PANTS**'. This is an NSPCC campaign. After May half term holiday we will be working with the children to raise awareness of keeping themselves safe. Teaching them the important message that their body belongs to them and they should talk to an adult if they are upset or worried.

To help parents carry on the work we do in school regarding 'keeping safe' there is a web link at the bottom of the page to the NSPCC website where you will be able to find all the information you need to help your children understand about keeping themselves and their bodies safe.

Just a reminder, our next Family Hub session is on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome. A letter with more details will be sent out to parents' week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> June. (Contributed by Sharon Barrett)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

### **Attendance**

100% attendance

Congratulations to the 34 pupils who didn't miss a single day of learning during the spring term. These pupils received a prize and certificate during our celebration assembly and you can see who the lucky pupils are on our display in the foyer. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for their continued support by ensuring that pupils come to school every day, and trying where possible to arrange appointments out of school. Our hard work is certainly paying off as we are the most improved school in Walsall for attendance as we have increased 33% since this time last year! (Contributed by Hannah Shepherd)

### **Defibrillator Update**

Some of you may be aware we wanted to raise funds to purchase a defibrillator in school. However, due to a kind donation this is no longer necessary. We would like to thank Barhale Construction Company for their amazingly generous donation of £1,483.52 which will enable us to purchase a defibrillator and train staff. ( Contributed by Angie Howells)

Our new fundraising project will be for bikes and outdoor equipment. Future events linked to this are the 'Prince and Princess' day on 18<sup>th</sup> May (the day before the royal wedding) where children can donate £1 if they come in fancy dress. The second fundraising event will be our Sponsored 'lap-a-thon' on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June where children will be encouraged to travel around the perimeter of the playground and be sponsored for how many laps they achieve.

### **Building Programme update:**

Planning permission has been granted for the new classrooms and work will soon commence. Builders are set to arrive in the next few weeks and we are taking every step to ensure that there will be minimal impact on our children and the day to day running of our school. The work is scheduled to be completed before we return to school in September. Shortly, we will be posting the link to Walsall planning on the school website for you to view.

## Staff News

Congratulations to Lynn Hale and Stephen Harper who recently joined the Old Hall teaching staff. We are thrilled they have joined us and wish them every success in their career at our school. I know they are equally delighted to be working with our wonderful children.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Prince and Princess themed day to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Break up for half term

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Sponsored 'lap a thon'

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Maths day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Family hub day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - History day - Ancient Greece

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day a.m.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - ICT day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Talent show - Summer Extravaganza

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - School closes for children

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Training days



Art work from Owl class using paint.



Art work from Bear class using collage

Thank you for your continued help and support it is greatly appreciated.

