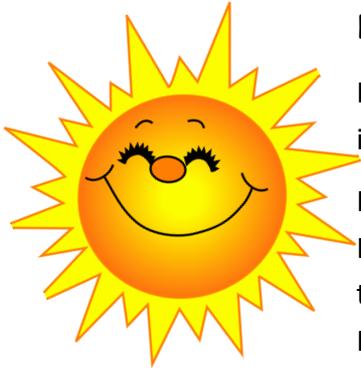


# Hassell Newsletter

July 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy end to the Summer Term, with lots of visits, shows and activities for the children to participate in.

I would like to say 'good luck' to our Year 5& 6 children in their performance of The Lion King; they've been working really hard and I'm sure this will be a fantastic finale to their time at Hassell. Year 6 will also be celebrating with their leavers disco on Friday 21st July from 6-7.30. We wish them every success as they make the move to high school.

We have also been welcoming our new Nursery and Reception children into school.

The children have been fantastic and should be very proud of themselves for the way they have handled their transition mornings. All children will be spending time in their new classes on Friday 14th July to meet their teachers for September. Children will bring a letter home to confirm which class they will be in.

## Classes for September

There will be some changes to our class structure for September. Unfortunately, Governors have had to make some staffing reductions due to shortfalls on our school budget. As a consequence of this we will be moving from 4 classes in KS1 to 3 classes. The classes and teachers will be:

Reception -Mrs Lear and Miss Edwards

Year 1 - Mrs Pokora

Year 1/2 - Miss Dale

Year 2—Mrs Brown

Year 3/4 - Mrs Sammons & Miss Rosson, Mr Murdoch and Mrs O'Hara

Year 5/6 - Mrs Goodstadt, Mr Mason and Mrs Plummer

Nursery will also continue with funded places being available for 15 hours or 30 hours of education for 3 and 4 year olds.

All classes will remain at 30 pupils or fewer and work will continue to be differentiated (as currently happens) according to the needs of the individual pupils. Teaching assistants will also provide support within classes during lessons and for additional intervention activities. Careful consideration has been given to the classes for September and includes a mix of: gender (number of boys and girls) ability, friendship groups, age and maturity of the children.

## Staff Changes

As part of the staffing reductions we say goodbye to Mrs Brett, Mrs Samsudin and Mrs McManus. Mrs Brett and Mrs Samsudin have chosen to take voluntary redundancy in order to pursue other career opportunities and Mrs McManus has chosen to take early retirement. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to all three staff who have been working at Hassell for many years and will be greatly missed. We will also be saying goodbye to Ms Stephansen in our school office, who also finishes at the end of August. We wish them every success for the future.

As some parents know, Mrs Welch has been off school due to ill health since before the Easter break. Sadly Mrs Welch will not be able to return to her teaching post and we wish her well and a speedy recovery.



On a more positive note, Mrs Blake will be on maternity leave as she is expecting her second baby in August. She is currently poorly but we wish her well and hope to hear good news as we return to school in September.

## Congratulations to...

### Police Cadets



Congratulations to the children in Year 5 who have completed the Police Cadet course with PCSO Steve Edge. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their activities and also meeting the Chief Inspector to receive their awards. Thank you to Mrs Brown for supporting them with this programme

### Britain in Bloom Winners...

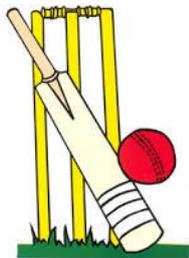
Well done to Izaak, Edward and Zachary in Year 3/4 for their amazing winning entries into the Britain in Bloom competition. This year's theme was Britain's Bloomin' Wildlife and the boys attended a ceremony at Keele University to collect their awards.



## Sports Update

Over the last few months we have had some amazing sporting results including winning the Newcastle Schools Swimming Gala. We have also had excellent results in cricket, tennis, cross country and tag rugby for both the year 5/6 and year 3/4 teams and the girls and boys football teams. I would like to say a huge **WELL DONE** to all the children that have represented Hassell at these many events; you have been an absolute credit to our school.

I would also like to say well done to the KS1 children for their great efforts on Sports Day. Unfortunately we had to cancel the KS2 morning due to the weather, but all children will be taking part in events next week in school. Reception and Nursery Sports Morning is still planned for the last week of term.



## Den Day

The KS2 children had a fantastic afternoon building Dens in aid of Save the Children. In total we raised £325 which is fantastic!



## Parent Helpers

Thank you to all the wonderful parent (and grandparent) helpers who have been in to school to support children across our different year groups. We have had people reading, doing art activities, supporting trips, talking to classes about their topics and much more. We really appreciate your help and would love to see you in school again soon.

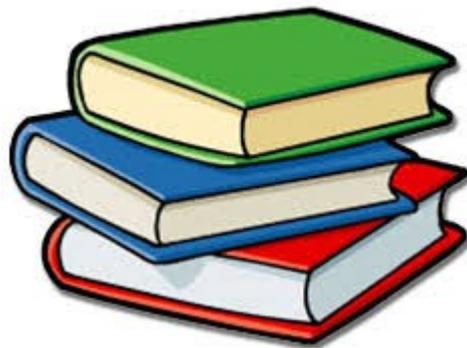


## Summer Building Work

Over the summer holidays we will be having a variety of building work completed including refurbishment to the Nursery, Reception and KS1 boys toilets. There will also be several classroom moves including Reception swapping with the current Year 1 classrooms. If you are coming onto the school site for Care Club during the six weeks,



please be extra careful as there may be skips or other equipment on site. I'm sure the improvements will have a big impact on the learning environment.



## Summer Reading Challenge

During the summer holidays Staffordshire Library Service are running the Summer Reading Challenge. The children received an assembly from Terry at Newcastle Library so they have all the details. ( 6 books read during the summer holidays) It would be lovely to see lots of our children coming back to school in September with certificates to show that they have completed the challenge. This years' theme is based around animals and there will be a variety of activities being held at the library to support this theme.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a great summer holiday.

We will see you all as we return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2017

*Kirsty Broome*

