

# Hassell Newsletter

## Summer Term (1) 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a jam packed start to the term with visits to Ford Green Hall, Birmingham Symphony Hall to hear the BBC Orchestra and Bearstone Farm, all at which we were very proud of the attitude and behaviour of the children taking part. We have also had some very interesting assemblies including visits from local people who struggle with vision and their guide dogs, Mrs Gleave from Ingelsea Brook and Mr Chell and his guitar students who gave a fabulous concert for the rest of the school. I'm sure that the children in year 3 and 4 will also be looking forward to their trip to Castleton later this term.



## Swimming Team Win the Cup!

Congratulations to the year 5 and 6 swimming team for their fantastic performance at the Newcastle School's Swimming Gala. 18 children took part on Monday, supported by Mr Murdoch and Miss Tune. The children swam incredibly well, beating the 4 other schools in their group to emerge victorious in first place. An amazing result, WELL DONE!





## **Goodbye and Welcome**

Last Friday we sadly said goodbye to Ms Ottaway in the Nursery as she left to take up her new role supporting communication for 0-2 year olds in Stoke on Trent. We wish her well in her new job. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Doyle onto the Nursery staff team and hope you will join us in making her feel very welcome.

## **Sporting update...**

The children in reception will be having some specialist gymnastics coaching during the summer term. Mrs Lear's class are having their tuition each Tuesday morning this half term and Miss Jones' class will be having their lessons in the last half of the Summer term. This additional coaching has been provided by our sports funding. In addition to the specialist coaching the funding also pays for a variety of afterschool sports coaching, inter school tournaments, additional PE equipment, group projects (such as the Year 2 maths and PE coaching) and sports taster opportunities where children are able to have a go at a range of different sports. Our KS1 children have also participated in their Stoke Sports morning today, where great fun was had by all children as they played a range of different games and improved their team skills.



Please can I take this opportunity to remind everyone that children need to wear the correct school uniform for PE. We are still having children coming into school wearing bright coloured tops such as pink, green and purple which are not part of their PE uniform. The correct PE uniform is pictured in the March newsletter and in the school prospectus if anyone needs to check. Well done to Mrs Lear's class who are pictured completing a gymnastics lesson - all wearing the correct kit!

# Important Dates:

## May

2nd - May Day Bank Holiday School closed

9th–12th - Year 6 SATs week

10th - Nursery New Parents evening at 6.15 Reception New parents evening at 7.15

13th - Year 4 Cricket at Bignall End

16th - Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament at Newcastle Rugby Club

23rd - Year 6 height and weight screening

24th - Reception children height and weight screening

27th—School closes at 3pm for half term

**MON 30th to Friday 3rd June is Half Term**

## June

Monday 6th June - **Inset Day, school closed to pupils**

Tuesday 7th June - Children return to school

7th - Reverend Hatcher visiting for assembly

9th - Year 3/4 to Castleton

13th - Year 1 phonics screening week

14th - 5/6 Boys cricket at Whitmore

16th - Year 5/6 Girls cricket

28th - Full Governors meeting

29th - Year 5/6 Swynnerton Farm Day

29th - Thomas Boughey transition day

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## JULY

4th - Madeley move up day, Clayton intake evening

5th - Madeley move up day

6th - Clayton, NCHS, Wolstanton and Chesterton move up days

11th / 12th - Sports Day (weather dependent)

13th - Year 1 farm visit



## Important Dates continued....

### July

15th - Whole school move up morning

15th - Year 6 leavers disco

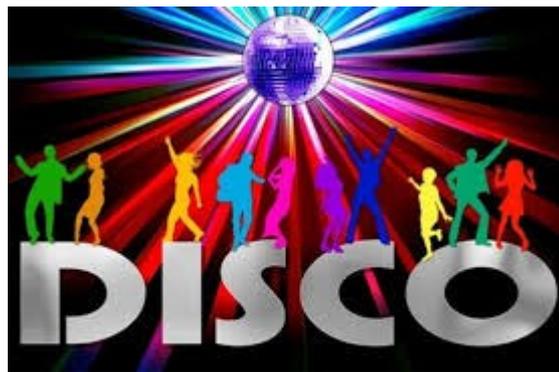
18th - KS1 drop in afternoon for new parents

18th - Nursery visit to Chester Zoo

20th - Year 6 leavers assembly for parents 1.30 pm

22nd - School closes for the summer holidays

**Children return to school on Tuesday 6th September**



*Congratulations*

During the Easter holidays Miss Platt tied the knot and got married to her fiancé. We welcomed the new 'Mrs Blake' back to school and wish the newly weds every happiness as they start their married life together.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind Regards

*Kirsty Broome*

Head Teacher