



Old Hall School

March 2017

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another term has flown by, as well as teaching and learning in class we have had some excellent events to celebrate this term with the children of Old Hall School.

Primary singing festival – Bev Cullen

A big thank you to all staff for making this event an amazing day. The children were brilliant and had some really positive feedback. Thanks for support from Bev, Hannah, Danielle, Esther, Chloe, Dave, Kam and Jan for helping keep our pupils calm and focussed. It was lovely to see all the schools enjoy the day and join enthusiastically with the new songs and signs.

We are so proud of the pupils. We were the first one's on stage to perform to the other schools (this did not phase them at all!). We had fantastic feedback from the vocal specialist, who gave special mentions to our pupils. They then learned two new (very difficult songs) with pupils from all the other schools.



Sport Relief

A fantastic effort from the whole team at Old Hall School saw us raise £96.37 to support the valuable work of Sport Relief. We had a whole school focus week with lots of exciting PE and Games activities for our children. We also held professional development for teachers and HLTAs led by our Sports Plus Leader so that we can build the skills of all of our staff and encourage healthy and active lifestyles for our pupils. We also thought about how we can effectively include all of our very complex children in sports activities. Huge thanks to Angie Howells for all her organisation skills.

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School building programme

The new school building plan will be taking shape, with building due to start in the new term. We have outline plans for three new classes and a sensory room to be built alongside the existing building. In addition there will be more hygiene spaces and WC's which will allow us to admit sixteen more children in September 2018. I have asked the whole team here to work on proposals for how the classes should be equipped. This is a great opportunity for us to have three new classrooms fully equipped to meet the needs of our most complex and challenging children and will be a very flexible resource for the school.

We expect that building work will begin after the Easter holidays and across the Summer term, ready for opening in September but we will aim to work with the architect and building team to minimise any impact on our children as much as we possibly can. I will aim to share completed plans with parents, carers and staff as soon as they are available.

Safeguarding News: Family Hub:

At Old Halls' Family Hub day (12th March) the focus was e-safety and keeping children safe on-line. Parents and carers shared information and experiences of how they help to keep their children safe while using the internet with devices such as iPads, tablets and on-line gaming apps. As part of the session we looked at websites that give advice on ways schools and parents/carers could help and work together to increase safety for children on the internet.

The links below will give you more details, hints and tips of how parents/carers and children can use the internet safely.

Have a safe and happy Easter break

Old Hall Safeguarding team.

www.internetmatters.org

www.kidscape.org.uk

www.safetynetkids.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our whole school community is safe.



Very best wishes for a happy and relaxing Easter break – we look forward to seeing our pupils again on the 16th April

Clive